



**Testimony To The  
House Revenue Committee  
HB 3317**

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Chair Barnhart, Committee Members;

This written testimony represents Oregon APCO/NENA, the people who staff 9-1-1 centers across the State of Oregon, and Washington County 9-1-1. Our membership supports the passage of HB 3317 which extends the sunset date for the funding we receive from the 9-1-1 telephone tax.

Currently, 22% of Washington County 9-1-1's budget is funded from the 9-1-1 tax and the rest is paid for in user fees to our local police and fire departments. If the sunset date for this tax is not extended it would have a serious effect on the operations of our 9-1-1 center and 9-1-1 centers around the State.

We understand the Legislatures desire to revisit taxes to ensure they are still needed. Since the tax was enacted in 1981 we have been coming to the Legislature proving the need for the funding and the need to extend the tax.

Oregon APCO/NENA and Washington County 9-1-1 urge you to support HB 3317 extending the tax until 2022.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important subject I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.