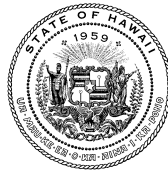


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S.C.R. 180, S.R. 81

REQUESTING AN AUDIT OF THE WIRELESS ENHANCED 911 FUND.

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.C.R. 180, S.R. 81.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) opposes S.C.R. 180, S.R. 81.

DAGS opposes this concurrent resolution because the audit by an independent third party that it calls for would include a survey of the status of and available funding for any projects that have been undertaken or planned during the previous year by public safety answering points. This will create an undue burden in two areas. First, the cost of the Wireless Enhanced 911 fund will increase because the audit scope will expand beyond the normal financial scope. This will encompass additional audit hours. Secondly, because the auditors or independent third party will render an opinion on the accuracy of the survey, time will need to be spent with the public safety answering points to ascertain the validity of the survey and other project data. With furloughs beginning

July 1, 2010 at the City and County of Honolulu and other counties considering it, this audit time will be a burden for the public safety answering points and other county departments.

We support the intent of this concurrent resolution, which is to provide timely and accurate information annually to the legislature on the status of the projects undertaken and to determine the availability of funding for them. An alternative method for achieving this concurrent resolution's intent is to amend it to remove the requirement that the data be audited by an independent third party and to, instead, allow the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board to report this information as part of its annual report.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.