

July 8, 2009

Honorable Dwight Cook
State Senator
1408 17th Street SE
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Honorable David O'Connell
State Senator
2624 County Road 30
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Dear Senator Cook and Senator O'Connell:

Section 2 of 2009 House Bill No. 1412 directed a Legislative Council study of the equity of the 911 fee structure, including consideration of fees, taxes, assessments for services, equity of services, and payments among residents within service areas; fee collection methods; and current and future funding of emergency services communications in the state. This study was given priority by the Legislative Council and assigned to the Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

After further consideration of the study issues and discussions with interested legislators, I have decided that it is appropriate to reassign to the Taxation Committee the portions of the study directed by Section 2 of 2009 House Bill No. 1412 relating to the equity of the 911 fee structure, including consideration of fees, taxes, assessments for services, equity of services, and payments among residents within service areas plus fee collection methods and current and future funding of emergency services communications in the state. Any other issues regarding 911 services and infrastructure shall be retained for study by the Public Safety and Transportation Committee, particularly as 911 services and infrastructure issues relate to any of the other studies being conducted by the Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

Thank you for your attention and assistance with these changes. I am confident you will conduct a thorough study of the issues assigned to your committees.

Sincerely,

Representative Al Carlson
Chairman

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