

A huge thank-you to everyone who called in to the Appropriations Committee hearing conference call despite the technical problems and the short notice. Others couldn't get through due to the Scientists4wiredtech.com web portal being shut down.

At the last minute, Senate Security only allowed one call to be broadcast, so I, who was on another line, was the only phone testimony the committee heard. This is very disappointing.

However, Paul McGavin has arranged for comments to be put into the public record of the hearing itself. Fill out the form at <http://scientists4wiredtech.com/action/> by this Friday. The form includes a place to write your statement; include fiscal/cost reasons to oppose this bill. Paul will deliver all these comments to the Appropriations Committee before next week's meeting. Sergeant of Arms Leroy Hamer assured Paul that those comments would become part of the official record.

The video is up at <http://senate.ca.gov/media-archive>

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Watch from 3:49:10 to 3:58:15

There was one EMS/EHS person who spoke in person during public comments.

SB 649 was put in the suspense file until next week, along with many other bills. During this week, they will have more time to weigh the bill. They will vote next week, May 25, on whether it goes to the full Senate. They have to vote on it by next Friday or it will die in committee. Links below to the Legislative Calendar with deadlines and the Appropriations Rules.

We will post a list of Appropriations Committee Senators to also phone, fax and email, as well as key points to include. Also call/fax/cc your local senator.

If it passes out of the Appropriations Committee, it has a deadline of June 2 for a full Senate vote – that's very fast. After that, it moves to the Assembly.

Rules violations could stop or delay the bill. After the testimony, Paul was approached by a Senate Rules specialist from Senator Hueso's staff due to the rules violations Paul found. Hueso is the bill author and was highlighted in yesterday's article from Bruce Kushnick on Huffpost:

California Wireless Legislation: Paid for by AT&T et al.

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/591a0001e4b0f31b03fb9e0e>

http://senate.ca.gov/sites/senate.ca.gov/files/senate_legislative_calendar_2017.pdf

Legislative Calendar “ deadlines for bills

<http://sapro.senate.ca.gov/sites/sapro.senate.ca.gov/files/Committee%20Rules%202017-2018.pdf>

Appropriations Committee “ explanation of process and rules

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