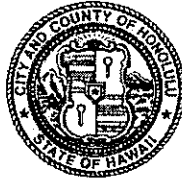


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March 18, 2011

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
and Members
Committee on Health
The House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamane and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 893, S.D. 3, Relating to Information Access

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

The HPD opposes Senate Bill No. 893, S.D. 3. This bill would appropriate a minimum of \$160,000 from the Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 (WE 9-1-1) fund for fiscal years 2011 to 2013. The transfer of these funds to the Disability and Communication Access Board special fund would violate both federal and state laws.

The HPD is the primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the City and County of Honolulu. Our PSAP continues to enhance its ability to provide the community with the best possible service by upgrading technology. Future technological enhancements include moving from a voice-centric 9-1-1 communications system to a Next Generation, Internet Protocol-based 9-1-1 system that can embrace a wide range of voice, video, and data applications.

These improvements are necessary to provide the best communications and to deliver expeditious emergency services to every call we receive. The WE 9-1-1 fund assists the HPD in purchasing and/or maintaining the system and equipment to enhance its ability to serve the public's needs.

By law, the WE 9-1-1 fund should be used exclusively by the WE 9-1-1 Board. The purpose of the fund is to ensure adequate cost recovery for the deployment of phase I and phase II WE 9-1-1 calls and the expenses of administering the fund. The fund, as mandated by law, cannot incur more than \$9 million of expenses annually. We are currently nearing that spending limit and must delay other purchases due to the spending cap.

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We recognize the need for persons with disabilities to have access to conventional printed media but do not believe taking money from the WE 9-1-1 fund is a wise decision. If monies are removed from the WE 9-1-1 fund, we believe the safety of the community may be endangered.

For the above-mentioned reasons, the HPD urges this committee to hold the bill as it will negatively affect our ability to provide 9-1-1 service to the community.

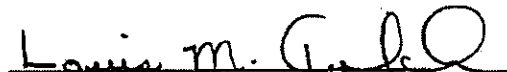
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to express our opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,



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