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SB 2296 Define 911 operators as 1<sup>st</sup> responders.

Chairman Roers and Committee members:

SB 2296 is to define who a first responder is in Century Code and to include "911 operators" or Public Safety Telecommunicators as first responders.

First responders provide urgent aid during emergencies, and the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> responders are those who answer the calls. They are highly trained to remain calm while providing whatever help is necessary, coordinating emergency responses, and give guidance and direction to those who have called and those sent to help.

They experience emotional and mental strain very similar to those in the field and should enjoy the same recognition as a vital cog in the process.

Please vote do pass on SB 2296

I stand for any questions