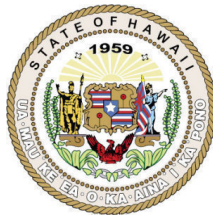


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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1040
RELATING TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD.
Before the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Friday, February 10, 2023; 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 325, Via Videoconference
Testifiers: Jordan Lowe or Michael Vincent

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) strongly supports House Bill 1040.

This administration bill amends section 138-2(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes to add the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement or the Director's designee as a member of the Enhanced 911 Board.

The proposed amendments are intended to allow the Director of Law Enforcement, or the Director's designee, to participate as a member on the Enhanced 911 Board (Board). All public safety answering points are represented on the Board and it is essential that the new Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) also be represented. The Legislature intends for the DLE to "...provide the highest level of law enforcement service for the public, state employees, and state properties" and "increase public safety, improve decision making, promote accountability, streamline communication, decrease costs, reduce duplication of efforts, and provide uniform training and standards." Act 278, p3. As part of this mandate, the DLE will strengthen its role in emergency response and improving public safety which includes building critical relationships and participating in critical discussions necessary for the modernization of the department's emergency communications and response capabilities helping to ensure interoperability with other first responders. The

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modernization includes the development of a public safety answering point and computer assisted dispatch that will utilize current and developing technology to ensure that the DLE is an integral part of the ongoing statewide efforts to utilize next generation 9-1-1 systems and comply with State and Federal requirements. Including the DLE on the Board is not only consistent with the intent of the Legislature but required to ensure the DLE is part of the state-wide enhanced 9-1-1 system.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

HB-1040

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:30:52 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2023 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE: All police departments have a seat on the Enhanced E9-1-1 State Board because they operate the State of Hawaii Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPS). This new government entity (Director of Law Enforcement) is not a PSAP and therefore, should not hold a seat on said board.