

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

June 13, 1991 Hearing Room B
1:00 p.m. Tape 66
MEMBERS PRESENT: Senator Jolin, Chair
 Senator Otto, Vice-Chair
 Senator Kennemer
 Senator Bunn
 Senator Shoemaker
STAFF PRESENT: Cherie Copeland, Committee Administrator
 Apryl Poff, Committee Assistant
MEASURES HEARD: HB 3302-A 9-1-1 training, PUB and WS.

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PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK SESSION.
TAPE 66, SIDE A

005 CHAIR JOLIN: Calls the hearing to order at 1:06 p.m.

010 HB 3302-A 9-1-1 TRAINING. PUB AND WS.
Witnesses: Steve Bennett, Board on Police Standards and Training. David Yandell, Oregon Emergency Management. Rep. Ron Cease.

015 DAVID YANDELL: Summanza testimony in favor of HB 3302-A. HB 3302-A came as a result of legislative direction received during the 1989 session. There were two 9-1-1 bills introduced last session. HB 2235 proposed to remove the sunset on the telephone tax. HB 3042 would have required the creation of an 18-member commission to establish standards and a training program for 9-1-1 operators throughout the state. Through meetings with the public safety community, we agreed to a concept of creating a program which would first commit to the creation and adoption of standards by July of last year. HB 3302 involved the development of a recommendation for a training program and identification of the cost implications to state and local government, reporting this back to the Legislative Assembly this session. We agreed to proceed with a proposal to establish a legislative recommendation to transfer the program from Oregon Emergency Management to the Board on Police Standards and Training. HB 3302 would fulfill the legal requirements of transferring the program.

068 REP. RON CEASE: Last session there were two House bills that dealt with the issue of training for 9-1-1 operators. The basic reason for HB 3302 is to upgrade training for 9-1-1 operators and improve the status of those people. During the interim we had discussions with the police academy who had particular interest in upgrading training. HB 3302 would provide a formal transfer from Oregon

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Emergency Management to the Board on Police Standards and Training. Everyone to my knowledge is quite happy about this. This bill is a twin to a major 9-1-1 enhancement bill (HB 3564) which will be coming out of Ways and Means shortly. HB 3564 provides the funding for HB 3302.

100 CHAIR JOLIN: Why is there still a subsequent referral to Ways and Means?

105 RON CEASE: Just in case there is a problem with HB 3564.

112 STEVE BENNETT: The purpose of this bill was to professionalize and recognize the status and the critical link and service that telecommunicators provide. We feel that our agency is the best agency to handle this. We have in this session changed the name of our agency to the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training.

127 VICE-CHAIR OTTO: Is this bill going to be added into HB 3364?

135 REP. CEASE: No. These are two separate bills.

MOTION: Chair Jolin moves HB 3302-A to Ways and Means with a Do Pass recommendation.

VOTE: In a roll call vote the motion carries with all members voting "AYE".

165 CHAIR JOLIN: Adjourns hearing at 1:19 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Reviewed by:
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