

ACT 178

H.B. NO. 894

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Enhanced 911 Board.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The enhanced 911 board was created to collect and expend funds so that the public safety answering points would be able to install and maintain equipment capable of providing enhanced 911 services. Enhanced 911 services provide the ability for public safety answering points to identify and locate a 911 caller. The board has revenue and expenditures of approximately

\$9,000,000 annually. Since its inception in 2004, the board has had no authority to hire employees and has relied on consultants to sustain its operations. The board seeks to have the option of hiring its own employees to handle administrative functions and intends to use consultants to address technical or industry specific issues that arise to better utilize fiscal resources.

The legislature finds that the board should have the flexibility to employ an executive director who will serve at the pleasure of the board and be exempt from chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The purpose of this Act is to provide the enhanced 911 board with the authority to hire an executive director and other employees.

SECTION 2. Section 138-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (i) to read as follows:

“(i) The board or its chairperson, with the approval of the board, may employ an executive director exempt from chapter 76 and 89, and other staff, and may retain independent, third-party accounting firms, consultants, or other third party to:

- (1) Create reports, make payments into the fund, process checks, and make distributions from the fund, as directed by the board and as allowed by this chapter; and
- (2) Perform administrative duties necessary to administer the fund or oversee operations of the board, including providing technical advisory support; provided that no employee, third-party accounting firm, consultant, or other third party hired to perform these administrative duties may be retained if the employee, accounting firm, consultant, or other third party, either directly or indirectly, has a conflict of interest or is affiliated with the management of or owns a pecuniary interest in any entity subject to the provisions of this chapter.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

(Approved June 30, 2015.)