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The Thirty Second Legislature  
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Committee on Labor and Technology  
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki (Chair)  
Senator Chris Lee (Vice Chair)

My name is Gary Yabuta and I'm the Executive Director of the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)--a grant-funded program of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President. The Hawaii HIDTA supports drug interdiction and demand reduction strategies by developing collaborative federal, state, and local enforcement task forces and prevention programs throughout the Hawaii, including the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii County, Maui County, and Kauai County. With HIDTA funding, resources, analytical support and training, the HIDTA program serves as a force-multiplier in statewide, interstate, and international narcotic interdiction operatives.

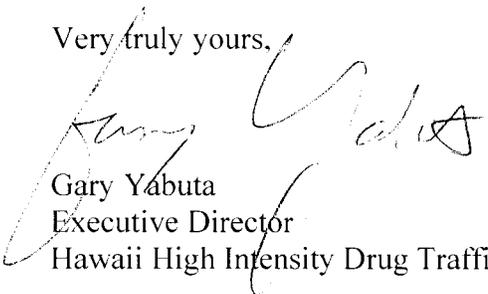
I strongly recommend appointment to the state's Enhanced E-911 Board of the following law enforcement leaders: Hawaii Police Department, Major Reed Mahuna; Maui Police Department, Assistant Chief of Police Gregg Okamoto; and Maui Police Department, Captain Keola Tom.

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**HAWAII HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA**

I have known each of these candidates during my tenor as the Chief of Police, and I continue to interact with them in my current position as the Hawaii HIDTA Executive Director. I am also well-versed in the E-911 program, and I know firsthand of its benefits for public safety in Hawaii. I am very proud of Major Mahuna, Assistant Chief Okamoto and Captain Tom, and I know that these candidates can work together and with their fellow board members, and effectively form strategies that will always have the best interests in mind for our Hawaii communities.

Very truly yours,



Gary Yabuta  
Executive Director  
Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

**GM-545**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 4:15:28 PM

Testimony for LBT on 4/5/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE: I was a member of the Enhanced 9-1-1 State Board for many years. I sat as the Chair for the Tehnical Committee and later, the Chair of the Enhanced 9-1-1 State Board. So, I have a fairly good idea of the kind of individual is needed to address statewide 9-1-1 related issues. Sadly, I worked with Gregg Okamoto for many years and know that he is dangerously incompetent and extremely lazy. He's not a good selection for Maui Police Department.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OF  
DAVLYNN RACADIO, ESDC  
MAUI POLICE DEPARTMENT  
To The  
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY  
ON  
Wednesday April 5, 2023  
3:00 PM  
Conference Room 224

GM545

Consideration & confirmation to the Enhanced 911 Board,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, GREGG OKAMOTO

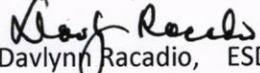
Chair Sharon Moriwaki, Vice Chair Chris Lee and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM545.

I am Davlynn Racadio, the Emergency Services Dispatch Coordinator of 9-1-1 Communications at the Maui Police Department. I have spent nearly 36 years working in 9-1-1 and we need people who will stand up for us.

Assistant Chief Gregg Okamoto has worked in almost every area of our Department and supports the work that we do in 9-1-1.

I support Gregg Okamoto for this position and ask for your consideration and confirmation to the position on the Enhanced 911 Board.

Respectfully,

  
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