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March 30, 2023

The Senate  
Ka'aha Kenekoa  
The Thirty Second Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
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.

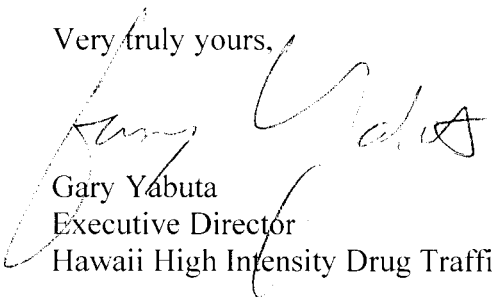
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I have known each of these candidates during my tenor as the Chief of Police, and I continue to interact with them in my current position as the Hawaii HIDTA Executive Director. I am also well-versed in the E-911 program, and I know firsthand of its 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

Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 4:29:10 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Burian	Testifying for Hawaii Police Department	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I highly recommend Major Reed Mahuna for a position on the Enhanced 911 Board. I have worked closely with Major Mahuna for the past year and have found he is a strong leader who is able to make sound decisions. I have a great deal of confidence in his abilities and recommendations. He has overseen the PSAP for the Hawaii Police Department for over a year and has a very good working knowledge of the systems in place related to the 911 system. I am sure he will be a valuable addition to the board.

Thanks, Andrew S. Burian

Assistant Chief

Hawaii Police Department

Administration

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 4:37:39 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KENNETH QUIOCHO	Testifying for Hawaii Police Department	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

My name is Ken Quiocho, and I am a police officer, and Assistant Police Chief with over 30 years experience. I would like to submit testimony in the nomination of Major Reed Mahuna to the E911 Board. I have known Major Mahuna since 1995, and have noted that he has impeccable character, integrity, and commitment to public safety. I have had the opportunity to see him in various aspects of public service, and he always has the interests of the community at the forefront of his endeavors. He is candid and matter of fact, not accepting nonsense as a means of creating excuses for not being held accountable or getting the job done. I think that his invaluable insight, experience and commitment to excellence is what is needed in today's realm of government work, especially when it comes to public safety. In a dire emergency situation when decisions have to be made quickly I cannot think of a more qualified person I would want in the lead. When the time is right to spend adequate consideration on a subject matter, I also cannot think of, or believe you will find a more qualified person to contemplate doing what is right, especially on an Emergency Board. His commitment is unquestionable as is his professionalism. I would humbly ask that he be given careful consideration for this position as he will bring much needed experience to enhance the quality and discussion concerning public safety when that conversation needs a "boots to the ground" realist with experience, as opposed to a desk jockey that has no real experience in the realm of emergency services. I hope that you see fit to add Major Mahuna to the board. I am proud to offer testimony in his behalf. Mahalo!

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:25:33 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Briski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha-

My name is John Briski and I am aretired Police Major that served with Major Reed Mahuna while with the Hawai'i Police Department.

I am writing in support of Major Reed Mahuna to the e911 board.

I have known Reed Mahuna for over 25 years. During that time I have gotten to know him both professionally and socially.

As a law enforcement officer he is a consummate professional; with the safety of the community his primary objective.

Off duty Reed Mahuna lives his life in a way to be a role model to his children.

Again - I fully support Major Reed Mahuna to the e911 board.

Sincerely,

John Briski

Paul K. Ferreira  
316 Ainaloa Drive  
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

March 30, 2023

Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki  
Chairperson and Committee Members  
Committee on Labor and Technology  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: GM 578  
HEARING DATE: April 5, 2023  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.

Dear Senator Moriwaki,

It is with great pleasure, that I **strongly endorse** the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Major Reed Mahuna, to represent the Hawai'i Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) on the State of Hawai'i, Enhanced 911 Board.

On September 1, 2022, after 40 years of service with the Hawai'i Police Department I retired as the Police Chief and I have had the privilege and honor of knowing Reed Mahuna for a majority of his police career. He has always been someone you could easily work with and throughout his career has conducted himself with the highest moral and ethical standards.

Reed Mahuna has over twenty-five years of experience with the Hawai'i Police Department as a police officer and has demonstrated that he is committed to ensuring that the community receives the highest quality of emergency services possible. His specific experiences in various positions within the Hawai'i Police Department will enable Reed Mahuna to provide tremendous insight into the objective of providing Enhanced 911 services throughout the State of Hawai'i.

