

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/24, 4/14, 4/18, 4/20, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts audio recording of 9-1-1 caller's voice from release under public records law unless public interest requires disclosure. Permits unrestricted disclosure of transcript. Creates exceptions for law enforcement, criminal defense, and training purposes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Vulnerability of persons who have been in the position of having to call 9-1-1, and original trauma revisited with each replay of 9-1-1 recording

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds references to civil and criminal discovery statutes.

BACKGROUND: Current law permits release of audio recordings of 9-1-1 callers' voices. Senate Bill 346 A responds to concerns expressed by callers whose recorded voices have been used by a variety of media, that the broadcast and rebroadcast of 9-1-1 calls is for sensational rather than news reporting purposes. Senate Bill 346 A allows audio recordings of 9-1-1 calls to be heard and provides for unrestricted release of transcripts, but would require a showing of public need before release of the recording itself, absent the consent of the caller.