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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS TRANSFER

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

On July 1, 2023, the bill transfers the powers, duties, and functions related to coordinating public safety telecommunications from the Office of Information Technology to the Department of Public Safety.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 22-1353

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2022-23, and Out Year FY 2023-24. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash Funds / General Fund), Net change, Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts.

## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Governor’s Office of Information Technology (OIT) exercises the powers, duties, and functions related to coordinating public safety telecommunications within state government. On July 1, 2023, this bill transfers these powers, duties, and functions to the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The bill transfers all employees, property, and policies of the OIT related to public safety communications to the division. The bill also relocates the Public Safety Communications Trust Fund and creates the Public Safety Communications Revolving Fund. The revolving fund is continuously appropriated to DPS for the costs of administering public safety communications.

By moving public safety communications to the DPS, the bill reassigns legislative oversight from the Joint Technology Committee, which receives SMART Act presentations from the OIT, to the Joint House and Senate Judiciary Committee, which currently has oversight authority for the DPS.

## State Expenditures

On July 1, 2023, the operating and open capital budgets of the OIT in the FY 2023-24 Long Bill and prior year capital Long Bills for public safety communications transfer to the DPS. For FY 2022-23, OIT’s budget request is \$32,870,164 and 54.0 FTE. The breakout of the transferred Long Bill line items are displayed in Table 2 based on the FY 2022-23 budget request. Actual transfers will be determined during the FY 2023-24 budget process based on the Governor’s operating budget requests for the OIT and DPS.

**Table 2**  
**Public Safety Telecommunications**  
**FY 2023-24 Long Bill Budget Transfer to the DPS**

	<b>FY 2023-24</b>
Public Safety Communications Operating Budget	\$21,102,754
Group E Towers Capital Long Bill Budget	\$339,499
Group F Towers Capital Long Bill Budget	\$1,315,802
Microwave Infrastructure Capital Project	\$13,434,585
Vehicle Lease Payments	\$134,774
Net Book Value of Digital Trunk Radio Assets	(\$3,457,250)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,870,164</b>

## Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect June 8, 2022. The administration of public safety telecommunications by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management takes effect July 1, 2023.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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