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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.

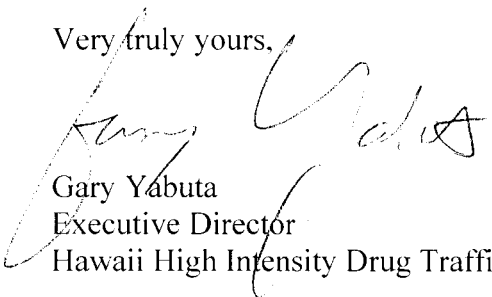
I strongly recommend appointment to the state's Enhanced E-911 Board of the following law enforcement leaders: Hawaii Police Department, Major Reed Mahuna; Maui Police Department, Assistant Chief of Police Gregg Okamoto; and Maui Police Department, Captain Keola Tom.

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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
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GM-546

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 4:24:15 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT: I have worked many years with AC Keola Tom when he was an up and coming lieutenant commander. He is hard working and effective leader that listens well and makes thoughtful decisions. He will be able to represent the Maui Police Department effectively on the Enhanced 9-1-1 State Board.

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

GM546

Consideration & confirmation to the Enhanced 911 Board,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KEOLA TOM

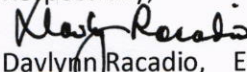
Chair Sharon Moriwaki, Vice Chair Chris Lee and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM546.

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 Keola Tom has been in various positions within our Department. He is not afraid to jump in and help others when there is a need, even when it is not his responsibility. That is what 9-1-1 is all about, helping others.

I strongly support Keola Tom for this position and ask for your consideration and confirmation to the position on the Enhanced 911 Board.

Respectfully,



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