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February 25, 2016

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair and Members Committee on Ways and Means State Senate Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2805, S.D. 1, Relating to Enhanced 911 Services

I am Allan Nagata, Acting Major of the Communications Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 2805, S.D. 1, Relating to Enhanced 911 Services, with the suggested amendment to set the unspecified prepaid wireless enhanced 911 surcharge at \$0.66.

This bill provides fair and equitable contribution to the funding of the 911 system. Currently, prepaid wireless consumers are exempt from paying the \$0.66 surcharge but have the same access to the 911 system. The collection and payment obligation of charges to support the 911 system should be in parity with other wireless consumers. The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair and Members Committee on Ways and Means February 25, 2016 Page 2

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 2805, S.D. 1, with the suggested amendment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Vinette Vonier For

Allan Nagata, Acting Major Communications Division

**APPROVED:** 

Louis M. Kealoha Chief of Police

William P. Kenoi Mayor



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February 24, 2016

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair Committee on Ways and Means The State Senate State Capitol, Room 207 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

#### Subject: SB 2805, Relating to Enhanced 911 Services (E911) Hearing Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016 Time/Place of Hearing: 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 211

Dear Chair Tokuda:

I am Darren J. Rosario, member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Hawaii Fire Department of the County of Hawaii (HCFD). The SFC and the HCFD support SB 2805, which proposes to collect the E911 surcharge from prepaid wireless mobile phone consumers at the retail point of sale.

Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) provided by state and local governments benefit the caller by having their emergency calls for assistance transmitted, received, and dispatched efficiently. The E911 Fund is used to sustain the system and fund future technologies that the Federal Communications Commission continually imposes on the PSAPs without financial support.

E911 monthly surcharges of 66 cents per month are imposed on each communication service connection and remitted to the E911 Fund. Prepaid wireless service is currently not being assessed. This bill would impose the surcharge at the point of sale in a fair and equitable manner to prepaid wireless consumers who currently benefit from the E911 system.

The SFC and the HCFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 2805.

We, therefore, urge your support on the passage of S.B. 2484. Should you have questions, please contact me at 808-932-2903 or <u>darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov</u>

Very Truly Yours,

DARREN J. ROSARIO Fire Chief





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# STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

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#### TESTIMONY OF DOUGLAS MURDOCK, COMPTROLLER DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ON FEBRUARY 25, 2016

S.B. 2805, S.D. 1

#### **RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SERVICES**

Chair Tokuda and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on S.B. 2805, S.D. 1. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports S.B. 2805, S.D. 1 (the measure).

We support this measure for the following reasons:

 This bill will create parity between postpaid and prepaid cellular phone customers. It is estimated that approximately 10% to 20% of cellular phone customers use prepaid cellular phones. Although the prepaid cellular phone customers benefit from the use of the enhanced 911 features, they are currently exempt from the \$0.66/month per line surcharge. As a result, postpaid cellular phone customers subsidize the prepaid cellular phone customers' portion of the cost for the acquisition, implementation and maintenance of hardware and software that provide enhanced 911 functionality.

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- 2. With the rapidly changing technical environment of cellular and smart phone devices, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is continually adopting new requirements imposed on the public safety answering points (911 call centers operated by the county police, fire, and emergency services programs) to implement new 911 technologies. However, the FCC provides no funding to the public safety answering points to implement the new requirements. The Enhanced 911 Fund (the Fund) will be required to reimburse the counties for their upgrades to their 911 operations to have "text to 911" and "next generation 911" calling receiving capabilities. These new technologies require upgrades to hardware so 911 call centers are able to handle 911 calls from "internet protocol" devices. Without the projected \$1 to \$2 million additional revenue, the Fund is projected to have a deficit of approximately \$4.5 million by the end of fiscal year 2023. If the measure is passed, the Fund is projected to have a balance of approximately \$1.0 million at the end of fiscal year 2023.
- 3. Approximately 40 states have enacted legislation to assess 911 call surcharges on prepaid cell phone customers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this measure.



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

# THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016 1:00 P.M.

### TESTIMONY OF JEFFREY T. ONO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL NO. 2805, S.D. 1 - RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGES

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This measure proposes to establish a \$0.66 prepaid wireless E911 surcharge per retail transaction of prepaid wireless telecommunications service at the point of sale and allows sellers to deduct and retain 3 per cent of the surcharge that is collected. This measure also proposes to require the amounts collected by the E911 Board to be placed in the E911 fund.

#### POSITION:

The Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate") supports this measure.

