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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1848**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member ~~Bermudez~~ Members *Bermudez*  
*and Jerome Horton*  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members *Coto and Maze*)**

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An act to amend Section 8592.6 of the Government Code relating to homeland security.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1848, as amended, Bermudez. Homeland security: interoperable public safety communication network.

Existing law provides for the coordination of state and local public safety agencies and emergency response teams to respond to emergencies. Existing law administered by the Federal Communications Commission authorizes public safety agencies or entities to operate radio communication systems on specified frequencies of the radio spectrum and directs states to oversee the interoperability of the public safety spectrum.

Existing law also establishes the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee responsible for implementing a statewide integrated public safety communication system using federally specified frequencies to facilitate interoperability among specified public safety departments and requires the committee to report annually to the Legislature regarding the committee's progress.

This bill would designate the annual report to serve as the state strategic plan for establishing a statewide integrated interoperable public safety communications network and would require the report to include implementation strategies and timelines.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 8592.6 of the Government Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 8592.6. (a) The committee shall report to the Legislature by  
4 January 1 of each year on the committee’s progress in  
5 implementing this article.

6 (b) (1) The annual report shall serve as the state’s strategic  
7 plan to establish a statewide integrated, interoperable public  
8 safety communications network. The report shall include, but not  
9 be limited to, implementation strategies and timelines to achieve  
10 the goals and objectives set forth in the report. The  
11 implementation strategies and timelines may include  
12 identification of resource needs, possible funding sources,  
13 prioritization of expenditures, and the development of common  
14 protocols that build upon industry and governmental standards  
15 for interoperability as set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of  
16 subdivision (a) of Section 8592.5 that will advance the  
17 integration of local, regional, and statewide interoperable public  
18 safety communication networks. The report shall be updated  
19 annually, as strategies, timelines, goals and objectives are  
20 accomplished or changed.

21 (2) In developing the report, the committee, at its discretion,  
22 shall consult with any other federal, state, regional, or local entity  
23 with responsibility for developing, operating, or monitoring  
24 interoperability of the public safety spectrum, and other first  
25 response agencies. The report may include recommendations for  
26 ~~federal, state, regional, or local~~ *local, regional, state, or federal*  
27 entities to coordinate resources and the development of common  
28 protocols to advance the integration of local, regional, and  
29 statewide interoperable public safety communication networks.

30 (c) The report will include a complete listing of purchases by  
31 state departments of public safety radio communications

- 1 equipment, for which a waiver of subdivision (a) of Section
- 2 8592.5 was granted by the committee.

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