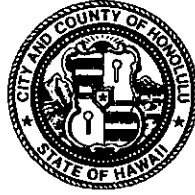


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February 11, 2008

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 2258, Relating to the Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

I am Kenneth Simmons, Major of the Communications Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes Senate Bill No. 2258. This bill would remove the quorum by proxy and authorization for a board member to submit in writing his or her vote by proxy.

The proxy vote has allowed the board to continue functioning and making decisions on a monthly basis. As the largest Honolulu Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), we at the HPD appreciate the fast response to our requests which enables us to move forward and continue the deployment of the wireless technology.

Therefore, we are requesting that your committee not pass Senate Bill No. 2258 and allow the board to function with the efficiency that the proxy provision allows.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to express our opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Major Kenneth Simmons".

KENNETH SIMMONS, Major
Communications Division

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Boisse P. Correa".
for: BOISSE P. CORREA
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S.B. 2258

RELATING TO THE WIRELESS ENHANCED 911 BOARD

Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on S.B. 2258.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) opposes S.B. 2258 in its current form because will make it almost impossible for the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board (the Board) to achieve a quorum for its Board meetings. The challenge is that a majority of the wireless carriers are headquartered in the mainland and board representatives must frequently attend meetings at mainland locations. The bill requires that all three wireless carrier board members be present to fulfill the quorum requirement. This is not practical, in addition, there are five members representing Public Service Answer Points (PSAP) on the Board. Emergency and other first responder responsibilities also periodically preclude three of these members from attending meetings.

DAGS recommends that if S.B. 2258 is advanced, it be modified to eliminate the identification of the board members (egs. three wireless carrier representatives and three PSAP representatives) that are required to constitute a quorum. The law should sanction the simple presence of any six of the eleven board members to constitute a quorum. If this standard had been in place, quorum would have been achieved at every board meeting actually held since November 2004.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.