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#### COMMENTS:

This bill would impose the E911 surcharge on prepaid wireless customers for each retail transaction of prepaid wireless telecommunications service at the point of sale. Prepaid wireless customers are currently exempt pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 138-4(b)(2) from paying the E911 surcharge and yet prepaid wireless customers have always had access to the E911 system and its services. Under this exemption, prepaid wireless customers have been subsidized by the postpaid customers who pay the monthly E911 surcharge. Given the importance of the E911 system to all members of our community, the system should be funded in a fair and equitable manner and this bill will provide parity among all wireless customers. The Consumer Advocate supports the collection of the E911 surcharge from prepaid wireless customers.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

#### **TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAI'I POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### SENATE BILL 2805 S.D. 1

#### **RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGES**

#### BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

- DATE : Thursday, February 25, 2016
- TIME : 1:00 P.M.
- PLACE : Conference Room 211 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

#### PERSON TESTIFYING:

Police Chief Harry S. Kubojiri Hawai`i Police Department County of Hawai`i

(Written Testimony Only)

William P. Kenoi Mayor



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February 23, 2016

Senator Jill N. Tokuda Chairman and Committee Members Committee on Ways and Means 415 South Beretania Street, Room 211 Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

#### RE: SENATE BILL 2805 S.D. 1 RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGES

Dear Senator Tokuda:

The Hawai'i Police Department supports Senate Bill 2805 S.D. 1, with its purpose being to establish a prepaid wireless E911 surcharge of 66 cents per retail transaction of prepaid wireless telecommunications service at the point of sale, which basically eliminates the exemption for prepaid wireless connections.

We believe this legislation as written will serve to ensure an act of equity amongst consumers of wireless communications devices in terms of needed revenue for enhanced 911 (E911) services attendant to these devices. In essence, the wireless communications industry similar to the computer industry is constantly incorporating and deploying newer, faster, and more efficient technology into the field.

In response, the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPS) must also constantly upgrade their equipment in order to take advantage of the increasing capabilities of these devices as well as to meet public expectations for the technology. 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.

In that the E911 funding is utilized for necessary upgrades, we believe the rise in use of prepaid wireless connections should be attendant with elimination of the exemption in the best interests of the communities served by the various PSAPS in the State of Hawai`i.

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 Senate Bill 2805 S.D. 1.

Sincerely,

HARRY S. KUBOJÍRI POLICE CHIEF

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**Robert F. Westerman** Fire Chief

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February 24, 2016

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair Committee on Ways and Means The State Senate State Capitol, Room 207 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Tokuda:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2805 Relating to Enhanced 911 Services

I am Robert F. Westerman, Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The KFD supports SB 2805, which seeks to collect the 911 surcharge from prepaid wireless mobile phone consumers at the retail point of sale.

The collection of prepaid wireless 911 surcharge is very important in order to sustain adequate funding for enhanced 911 statewide. The Enhanced 911 Fund (the Fund) ensures adequate funding to deploy and sustain Enhanced 911 services, as well as to develop and fund future enhanced 911 technologies. Currently, a monthly surcharge of 66 cents per month is imposed upon each communications service connection (except wireless prepaid mobile phone users) and is remitted by the communications service providers to the Fund.

911 surcharges should be imposed in a fair and equitable manner with respect to prepaid mobile service as the 911 surcharge is collected today for postpaid wireless. The 911 surcharge should be imposed upon all consumers of telecommunication services that have the ability to access 911. This is an important funding mechanism to assist state and local governments in sustaining 911 systems and to provide for the deployment of new and emerging technologies. Prepaid wireless telecommunications services are an important segment of the telecommunications industry and have grown in use by consumers; however, today prepaid wireless consumers are exempt from the surcharge but yet have always had access to 911.

Hawaii's consumers of prepaid wireless service are being subsidized by postpaid consumers who pay a monthly 911 surcharge. To be fair and equitable, prepaid wireless consumers should not be

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exempt from the 66 cents 911 surcharge and therefore should pay a 66 cents 911 surcharge per transaction at the point of sale.

Under existing law, the surcharge is not imposed on wireless prepaid mobile phone users despite the growth of prepaid phones. The Cellular Telephone Industries Association (CTIA) estimates prepaid wireless consumers represents about 20% of the consumer market in Hawaii. Approximately 40 states have already passed legislation to impose surcharges on prepaid phones in order to partially fund their migration to Next Generation 911 technology (NG911). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) continually imposes requirements upon the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) (e.g., police, fire, and emergency services) to implement new 911 technologies such as Text-to-911, Multimedia Messaging (photo and video) to 911, Dispatchable location compliance, and improving location accuracy to include z-axis (floor and room number); however, with each requirement there is no federal funding to assist with the costs of these new and emerging technologies.

