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TESTIMONY
OF
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEES
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
AND
PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON
February 5, 2010

S.B. 2620

RELATING TO WIRELESS ENHANCED 911 SERVICE

Chair Fukunaga, Chair Espero, and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2620.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) opposes S.B. 2620.

We oppose this bill because the audit by an independent third party to include a survey of the status of and available funding for any projects that have been undertaken or planned during the previous year by public safety answering points will create an undue burden in two areas. First, the cost of the Wireless Enhanced 911 fund will increase because the audit scope will expand beyond the normal financial scope. This will encompass additional audit hours. Secondly, because the auditors or independent third party will render an opinion on the accuracy of the survey, time will need to be spent with the public safety answering points to ascertain the validity of the survey and

other project data. With the talk of furloughs even at the Honolulu Police Department, this audit time will be a burden for the public safety answering points.

We support the intent of the bill which is to provide timely and accurate information annually to the legislature on the status of the projects undertaken and to determine the availability of funding for them. An alternative method for achieving this bill's intent is to amend the bill to remove the requirement that the data be audited by an independent third party and to, instead, allow the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board to report this information as part of its annual report.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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and the
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
on
Friday, February 05, 2010
2:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of
SB 2620, RELATING TO THE WIRELESS ENHANCED 911 FUND

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology; and Chair Espero, Vice Chair Bunda, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

As Director of the Department of Information Technology for the City and County of Honolulu, I support the independent audit of the Wireless Enhanced 911 fund.

In the interest of full disclosure, I am a member of the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board, and this testimony does not speak on behalf of the WE911 Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to support the intent of SB2620.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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