



May 8, 2013

Representative Jennifer Williamson, Co-Chair, and  
Senator Jackie Winters, Co-Chair  
Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety

Co-Chairs Williamson and Winters, and the members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety:

The City of Eugene supports HB 3317-A in its extension of the 9-1-1 tax and the inclusion of a 9-1-1 service tax on pre-paid wireless plans.

The 9-1-1 telephone tax is essential to the operation of the Emergency Communications Centers in our State. Central Lane 9-1-1 Center, administratively operated by the City of Eugene, serves over 90 % of Lane County. The money our emergency center receives is essential to its overall functionality. Without the anticipated \$57.7 million that is expected to be distributed to Oregon cities and counties, Central Lane and other 9-1-1 centers will struggle to meet the public safety needs of our citizenry. For this reason the City of Eugene urges your support of HB 3317-A that will extend the existing 9-1-1 tax until December 31, 2021.

In addition to the extension of the existing 9-1-1 tax, HB 3317-A addresses the rapidly growing market of pre-paid wireless plans. Currently wireless contract plans are covered under the existing tax, however there is a growing shift in market share towards pre-paid plans that are not subject to the same tax for services that the consumers of such plans have equal access to. For this reason the City of Eugene is in support of this update to the existing tax and the inclusion of millions of dollars not currently accessible to the State for services already provided. These funds are needed not only to support the basic operations of our 9-1-1 Centers, but also to keep up with industry advances including Next Generation technology.

Your support of HB 3317-A will bring the most revenue to local government for the operation of our Public Safety Answering Points. We cannot compromise this service which is critical to our citizens.

Thank you for your support of House Bill 3317-A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Mozan", followed by the date "5/8/13" written vertically.

Captain Doug Mozan  
Eugene Police, Operations Support Division

