



# WASHOE COUNTY

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CM/ACM	<u>JS</u>
Finance	<u>n/a</u>
DA	<u>PL</u>
Risk Mgt	<u>n/a</u>
HR	<u>n/a</u>
Other	<u>-</u>

## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** February 20, 2018

**DATE:** January 29, 2018  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Jamie Rodriguez, Management Analyst- Government Affairs  
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**THROUGH:** John Slaughter, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommend for approval of a request to initiate proceedings to amend the Washoe County Code (Chapter 65) pursuant to Senate Bill 176 from the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session; and direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance to set the new E911 surcharge fee for phone lines not to exceed \$1 and trunk lines not to exceed \$10 and allowable balance of the surcharge fund not to exceed \$5,000,000.00, pursuant to Washoe County Code Section 2.030 and 2.040. (All Commission Districts.)

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### SUMMARY

The 79<sup>th</sup> Nevada Legislature passed Senate Bill 176 (SB 176), which requires uniformed peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency and who routinely interact with the public to wear a portable event recording device. SB 176 expands the permissible use of E911 telephone line surcharge funds to be used for the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices. The legislation allowed for an increase in the permissible amount that can be charged and collected by the surcharge fund. The bill allowed for an increase of the surcharge of up to \$1 per phone line and up to \$10 per trunk line per month.

**Department Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, secure and healthy communities.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 10, 2017 the Board of County Commissioners approved the changes to Washoe County Chapter 65 to reflect the membership changes and expand the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Board to consider the costs associated with the body worn recording device.

On October 24, 2017 the Board of County Commissioners appointed the 2 members and acknowledged the appointment from Sheriff Allen.

**AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_

## **BACKGROUND**

The 79<sup>th</sup> Nevada Legislature passed SB 176, which:

1. Allows for surcharge collections to be raised up to \$1.00 per phone line or \$10.00 per truck line per month.
2. Allows the 911 Advisory Board to collect up to \$5,000,000 in unencumbered funds. The surcharge amount must be decreased to ensure that not more than the \$5,000,000 requirement is accumulated.
3. Requires that prior to payment for any portable event recording devices or vehicular event recording devices, the E911 Advisory Board must adopt a 5-year master plan which includes an estimate of the cost for these devices and all proposed sources of money for funding these costs;
4. Requires that the use of the portable event recording devices must be in effect by July 1, 2018.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners recommendation for approval of a request to initiate proceedings to amend the Washoe County Code (Chapter 65) pursuant to Senate Bill 176 from the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session; and direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance to set the new E911 surcharge fee for phone lines not to exceed \$1 and trunk lines not to exceed \$10 and allowable balance of the surcharge fund not to exceed \$5,000,000.00, pursuant to Washoe County Code Section 2.030 and 2.040.

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board of County Commissioners agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be:

*Move to introduce on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners recommendation for approval of a request to initiate proceedings to amend the Washoe County Code (Chapter 65) pursuant to Senate Bill 176 from the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session; and direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance to set the new E911 surcharge fee for phone lines not to exceed \$1 and trunk lines not to exceed \$10 and allowable balance of the surcharge fund not to exceed \$5,000,000.00, pursuant to Washoe County Code Section 2.030 and 2.040.*