Having served on the Enhanced 911 Board myself and understanding what is expected of its members, I can state without any reservations that Reed Mahuna possesses the knowledge and skills that is necessary to be a valuable asset to the Enhanced 911 Board.

For the reasons above, I strongly urge this committee to approve the appointment of Major Reed Mahuna to the Enhanced 911 Board.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul K. Ferreira", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PAUL K. FERREIRA  
RETIRED POLICE CHIEF  
HAWAII POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 31, 2023

Committee on Labor and Technology  
Senator Sharon Y. Morikawa, Chair  
Senator Chris Lee, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: Nomination of Major Reed Mahuna, Hawaii County Police Department to the Enhanced 911 Board

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you in support of Governor Josh Green, M.D. nomination of Police Major Reed Mahuna of the Hawaii County Police Department to the Enhanced 911 Board.

I am certain that the professionalism and integrity of Major Reed Mahuna will represent both the Island and State of Hawaii in an exemplary fashion. Major Mahuna's experience as a law enforcement officer and first responder of twenty-five (25) plus years of service will provide a comprehensive opinion and viewpoint on matters and concerns related to the Enhanced 911 Board.

I wholeheartedly recommend Major Reed Mahuna in becoming a member of the State of Hawaii Enhanced 911 Board.

Sincerely,

Chad J. Basque  
Assistant Police Chief  
Hawaii County Police Department





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**The Honorable Senator Sharon Moriwiki  
Chair, Committee on Labor and Technology:**

**RE: GM 578 – Hearing LBT 04-05-2023**

I am writing in reference to the nomination of **Major Reed Mahuna** to the Enhanced 9-1-1- Board.

I have had the privilege to work with Major Mahuna in my role as financial manager with the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (Hawaii HIDTA). We are a federal grant program whose mission through coordinated federal, state and county law enforcement is to disrupt regional drug threats and to reduce drug trafficking and production in Hawaii.

As a law enforcement leader with the Hawaii County Police Department, Major Mahuna was a commander in the Narcotic Vice Division. I assisted him with our grant funds to combat several drug missions, which included use of the drug canine unit. Our grant funds also assisted with numerous training opportunities to enhance safety for his officers and to provide much needed specialized equipment. While working with Major Mahuna, he demonstrated good leadership skills in making valid decisions while being accountable and mindful of the grant funds provided to his unit.

Please consider and confirm Major Mahuna's nomination to the Enhanced 9-1-1- Board. His administrative and technical skills will ensure oversight for administering the 9-1-1 fund. I've come to know Major as an honest person and definitely a team player and will be a welcomed addition to the Board.

Sincerely,

Gwen Honjo  
Financial Manager, Hawaii HIDTA

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**GM-578**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 3:18:59 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Fujitake Jr.	Testifying for Hawaii Police Department	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: President Ronald D. Kouchi and Members of the Senate,

I am hereby submitting written testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Reed Mahuna, for consideration and confirmation to the Enhanced 911 Board, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

I have known Reed Mahuna for over 23 years, in both a professional and personal capacity. He can be trusted to make the right decision, while factoring in the best interests of everyone involved. Reed Mahuna has made a positive impact in the various sections that he has worked in the Hawai'i Police Department with his leadership skills and support of all staff members. He respectfully communicates with individuals and is willing to assist in addressing concerns that anyone may have. Since April of 2022, as the Major of the Technical Services Division, that oversees the Communications Section for the Hawai'i Police Department as one of his duties, Reed Mahuna has been a tremendous advocate for the section.

For these reasons I am supporting Reed Mahuna to serve as a member on the Enhanced 911 Board.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Fujitake Jr., Lieutenant, Communications Section, Hawai'i Police Department

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 3/31/2023 10:32:42 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rio Amon-Wilkins	Testifying for Hawaii Police Department	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I have known Mr. Reed Mahuna for nearly 25 years, on a personal and professional level. He is well-spoken, professional, and his integrity is unquestionable. I would recommend his appointment and confirmation to the Enhanced 911 Board, without hesitation. I have no doubt that if confirmed, Mr. Mahuna will provide exceptional input and collaboration to ensure the continued success of the Board.**

## **COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY**

Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Chair

Senator Chris Lee, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 2023

TIME: 3:00 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

### **SUPPORT FOR GM 578 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Enhanced 911 Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, REED MAHUNA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024**

I am writing in strong and unequivocal support for Reed Mahuna's appointment to the Enhanced 911 Board.

