

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 16, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2276

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2276 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WIRELESS ENHANCED 911 BOARD,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the provision and implementation of enhanced wireless 911 services by providing flexibility to the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board (Board) in the allocation of moneys to reimburse public safety answering points and wireless service providers their costs of implementing wireless enhanced 911 service.

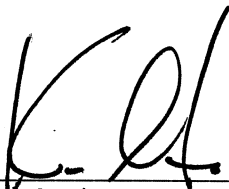
The Department of Accounting and General Services, Honolulu Police Department, and the Board testified in support of this bill. Cingular Wireless submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that the Board was established to administer the financing of wireless enhanced 911. The Board collects monthly assessments from cellular telephone customers and expends these funds to reimburse public safety answering points and wireless carriers for the costs of acquiring equipment and support services to implement enhanced wireless 911. This bill will give the Board the flexibility to distribute funds proportionately, and on a timely basis.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Public Safety & Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2276 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Consumer
Protection & Commerce and
Public Safety & Military
Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair



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