

AOC Supports House Bill 3317

The Association of Oregon Counties public safety and legislative committees have identified HB 3317 as a top public safety priority for the 2013 session. Stable funding for public safety communications is very important for our local governments.

In addition to representing county commissioners and judges, AOC represents users of the public safety communications system – including sheriffs and their deputies, community corrections staff, juvenile department staff, 911 operators, and emergency management staff. All of these entities rely on a communications system that is dependent on revenue collected from the 911 tax.

Approximately half of the public safety answering points (PSAPs) in Oregon are operated by a county government, including many by Sheriffs' offices. While counties continue to face tough financial challenges, it is vital to keep the funding for 911 services.

AOC urges the House Committee on Revenue to support HB 3317.

For more information, please contact AOC Public Safety Policy Manager, Patrick Sieng, at 503-585-8351 or psieng@aocweb.org.