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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The enhanced 911 board was created to collect  
2 and expend funds so that the public safety answer points would  
3 be able to install and maintain equipment capable of providing  
4 enhanced 911 services. Enhanced 911 services provide the  
5 ability for public safety answer points to identify and locate a  
6 911 caller. The board has revenue and expenditures of  
7 approximately \$9,000,000 annually. The board has no authority  
8 to hire employees and, since its inception in 2004, has relied  
9 on consultants to sustain its operations. The board now seeks  
10 to have the option of hiring its own employees to handle  
11 administrative functions and intends to use consultants to  
12 address technical or industry specific issues that arise to  
13 better utilize fiscal resources.

14           The purpose of this Act, therefore, is to provide the  
15 enhanced 911 board with the authority to hire employees exempt  
16 from chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

1 SECTION 2. Section 138-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (i) to read as follows:

3 "(i) The board or its chairperson, with the approval  
4 of the board, may employ staff exempt from chapters 76 and 89  
5 and may retain independent, third-party accounting firms,  
6 consultants, or other third party to:

7 (1) Create reports, make payments into the fund,  
8 process checks, and make distributions from the  
9 fund, as directed by the board and as allowed by  
10 this chapter; and

11 (2) Perform administrative duties necessary to  
12 administer the fund or oversee operations of  
13 the board, including providing technical advisory  
14 support; provided that no employee, third-party  
15 accounting firm, consultant, or other third party  
16 hired to perform these administrative duties may  
17 be retained if the employee, accounting firm,  
18 consultant, or other third party, either directly  
19 or indirectly, has a conflict of interest or is  
20 affiliated with the management of or owns a  
21 pecuniary interest in any entity subject to the  
22 provisions of this chapter."

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1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect  
3 on July 1, 2015.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Report Title:**

Enhanced 911 Board

**Description:**

Provides the Enhanced 911 Board with the authority to hire employees exempt from chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Effective July 1, 2015.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Accounting and General Services

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to provide the Enhanced 911 Board (the Board) with the authority to hire employees exempt from chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

MEANS: Amend section 138-2(i), HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: 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. The revenue and expenditures of the Enhanced 911 Fund that the Board oversees are approximately \$9,000,000 annually. Currently, all of these functions are provided by a consulting firm that is paid \$357,000 annually. One of the major reasons the Board is seeking its own employees is that the consultant is not able to procure any goods or services and cannot utilize any of the e-procurement systems. Since its inception in 2004, the Board has relied on consultants to fulfill its operational requirements and mission objectives. When the Board was first created, its scope of authority covered only cellular phone 911 calls. Today, the Board's authority covers cellular phone, land line, and voice over internet protocol (voip) 911 calls. As a result, the Board is pursuing the hiring of its own employees to handle administrative functions and also engaging consultants for advice and

solutions to technical situations and industry specific issues that may arise.

Impact on the public: The public will benefit as the Board will be obtaining services from employees or consultants who specialize in the services being provided.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
None.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: Enhanced 911 Fund, \$227,000.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: AGS 891.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015.