

6034-S2

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser and Finkbeiner)

Brief Description: Providing funding for wireless enhanced 911 services.

SB 6034-S2.E - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/18/02)

Finds that statewide enhanced 911 has proven to be a lifesaving service and that routing a 911 call to the appropriate public safety answering point with a display of the caller's identification and location should be available for all users of telecommunications services, regardless of the technology used to make and transmit the 911 call.

Finds that it is in the best public interest to ensure that there is adequate ongoing funding to support enhanced 911 service.

Declares that funds generated by the enhanced 911 excise tax imposed by RCW 82.14B.030(4) shall not be distributed to any county that has not imposed the maximum county enhanced 911 tax allowed under RCW 82.14B.030(2) or to any unit of local government where a moratorium on the siting of cellular towers that provide emergency communications services is being imposed by that government.

Provides that the state enhanced 911 coordinator, with the advice and assistance of the enhanced 911 advisory committee, shall set nondiscriminatory, uniform technical and operational standards consistent with the rules of the federal communications commission for the transmission of 911 calls from radio communications service companies to enhanced 911 emergency communications systems. These standards must not exceed the requirements set by the federal communications commission.

Repeals RCW 38.52.560.