



**Testimony To The
House Revenue Committee**

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In Support of HB 4055

Representative Barnhart and Committee Members,

For the record, I'm Larry Hatch. I am the Assistant Director at Washington County 9-1-1 center and the Legislative Co-Chair of Oregon APCO/NENA whose members work in and manage your communities 9-1-1 Center.

I am here today in support of HB 4055. Our desire for several sessions has been to stop the loss of revenue we've seen at the 9-1-1 center as consumers move from contract based wireless service to pre-paid service. In Washington County, since 2010, we have seen a loss of revenue each year. To date that loss has a cumulative total of \$178,112.

Consumers are moving away from contract wireless service to pre-paid wireless service. They are also abandoning their wire line service and going wireless only. Currently, those of us with wire line phones and contract wireless service are supporting 9-1-1. Pre-Paid customers do not.

We believe HB 4055 provides the most accurate way of identifying the number of pre-paid wireless users so their support can be added to the statewide 9-1-1 system. It has lower overhead for the State compared to other approaches and is easier for the State to administer.

It's time for action on this issue and I hope you will join the 9-1-1 centers in your community and vote to support HB 4055.