Prepaid mobile phone users benefit from the 911 system and they should also participate equally in support of the 911 system through a surcharge as outlined in this bill. The estimated revenue of about \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 per year from prepaid mobile phone user fees will assist in upgrading and maintaining the PSAPs' computer hardware and software in order to support the aforementioned new and emerging technologies. Our forecasted cash flow for fiscal years 2017-23 projects a negative cash position by the end of FY2023 if prepaid legislation is not passed. If passed, projected cash flow will recover \$1,000,000 of positive cash by the end of FY2023.

The surcharge on prepaid, like postpaid, would be remitted directly to the special fund established for Enhanced 911 outside the State Treasury known as the Fund that is administered by the Board. Moneys in the Fund are expended exclusively by the Board for the purposes of ensuring adequate funding to deploy and sustain Enhanced 911 services statewide.

The benefit to the public is a comprehensive, efficient, and coordinated statewide 911 system serving all citizens that is funded in a fair and equitable manner. For these reasons, we urge the committees to support SB 2805.

Please call me at (808) 241-4975 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely, Robert Westerman

Robert Westerman Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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#### COUNTY OF MAUI DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY

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February 24, 2016

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair Committee on Ways and Means The State Senate State Capitol, Room 207 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tokuda:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2805 Relating to Enhanced 911 Services (E911)

I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC and the MFD support SB 2805, which proposes to collect the E911 surcharge from prepaid wireless mobile phone consumers at the retail point of sale.

Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) provided by state and local governments benefit the caller by having their emergency calls for assistance transmitted, received, and dispatched efficiently. The E911 Fund is used to sustain the system and fund future technologies that the Federal Communications Commission continually imposes on the PSAPs without financial support.

E911 monthly surcharges of 66 cents per month are imposed on each communication service connection and remitted to the E911 Fund. Prepaid wireless service is currently not being assessed. This bill would impose the surcharge at the point of sale in a fair and equitable manner to prepaid wireless consumers who currently benefit from the E911 system.

The SFC and the MFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 2805.

Should you have questions please contact me at (808) 270-7561 or fire.dept@mauicounty.gov.

Sincerely, RAY, Chief Maui Fire Department

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February 24, 2016

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair Committee on Ways and Means The State Senate State Capitol, Room 207 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tokuda:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2805 Relating to Enhanced 911 Services (E911)

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support SB 2805, which proposes to collect the E911 surcharge from prepaid wireless mobile phone consumers at the retail point of sale.

Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) provided by state and local governments benefit the caller by having their emergency calls for assistance transmitted, received, and dispatched efficiently. The E911 Fund is used to sustain the system and fund future technologies that the Federal Communications Commission continually imposes on the PSAPs without financial support.

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The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 2805.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

MANUEL P.NEVES Chair

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#### TESTIMONY OF PAUL K. FERREIRA, STATE OF HAWAI'I, ENHANCED 911 BOARD TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

ON February 25, 2016 1:00 P.M. STATE CAPITOL, CONFERENCE ROOM 211

#### IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2805, S.D. 1 RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SERVICES

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 2805, SD 1. The Enhanced 911 Board (Board) supports SB 2805 SD 1, Relating to Enhanced 911 Services that seeks to collect the 911 surcharge from prepaid wireless mobile phone consumers at the retail point of sale.

The collection of prepaid wireless 911 surcharge is very important in order to sustain adequate funding for enhanced 911 statewide. 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.

The Enhanced 911 Fund (the Fund) ensures adequate funding to deploy and sustain Enhanced 911 services, as well as to develop and fund future enhanced 911 technologies. Currently, a monthly surcharge of 66 cents per month is imposed upon each communications service connection (except wireless prepaid mobile phone users) and is remitted by the communications service providers to the Fund.

911 surcharges should be imposed in a fair and equitable manner with respect to prepaid mobile service as the 911 surcharge is collected today for postpaid wireless. The 911 surcharge should be imposed upon all consumers of telecommunication services that have the ability to access 911. This is an important funding mechanism to assist state and local governments in sustaining 911 systems and to provide for the deployment of new and emerging technologies. Prepaid wireless telecommunications services are an important segment of the telecommunications industry and have grown in use by consumers; however, today prepaid wireless consumers are exempt from the surcharge but yet have always had access to 911.

Today, Hawaii's consumers of prepaid wireless service are being subsidized by postpaid consumers who pay a monthly 911 surcharge. To be fair and equitable, prepaid wireless consumers should not be exempt from the 66 cents 911 surcharge and therefore should pay a 66 cents 911 surcharge per transaction at the point of sale.

