

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Karin Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on March 01, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research Department  
Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes  
Lea Gerard, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Walt Way, Johnson County Sheriff's Office  
Bob Lamkey, Sedgwick City Emergency Management  
Wayne White, Johnson County  
Kim Gulley, League of Municipalities

Others attending: See attachment list.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, a fiscal note concerning **SB 298** was submitted to the Senate Commerce Committee (Attachment 1).

Walt Way, Johnson County Sheriff's Office and the Kansas City E-911 system testified in support of **HB 2034** stating the greatest concern is the availability of funds for local public safety agencies to equip their dispatch centers so that location information sent with wireless 911 calls may be used to locate callers and send the needed emergency services rapidly (Attachment 2).

In response to questions from the Committee, Walt Way stated it would cost the Kansas City region approximately 4.3 million dollars to equip the 39 PSAPS and provide supporting telecommunications services. To take care of the Kansas side, there are 11 PSAPS and it would cost approximately 40 percent of the 4.3 million dollars. He also indicated that only PSAPS should be allowed cost recovery although wireless and wireline companies have costs.

Kim Gulley, Director of Policy Development & Communications, testified on behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities in support of **HB 2034** stating developing and maintaining an efficient and effective 911 system is critical to the safety of Kansans. One of the most controversial aspects of the discussion of the 911 Task Force centered around the concept of cost recovery. Currently, local governments pay for the cost of providing 911 services with the fee that is charged solely to wireline customers. That fee is established locally and currently ranges everywhere from a low of 18 cents to the statutory maximum of 75 cents depending upon the local needs. Wireline providers recover any costs that they experience as a result of the 911 system through tariffs established by the KCC and through phone bills paid by local PSAPS.

Kim Gulley stated they believe the fiscal note for **HB 2034** is incorrect and have communicated this with Budget. The 10 million dollars won't happen all at once it is designed to take place over a period of time. Local governments will have to take an affirmative step to add wireless to their local 911 system. There will not be a instant 10 million dollar fee (Attachment 3).

Bob Lamkey, Public Safety Director for Sedgwick County, testified in support of **HB 2034** on behalf of Betsy Gwin, Sedgwick County Commissioner. There is concern with the equity of having landline users pay for the technology required for wireless users. The intent should be to share the cost of 911 service among all that use it. **HB 2034** allows Sedgwick County to generate the necessary revenue for the capital improvements and recurring monthly costs from wireless providers to assure a constant level of 911 service (Attachment 4).

Bob Lamkey testified in opposition to **SB 298** stating some of the concerns are not having a central administration and limits to the costs that are to be covered. Collected funds will pay for the cost of administrative support for the Advisory Board, PSAP costs related to implementing wireless E-911 and wireless provider costs pursuant to a service agreement with the PSAP. Budget estimates for the cost administration

including support of the Advisory Board could be as high as \$315,000 per year. Extending 911 to wireless users is necessary, it's a public safety issue (Attachment 5).

Keith Faddis, Deputy Chief, Overland Park Police, presented written testimony in support of **HB 2034** (Attachment 6).

July Moler, General Counsel/Legislative Services Director, presented written testimony in support of **HB 2034** (Attachment 7).

Donald R. Seifert, Policy Development Leader, Olathe, Kansas presented written testimony in support of **HB 2034** (Attachment 8).

A side-by-side comparison of **HB 2034** and **SB 298** was presented by Sprint, Cingular and Verizon wireless carriers (Attachment 9).

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled March 02, 2001 at 8:30 a.m.