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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

FEBRUARY 6, 2015

H.B 894

RELATING TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD

Chair Nakashima and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 894. The Department of Accounting and General Services strongly supports H.B. 894, an administration-sponsored measure.

From its inception in 2004, the Enhanced 911 Board (the 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.

These positions will be temporary positions and paid for with special funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAI'I POLICE DEPARTMENT

HOUSE BILL 894

RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 BOARD

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

DATE : Friday, February 6, 2015

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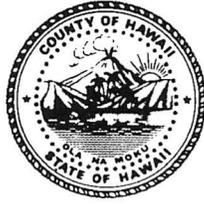
PLACE : Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

PERSON TESTIFYING:

Harry S. Kubojiri
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County of Hawai'i

(Written Testimony Only)

William P. Kenoi
Mayor



Harry S. Kubojiri
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February 4, 2015

Representative Mark M. Nakashima
Chairman and Committee Members
Committee on Labor and Public Employment
415 South Beretania Street, Room 309
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: HOUSE BILL 894 RELATING TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD

Dear Representative Nakashima:

The Hawai'i Police Department supports House Bill 894, 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.

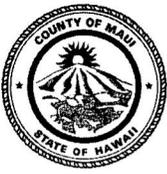
The Hawai'i Police Department believes that in going forward, it is imperative that the Enhanced 911 Board is able to have the necessary staffing in order to continue its mission in caretaking the emergency reporting needs of the community.

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.

Sincerely,

MASON 
& HARRY S. KUBOJIRI
POLICE CHIEF



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TIVOLI S. FAAUMU
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DEAN M. RICKARD
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February 5, 2015

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Labor &
Public Employment
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

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

Dear Chair Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

The Maui Police Department is in support of H.B. No. 894.

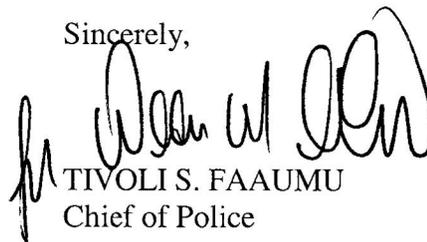
This bill provides the Enhanced 911 Board with the authority to hire employees exempt from Chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Maui Police Department is in support of this bill as it will assist the Enhance 911 Board to provide more options in the hiring of its own employees to handle administrative functions and intends to use consultants to address technical or industry specific issues that arise to better utilize fiscal resources.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

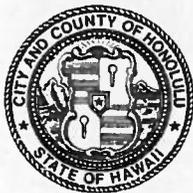
Sincerely,



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February 6, 2015

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
and Members
Committee on Labor and Public Employment
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 309
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nakashima and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 894, 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, 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Sean C. Naito, Major
Communications Division

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis M. Kealoha".
Louis M. Kealoha
Chief of Police

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