I have known Reed Mahuna for more than 20 years and can attest to his professional dedication, strong work ethic, and his commitment to keeping the community safe while respecting all those with whom he interacts.

Major Mahuna began his law enforcement career on the Big Island as a Police Officer I. He progressed in his career to become a Detective, Lieutenant, and Captain, before being promoted last year to the rank of Major. Major Mahuna understands the role of emergency communications both from the perspective of an officer on patrol to that of a department leader.

In his current role, Major Mahuna oversees: information technology, records and identification, dispatch, traffic services, and radio maintenance. As you can see, he is perfectly positioned to provide valuable perspective to the Enhanced 911 Board.

In addition, having spent his entire law enforcement career on the Big Island, Major Mahuna has experienced the importance of emergency communications across 4,000 square miles, which represents 63% of the state's total land mass.

His participation on the E911 Board will be invaluable because of his experience at nearly every level of law enforcement, and it will be informed by having worked on an island that is bigger in area than all of the other islands combined.

Thank you for considering my strong support for Reed Mahuna as a member of the Enhanced 911 Board.

Linda Lingle  
Governor of Hawaii (2002-2010)

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 11:18:24 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Talmadge Magno	Testifying for Hawaii County	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President and Members of the Senate Thirty-Second Legislature Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi and Members of the Senate: I support the election of Major Reed Mahuna to the Enhanced 911 Board. I have worked with Major Mahuna for several years in response to numerous natural disasters and Emergency Operations Center activations where Mahuna serves as the HPD liaison. He has also supported mutual planning endeavors involving County programs and planning measures where he serves as a proactive and productive member. I would expect the same dedication with the Enhanced 911 Board. If you need further information I can be contacted at Talmadge.Magno@hawaiiicounty.gov or call me at 808-937-1496.

Respectfully,

Talmadge Magno, Hawaii County Civil Defense Administrator

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:02:47 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sherry Bird	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Chair Sharon Moriwaki, Vice Chair Chris Lee, and Committee members,

I am submitting written testimony in support of Major Reed Mahuna's nomination to serve on the Enhanced 911 board.

I have had the pleasure of working with Major Reed Mahuna for the last 25 years and can attest to his unquestionable ethics and morals and his commitment to provide quality services to our Big Island community and beyond. Major Mahuna brings with him a wealth of knowledge, skills, and expertise and his contributions to this board will undoubtedly prove to be invaluable.

Again, I wholeheartedly support Major Mahuna's nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Sherry D. Bird

Major, Hawai'i Police Department

Sherry.Bird@hawaiicounty.gov

**GM-578**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 11:50:50 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kenneth Bugado, Jr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

April 4, 2023

Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Chair  
Senate Committee on Labor and Technology  
Chair and Members  
State Capitol  
415 Beretania Street, Room 224  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**Re: GM 578, Gubernatorial Nominee Reed Mahuna, Enhanced 911 Board**

Dear Senator Moriwaki and Members:

I strongly support the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Major Reed Mahuna to the Enhanced 911 Board.

Major Mahuna has been a member of the Hawai'i Police Department for more than 24 years. His experience has enabled him to acquire the skills and knowledge that is necessary to be a valuable asset to the Enhanced 911 Board.

I strongly urge this committee to approve the passage of GM 578, confirmation of Major Reed Mahuna to the Enhanced 911 Board.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Bugado, Jr.



**GM-578**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 12:20:33 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zach Fernando	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senator Moriwaki,

Please consider my support for Mr. Mahuna to the Enhanced 911 Board.

I have known Mr. Mahuna for nearly twenty-years on a professional-level in which he has earned my trust and respect. He is the consummate professionally, intelligent, trustworthy, compassionate, and is of the highest moral character.

Mr. Mahuna has been an inspiration for me professionally, and now personally as I consider him to be one of my closest friends.

Thank you for your consideration,

Zachary Fernando