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Under existing law, the surcharge is not imposed on wireless prepaid mobile phone users despite the growth of prepaid phones. The Cellular Telephone Industries Association (CTIA) estimates prepaid wireless consumers represents about 20% of the consumer market in Hawaii. Approximately 40 states have already passed legislation to impose surcharges on prepaid phones in order to partially fund their migration to Next Generation 911 technology (NG911). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) continually imposes requirements upon the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) (e.g., police, fire, and emergency services) to implement new 911 technologies such as Text-to-911, Multimedia Messaging (photo and video) to 911, Dispatchable location compliance, and improving location accuracy to include z-axis (floor and room number); however, with each requirement there is no federal funding to assist with the costs of these new and emerging technologies.

Prepaid mobile phone users benefit from the 911 system and they should also participate equally in support of the 911 system through a surcharge as outlined in this bill. The estimated revenue of about \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 per year from prepaid mobile phone user fees will assist in upgrading and maintaining the PSAPs' computer hardware and software in order to support the aforementioned new and emerging technologies. Our forecasted cash flow for fiscal years 2017-23 projects a negative cash position by the end of FY2023 if prepaid legislation is not passed. If passed, projected cash flow will recover \$1,000,000 of positive cash by the end of FY2023.

It is equitable for prepay subscribers of wireless services to contribute to the E-911 Fund. Currently prepay users have access to the E911 system but don't contribute to the fund. Their access is currently being subsidized by postpaid subscribers who do contribute.

Therefore, what is fair and equitable would be to collect the 911 surcharge of 66 cents per transaction at the point of sale. The surcharge on prepaid, like postpaid, would be remitted directly to the special fund established for Enhanced 911 outside the State Treasury known as the Fund that is administered by the Board. Moneys in the Fund are expended exclusively by the Board for the purposes of ensuring adequate funding to deploy and sustain Enhanced 911 services statewide.

The benefit to the public is a comprehensive, efficient, and coordinated statewide 911 system serving all citizens that is funded in a fair and equitable manner.

For these reasons, we urge the committees to support our bill. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely.

PAUL K. FERREIRA CHAIRPERSON ENHANCED 911 BOARD

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Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Ways and Means

## RE: **SB 2805 SD1 – Relating to Enhanced 911 Services – IN SUPPORT** Thursday, February 25, 2016, 1:00 PM; Room 211

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee,

My name is Kiman Wong and I am the Director – Wireless, Home Phone, IntelligentHome and Government Relations for Oceanic Time Warner Cable ("Oceanic"). Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2805 SD1, which establishes a prepaid wireless E911 surcharge of 66 cents per retail transaction of prepaid wireless telecommunications service at the point of sale.

This is an important funding mechanism to assist state and local governments in sustaining 911 systems and to provide for the deployment of new and emerging technologies. Prepaid wireless telecommunications services have grown in use by consumers; however, today prepaid wireless consumers are exempt from the surcharge yet have always had access to 911. The 911 surcharge should be imposed upon all consumers of telecommunication services that have the ability to access 911.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) continually imposes requirements upon the Public Safety Answering Points (e.g., police, fire and emergency services) to implement new 911 technologies such as Text-to-911, Multimedia Messaging (photo and video) to 911, Dispatchable location compliance, and improving location accuracy to include z-axis (floor and room number). However, there is no federal funding to assist with the costs of these required new and emerging technologies.

We ask for your favorable consideration of this measure. Thank you.

#### <u>SB2805</u>

Submitted on: 2/23/2016 Testimony for WAM on Feb 25, 2016 13:00PM in Conference Room 211

| Submitted By         | Organization | Testifier<br>Position | Present at<br>Hearing |
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| Michael M. Contrades | Individual   | Support               | No                    |

Comments:

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## <u>SB2805</u>

Submitted on: 2/23/2016 Testimony for WAM on Feb 25, 2016 13:00PM in Conference Room 211

| Submitted By  | Organization | Testifier<br>Position | Present at<br>Hearing |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Rob Gausepohl | Individual   | Support               | No                    |

Comments: This should allow revenue to sustain the Enhanced 911 Board for their essential disbursement of funds to each PSAP. Currently the Kauai PSAP depends on the funding to properly serve the community. There is no doubt that 911 services are expected and essential to modern Police, Fire and Emergency Medical services. This small surcharge to users not presently paying for the service will bring equity in the support of this vital service.

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## <u>SB2805</u>

Submitted on: 2/24/2016 Testimony for WAM on Feb 25, 2016 13:00PM in Conference Room 211

| Submitted By    | Organization | Testifier<br>Position | Present at<br>Hearing |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Victor K. Ramos | Individual   | Support               | No                    |

Comments: This was presented to the legislature last year. I strongly support passage of SB2805. So much good has been done with the current surcharge. So much more, still needs to be done and that requires funds.

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