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For the record, my name is Alan Olsen. I am a State Senator representing Senate Dist. 20, which is the Heart of Clackamas County.

I am here today to speak to you about SB 598 which is a bill that deals with the Next Generation Technologies for our 911 system. In 2011, I was tasked by the Chair of Senate Veterans and Military Affairs to lead a work group of stakeholders in the 911 industry to produce a bill that would allow our new technologies available to the 911 community to be integrated into statewide use.

SB598 is the instrument we produced, after two large work groups and a smaller meeting of concerned stakeholders. This bill was heard in February of 2012, but was not subsequently moved out of committee.

The bill simply states that if any entity was to construct a new building larger than 10000 sq.ft. that would require a multiline telephone system, the telephone system must be able to identify to the 911 center some basic geographic information about the location from which the 911 call was placed. This would include street address, building number, and if more than a one story building, the room number, if available, of the placed call.

These protocols should allow for a faster response time from the emergency responders, and could therefore save more lives in the process.

This bill is a forward looking piece of legislation that only makes requirements on future development, and does not require existing structures to upgrade to this technology.

I will admit that new technologies are coming on the market every day, so this bill probably has a limited lifespan. However, anything that we can do as legislators to promote the use of new technologies that may save lives should be done.

I thank you for this opportunity, and will entertain any questions you may have.

