

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 30, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 204

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 204 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE AND THE COUNTIES TO PRIORITIZE EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS ON INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

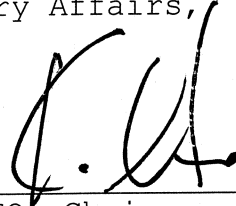
The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request that federal homeland security funding received by the State and the counties be used first and foremost for the development and implementation of a standards-based interoperable communications system between first responders of all government jurisdictions.

Your Committee finds that the use of different frequencies by public safety and emergency response agencies restricts their ability to communicate with one another, thus delaying response time. An interoperable communication system, on the other hand, will enable these groups to communicate more quickly and effectively.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 204 and recommends its adoption.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety &
Military Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair



