

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2239
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 2239, S.D. 2, 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 reduce unnecessary delays in the implementation of Wireless Enhanced 911 service by giving the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board (Board) more flexibility in expending funds from the Wireless Enhanced 911 Fund (Fund). Specifically, this bill allows:

- (1) 911 answering service agencies or "public service answering points" (PSAPs) to recover rather than be reimbursed for their costs;
- (2) Recovery of essential operating expenses currently excluded by the wording of the law; and
- (3) The Board flexibility to allocate payments from the Fund to PSAPs and wireless carriers.

The Department of Accounting and General Services, Honolulu Police Department, and Wireless Enhanced 911 Board supported this bill. Cingular Wireless commented on this measure.

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Your Committees have amended this bill, as recommended by the Board, to address concerns that no funding may be available to wireless carriers if the Board has discretion to allocate Fund moneys between PSAPs and wireless carriers. The bill now specifies that at least one-third of the moneys in the Fund must be available for wireless provider cost recovery.

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 S.B. No. 2239, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2239, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, 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,



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