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S.B. 2958, S.D. 1, H.D. 1

RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SERVICES FOR MOBILE PHONES

Chair Herkes and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2958, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) has comments on this bill for this Committee's consideration. In its current form, this bill eliminates a reduction in the Wireless E911 surcharge that the bill in its previous form proposed. This was done by the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs as described in Standing Committee Report Number 1115-08, which states the following:

*"Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and replacing it with the language contained in H.B. No. 3367, H.D. 2. As amended, this measure ensures the proper administration of the Fund by requiring the Legislative Auditor to conduct a financial and management audit of the Fund."*

DAGS prefers the language in S.B. 2958, S.D. 1, that would reduce the Wireless E911 surcharge from 66 to 43 cents a month and recommends that it be restored.

However, if the legislature chooses to pass out the current form of this bill, DAGS recommends that the Wireless E911 board be allowed to utilize the additional funds that the Wireless E911 Board will receive to make wireless E911 service available in areas in which Wireless E911 service is not available, if that can be done without adversely affecting any projects in the administration's budget submittal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.