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S.B. 1001

RELATING TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 1001.

The Department of Accounting and General Services strongly supports S.B. 1001, an administration-sponsored measure.

The Enhanced 911 Board was created to oversee the implementation of Enhanced 911 service by wireless and Voice over Internet Protocol connection service providers and the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and includes collecting assessments from the connection service providers and overseeing disbursements to PSAPs to upgrade and maintain the Enhanced 911 system which is vital to identify and locate E911 callers. Now that the State has a full-time Chief Information Officer (CIO) to provide the overall direction and vision for information technology, having the CIO as a member of the Enhanced 911 Board aligns the Board's responsibilities with the State's strategic vision.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 28, 2013

Senate Bill 1001 Relating to the Enhanced 911 Board

Chair Luke and members of the House Committee on Finance, I am Rick Tsujimura, representing T-Mobile USA, Inc.

T-Mobile supports Senate Bill 1001 Relating to the Enhanced 911 Board and urges its passage. The bill would change the makeup of the Enhanced 911 Board by designating the Chief Information Officer as a member in place of the Comptroller.

T-Mobile is proud to serve as a representative on the Enhanced 911 Board. The role of the Board is critical to the functioning of the Enhanced 911 system in Hawaii.

Our understanding is that the parties all agree that the Chief Information Officer would be a better choice to serve on the Board than the Comptroller. The role of Chief Information Officer is better suited for the work of the Enhanced 911 Board and it makes sense to make the change.

T-Mobile supports the change and, therefore, supports the passage of Senate Bill 1001.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.