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WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF  
RODERICK K. BECKER, COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

AUGUST 30, 2017  
9:00 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

G.M. 14

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROBERT GAUSEPOHL, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020.

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on the confirmation to the Enhanced 911 Board (the Board), gubernatorial nominee, Robert Gausepohl. The Department of Accounting and General Services recommends that Mr. Gausepohl be recommended for confirmation.

HRS Section 138-2 requires that the Board shall have a member from public safety answering points from Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Maui, and Hawaii. Mr. Gausepohl is currently the Assistant Chief of the Kauai Police Department. The Kauai Police Department operates the 911 call center (public safety answering point) and his appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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STATE OF HAWAII  
**Enhanced 911 Board**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Time: 8:30 AM

Place: Conference Room 224

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 14**, SUMMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE **ENHANCED 911 BOARD**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **ROBERT GAUSEPOHL**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020.

TO THE HONORABLE DONNA MERCADO KIM, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Courtney T. Tagupa, Executive Director of the Enhanced 911 Board ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of Governor's Message No. 14, nominating Assistant Chief of Police Robert Gausepohl for membership on the Enhanced 911 Board for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

During my association with the Board, I have experienced A/C Gausepohl's contributions to the Board and to the County of Kauai. He rarely misses a Board meeting and is always present to either support or agree to disagree with any issues that are discussed during the meetings. He is knowledgeable of the issues confronting enhanced 9-1-1 and Public Safety, and oversees the operations of the Kauai Public Safety Answering Point.

His extensive background in Public Safety will be invaluable as a member of the Board and therefore we **strongly support** Assistance Police Chief Robert Gausepohl's nomination to the Board.

Thank you for allowing the Board to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney T. Tagupa".

Courtney T. Tagupa  
Executive Director  
Enhanced 911 Board

Harry Kim  
Mayor



Paul K. Ferreira  
Police Chief

Kenneth Bugado Jr.  
Deputy Police Chief

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August 25, 2017

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senate Committee On Government Operations  
Chair and Members  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 224  
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

**Re: GM 14, Gubernatorial Nominee Robert Gausepohl, Enhanced 911 Board**

Dear Senator Mercado Kim and Members:

The Hawai`i Police Department **strongly supports** the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Robert Gausepohl, as a representative of the Kauai Public Safety Answering Point on the State of Hawai`i Enhanced 911 Board.

We believe that Kauai Police Department Assistant Police Chief Robert Gausepohl possesses the knowledge and skills that are necessary to be a valuable asset to the Enhanced 911 Board.

For the reasons above, we strongly urge this committee to approve the passage of GM 14, the confirmation of Assistant Police Chief Robert Gausepohl to the Enhanced 911 Board.

Thank you for allowing the Hawai`i Police Department to testify on this bill.

Sincerely,

  
PAUL K. FERREIRA  
POLICE CHIEF

August 28, 2017

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senate Committee On Government Operations  
Chair and Members  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 414  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**Re: GM 14, Gubernatorial Nominee Robert Gausepohl, Enhanced 911 Board**

Dear Senator Mercado Kim and Members:


I want to express my **steadfast support** for the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Robert Gausepohl, as a representative of the Kauai Public Safety Answering Point on the State of Hawai'i, Enhanced 911 Board.

Kauai Police Department Assistant Chief Robert Gausepohl possesses the knowledge and skills that are necessary to become a valuable asset to the Enhanced 911 Board.

I strongly urge this committee to approve the passage of GM 14, the confirmation of Assistant Police Chief Robert Gausepohl to the Enhanced 911 Board.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill.

Sincerely,

  
KENNETH BUGADO, JR.  
DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF  
HAWAII POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 29, 2017

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senate Committee On Government Operations  
Chair and Members  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 414  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**Re: GM 14, Gubernatorial Nominee Robert Gausepohl, Enhanced 911 Board**

Dear Senator Mercado Kim and Members:

I **strongly support** the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Robert Gausepohl, as a representative of the Kauai Public Safety Answering Point on the State of Hawai'i, Enhanced 911 Board.

I believe that Kauai Police Department Assistant Police Chief Robert Gausepohl, 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 passage of GM 14, the confirmation of Assistant Police Chief Robert Gausepohl to the Enhanced 911 Board.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill.

Sincerely,

ALAN M. KIMURA  
LIEUTENANT

August 28, 2017

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senate Committee on Government Operations  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 414  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Re: GM 14, Gubernatorial Nominee Robert Gausepohl, Enhanced 911 Board**

Dear Senator Mercado Kim and Members,

I strongly support the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee, Robert Gausepohl, to the State of Hawaii Enhanced 911 Board as a representative of the Kauai County Public Safety Answering Point.

Assistant Chief Gausepohl is a dedicated and well respected member of the Kauai community. He possesses the knowledge and experience that are essential to being a productive member of the Enhanced 911 Board. He has continually demonstrated his willingness to serve the people of Hawaii, and I know he will continue to do so as a member of this Board.

For the reasons mentioned, I strongly urge this committee to approve the passage of GM 14, the confirmation of Assistant Chief Robert Gausepohl to the Enhanced 911 Board.

Mahalo for allowing me this opportunity to testify on this bill.

Sincerely,

JOHN D. JAKUBCZAK  
Assistant Chief of Police  
Maui Police Department

## Nancy Bernal

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**From:** Schutte, Steven <Steven.Schutte@VerizonWireless.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2017 8:50 AM  
**To:** GVO Testimony  
**Subject:** GM14 Asst Chief Rob Gausepohl

Aloha, writing in support of Asst Chief Gausepohl's nomination to the Enhanced 911 Board.

### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair

### NOTICE OF HEARING

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 30, 2017  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM  
**PLACE:** Conference Room 224  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
**MEASURE:** GM14

If there are any questions, please contact me.




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