
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A REPORT OF THE WIRELESS ENHANCED 911 FUND.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted Act 159, Session Laws of
2 Hawaii 2004, finding that statewide enhanced 911 has proven to
3 be a lifesaving service and that routing a 911 call to the
4 appropriate public safety answering point with a display of the
5 caller's identification and location should be available for all
6 users of telecommunications services, regardless of the
7 technology used to make and transmit the 911 call; and
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9 WHEREAS, Act 159 also determined that it is in the best
10 interest of the public to ensure that there is adequate ongoing
11 funding to support enhanced 911 service, and beginning July 1,
12 2004, established a monthly wireless enhanced 911 surcharge upon
13 each commercial mobile radio service connection, with the moneys
14 to be deposited into the Wireless Enhanced 911 Fund, pursuant to
15 section 138-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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17 WHEREAS, due to the unprecedented revenue shortfalls of
18 over \$2,000,000,000 during this fiscal biennium, \$16,000,000 in
19 funds were deemed to be in excess of Wireless Enhanced 911
20 project needs and that amount was transferred out of the
21 Wireless Enhanced 911 Fund in 2009 (Act 69, Session Laws of
22 Hawaii 2009) to the general fund, and it is likely that at least
23 \$5,000,000 in additional funds may be transferred out of the
24 Fund in 2010; and
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26 WHEREAS, Hawaii's remote location within the Pacific also
27 requires the State of Hawaii to leverage its federal, state,
28 county and Wireless Enhanced 911 funds to improve and enhance
29 its capabilities to respond to life-threatening circumstances,
30 including natural disasters like hurricanes, tsunamis,
31 earthquakes, power outages, and other unpredictable geographic
32 conditions; now, therefore,
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
35 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,
36 that the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board is requested to report on
37 the Wireless Enhanced 911 Fund; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include:

- (1) The total aggregate surcharge collected by the State in the previous and current fiscal years;
- (2) Disbursements from the fund by the Board in the previous and current fiscal years, and the amount of unexpended or unencumbered funds remaining at the end of each of the two fiscal years;
- (3) Any transfers of unexpended balances in each of the fiscal years, and the impact of the transfers on projects undertaken or planned by the Board; and
- (4) The status of and available funding for any projects that have been undertaken or planned by public safety answering points during the most recent two fiscal years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board report to the Legislature no later than September 1, 2010, on the status of the Wireless Enhanced 911 Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller and the Chairperson of the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board.

