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1            AN ACT Relating to changing the membership of the state  
2 interoperability executive committee; and amending RCW 43.105.330.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.105.330 and 2006 c 76 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The board shall appoint a state interoperability executive  
7 committee~~((τ))~~. The membership of ((which)) the committee must  
8 include, but not be limited to~~((τ))~~:

9            (a) A representative~~((σ))~~ of the military department~~((τ))~~;

10            (b) A representative of the Washington state patrol~~((τ))~~;

11            (c) A representative of the department of transportation~~((τ))~~;

12            (d) A representative of the department of information  
13 services~~((τ))~~;

14            (e) A representative of the department of natural resources~~((τ))~~;

15            (f) A representative of city ~~((and county))~~ governments~~((τ))~~;

16            (g) A representative of county governments;

17            (h) A representative of a state ~~((and local))~~ fire ~~((chiefs,~~  
18 police)) agency;

19            (i) A representative of local fire chiefs~~((τ and))~~;

1       (j) A representative of local police;  
2       (k) A representative of sheriffs(~~(, and state and local emergency~~  
3 management directors));  
4       (l) A representative of a federal agency counterpart;  
5       (m) A representative of the state's urban area security initiative  
6 region;  
7       (n) A representative of the state emergency managers association;  
8       (o) A representative of the state emergency management division;  
9       (p) A tribal representative;  
10       (q) A representative of the association of public safety  
11 communications officials national emergency number association chapter;  
12       (r) Four legislators; and  
13       (s) Other key stakeholders designated by the committee.  
14       (2) The legislative membership appointed under subsection (1) of  
15 this section must consist of one member from each of the two largest  
16 caucuses of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, and  
17 one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
18 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
19 representatives. The presiding chair and legislative members of the  
20 board will serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the committee.  
21 Voting membership may not exceed (~~(fifteen))~~ twenty-five members.  
22       (~~(+2))~~ (3) The chair of the board shall appoint the chair or  
23 cochairs of the committee from among the voting members of the  
24 committee.  
25       (~~(+3))~~ (4) The state interoperability executive committee has the  
26 following responsibilities:  
27       (a) Develop policies and make recommendations to the board for  
28 technical standards for state wireless radio communications systems,  
29 including emergency communications systems. The standards must  
30 address, among other things, the interoperability of systems, taking  
31 into account both existing and future systems and technologies;  
32       (b) Coordinate and manage on behalf of the board the licensing and  
33 use of state-designated and state-licensed radio frequencies, including  
34 the spectrum used for public safety and emergency communications, and  
35 serve as the point of contact with the federal communications  
36 commission on matters relating to allocation, use, and licensing of  
37 radio spectrum;

1           (c) Coordinate the purchasing of all state wireless radio  
2 communications system equipment to ensure that:  
3           (i) After the transition from a radio over internet protocol  
4 network, any new trunked system shall be, at a minimum, project-25;  
5           (ii) Any new system that requires advanced digital features shall  
6 be, at a minimum, project-25; and  
7           (iii) Any new system or equipment purchases shall be, at a minimum,  
8 upgradeable to project-25;  
9           (d) Seek support, including possible federal or other funding, for  
10 state-sponsored wireless communications systems;  
11           (e) Develop recommendations for legislation that may be required to  
12 promote interoperability of state wireless communications systems;  
13           (f) Foster cooperation and coordination among public safety and  
14 emergency response organizations;  
15           (g) Work with wireless communications groups and associations to  
16 ensure interoperability among all public safety and emergency response  
17 wireless communications systems; and  
18           (h) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the board to  
19 promote interoperability of wireless communications systems.

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