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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Lambert, Hodge, Steadman

House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING FUNDING TO MAINTAIN THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE**
102 **DIGITAL TRUNKED RADIO SYSTEM.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Joint Budget Committee. The statewide digital trunked radio system provides interoperable radio communications that allow personnel from multiple agencies in different levels of government to rapidly share information and coordinate efforts in emergency situations. The general assembly established the public safety communications trust fund (trust

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

fund) for the acquisition and maintenance of public safety communications systems, including the digital trunked radio system.

In each fiscal year beginning with the 2013-14 fiscal year through the 2024-25 fiscal year, the bill directs the general assembly to appropriate a total of \$3.5 million from the general fund and from the highway users tax fund (HUTF) to the trust fund. The moneys appropriated to the trust fund shall be used for the replacement of legacy radio equipment and hardware at radio tower sites.

In addition, in each fiscal year beginning with the 2017-18 fiscal year through the 2024-25 fiscal year, the bill directs the general assembly to transfer a total of \$3.7 million from the general fund and from the HUTF to the trust fund. The moneys appropriated to the trust fund shall be used for software upgrade assurance.

The bill requires the general assembly to determine the amount that will be appropriated from the general fund and from the HUTF for each purpose in each fiscal year. The bill also authorizes the general assembly to appropriate moneys from the HUTF to the trust fund for use by the state patrol to maintain infrastructure on the digital trunked radio system, including the replacement of legacy radio equipment and hardware at radio tower sites and software upgrade assurance.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-37.5-506, **add**
3 (2.5) as follows:

4 **24-37.5-506. Public safety communications trust fund -**
5 **creation.** (2.5) (a) (I) BEGINNING IN THE 2013-14 FISCAL YEAR AND IN
6 EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER THROUGH THE 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR, THE
7 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TO THE FUND A TOTAL OF THREE
8 MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR
9 FROM ANY OTHER FUND. FOR EACH SUCH FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED FROM
11 THE GENERAL FUND AND THE AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED FROM ANY
12 OTHER FUND. THE OFFICE SHALL USE THE MONEYS APPROPRIATED TO THE
13 FUND PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (I) FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF
14 LEGACY RADIO EQUIPMENT AND HARDWARE AT RADIO TOWER SITES.

1 (II) BEGINNING IN THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR AND IN EACH FISCAL
2 YEAR THEREAFTER THROUGH THE 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR, IN ADDITION TO
3 THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH
4 (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a), THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE
5 TO THE FUND THREE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM
6 THE GENERAL FUND OR FROM ANY OTHER FUND. FOR EACH SUCH FISCAL
7 YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT TO BE
8 APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE AMOUNT TO BE
9 APPROPRIATED FROM ANY OTHER FUND. THE OFFICE SHALL USE THE
10 MONEYS APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH
11 (II) FOR SOFTWARE UPGRADE ASSURANCE.

12 (b) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2014, AND ON OR BEFORE
13 NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2025,
14 THE OFFICE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
16 SAFETY, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND ANY OTHER STATE
17 DEPARTMENT DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE OFFICE, SHALL SUBMIT A
18 REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
19 DETAILING THE USE OF THE MONEYS APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND
20 PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2.5). THE REPORT
21 MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

22 (I) COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENTATION REGARDING THE PURPOSES
23 FOR WHICH THE MONEYS APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS
24 (I) AND (II) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2.5) WERE USED
25 DURING THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR AND ARE BEING USED DURING THE
26 CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND THE ANTICIPATED USE OF THE MONEYS THAT
27 WILL BE APPROPRIATED IN FUTURE FISCAL YEARS;

1 (II) OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED DURING THE PRIOR FISCAL
2 YEAR FOR EACH OF THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND
3 (II) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2.5), THE AMOUNT THAT WAS
4 APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE AMOUNT THAT WAS
5 APPROPRIATED FROM ANY OTHER FUND; AND

6 (III) FOR THE APPROPRIATION OR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NEXT
7 FISCAL YEAR, A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE AMOUNT TO BE
8 APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE AMOUNT TO BE
9 APPROPRIATED FROM ANY OTHER FUND FOR EACH OF THE PURPOSES
10 SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS
11 SUBSECTION (2.5).

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13 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.