

TESTIMONY
OF
PAUL K. FERREIRA,
STATE OF HAWAII, ENHANCED 911 BOARD
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
ON
March 5, 2015
10:30 A.M.
STATE CAPITOL, CONFERENCE ROOM 308

IN SUPPORT
OF
HOUSE BILL 894, H.D. 1
RELATING TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 894, HD 1.

The Enhanced 911 Board (Board) supports HB 894, HD 1 that seeks to provide the Enhanced 911 Board with the authority to hire employees; however, would like to offer the following amendment to the current language in the measure. Our testimony is provided today on behalf of the thirteen-member Enhanced 911 Board that is comprised of representatives from each of the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), representatives of the communications service providers, the public utility, and representatives from State agencies.

Although HB 894, HD 1 would authorize the Board to employ staff, under the current language of this bill, the staff would not be exempt from chapters 76 and 89, HRS. Because the Board would employ staff in a key position such as an administrator, who reports directly to the Board, this position should be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board. Exemption from chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for this type of position is necessary for any board or commission to have a functional and constructive relationship with their administrator or executive director and is a standard phrase in agency statutes.

- We request that section 2, subsection (i) be amended to include the following phrase; “may employ staff exempt from chapters 76 and 89 and”.

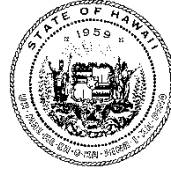
The Board seeks the ability to hire its own employees to perform the duties of executive director and the basic administrative functions including all fiscal operations, budgeting, procurement of services (audit, specialized consultants, etc.), providing public information, and conducting board meetings. In hiring its own employees, the Board is seeking to enhance its efficiency and the effective use of the Board’s fiscal resources.

For these reasons, we urge the committee to approve this legislation. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,



PAUL K. FERREIRA
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR
ENHANCED 911 BOARD



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

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TESTIMONY
OF
DOUGLAS MURDOCK, COMPTROLLER
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RELATING TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD

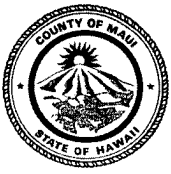
Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 894, H.D. 1. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) strongly supports H.B. 894, H.D. 1, an administration-sponsored measure, with the following exception.

DAGS respectfully requests that SECTION 2 of H.B. 894, H.D. 1 (at page 2, line 2) be amended to include the following phrase: "may employ staff exempt from chapters 76 and 89 and", which was in the administration-proposed bill. Although H.B. 894, H.D. 1 authorizes the Board to employ staff, the staff is not exempt from chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). Because the Board may employ staff in a key position such as an administrator which reports directly to the Board, this position should be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board. An exemption from chapters 76 and 89, HRS, for this type of position is necessary for any board or commission to have a functional and constructive relationship with their administrator or executive director and is a standard component in agency statutes.

From its inception in 2004, the Enhanced 911 Board (Board) has relied on consultants to fulfill its operational requirements and attain its mission objectives. Since 2004, the Enhanced 911 Fund which the Board oversees, has grown to annual revenues and expenditures of approximately \$9 million. Additionally, the Board's authority has increased to include land line and voice over internet protocol (voip) 911 calls. As a result, the Board is requesting the authority to hire its own employees to achieve the following:

1. Handle the administrative functions of the Board;
2. Engage consultants for advice and solutions to technical situations and industry specific issues that may arise;
3. Allow the Board to procure goods and services (i.e. audit services, professional services, etc.) which they cannot do now since only State employees are allowed to perform procurement responsibilities;
4. Allow the Board the flexibility to hire employees or contractors that can accomplish the task or desired outcome at the best value; and
5. Contracted consultant services for administrative support will be reduced.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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March 4, 2015

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: House Bill No. 894, HD1 – RELATING TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Maui Police Department is submitting an amended testimony in support of H.B. No. 894, HD1.

This bill provides the Enhanced 911 Board with the authority to hire employees.

The Maui Police Department is in support of this bill as it will assist the Enhanced 911 Board to provide more options in the hiring of its own employees to handle administrative functions and to use consultants to address technical or industry specific issues that arise to better utilize fiscal resources. The important mission that the Enhanced 911 Board is charged with will move to a more efficient service model with the approval of this bill.

We would also like add the following amendment based on recommendations from the Enhanced 911 Board.

Although this measure seeks to authorize the Board to employ staff, the staff is not exempt from HRS chapters 76 and 89. Because the Board may employ staff in a key position such as an administrator which reports directly to the Board, this position should be appointed by, and serve at, the pleasure of the Board. Exemption from HRS chapters 76 and 89 for this type of position is necessary for any board or commission to have a functional and constructive relationship with their administrator or executive director and is a standard phrase in agency statutes.

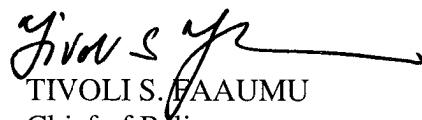
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The Maui Police Department asks for your support for H.B. No. 894, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


TIVOLI S. FAAUMU
Chief of Police

TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAII POLICE DEPARTMENT

HOUSE BILL 894, HD1

RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 BOARD

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE : Thursday, March 5, 2015

TIME : 10:30 A.M.

PLACE : Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

PERSON TESTIFYING:

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Hawaii Police Department
County of Hawaii

(Written Testimony Only)

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March 3, 2015

Representative Sylvia Luke
Chairman and Committee Members
Committee on Finance
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Re: HOUSE BILL 894, HD1 RELATING TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD

Dear Representative Luke:

The Hawai'i Police Department supports House Bill 894, HD1, with its purpose being to provide the Enhanced 911 Board with the authority to hire employees exempt from Chapters 76 and 89, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.


The Hawai'i Police Department maintains a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for receiving, routing, and assigning emergent calls from the public. The continuously changing digital/electronic communications atmosphere demands that PSAPs are able to meet the needs of the community. The recent movement towards the Next Generation 911 upgrading of PSAPS is a prime example. These upgrades will allow PSAPS to receive text messages, photos, and video from wireless phones. Our department is therefore also dependent on both funding and a strong working relationship with the Enhanced 911 Board.

The Hawai'i Police Department believes that in going forward, it is imperative that the Enhanced 911 Board is able to have the necessary staffing in order to continue its mission in caretaking the emergency reporting needs of the community.

It is for these reasons, we urge this committee to approve this legislation.

Thank you for allowing the Hawai'i Police Department to provide comments relating to House Bill 894, HD1.

Sincerely,


HARRY S. KUBOJIRI
POLICE CHIEF

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Anthony Orozco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Another waste of money.

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March 5, 2015

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Dear Chair Luke and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 894, HD1, Relating to the Enhanced 911 Board

I am Sean C. Naito, Major of the Communications Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 894, HD1, Relating to the Enhanced 911 Board. This bill provides the Board with the ability to hire its own employees to perform the duties of the executive director and the basic administrative functions. The hiring of its own employees should provide a more efficient and effective use of their fiscal resources.

The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 894, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Sean C. Naito in black ink.

Sean C. Naito, Major
Communications Division

APPROVED:

Handwritten signature of Louis M. Kealoha in black ink.
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