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**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: GM584 STEVEN SCHUTTE

Honorable Senators,

I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Steven Schutte to the Enhanced 911 Board. I believe that he brings important industry knowledge and experience to the 911 Board that will benefit the Board as it seeks to improve 911 technology and efficiency Statewide.

Respectfully,

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**Written Testimony of George F. Burnett to the Senate Committee on
Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs**

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G.M. 584

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Committee Members,

I am George F. Burnett, State Civil Defense Telecommunications Officer, and am providing testimony regarding Governor's Message No. 584.

I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Steven Schutte to the Enhanced 911 Board.

He is qualified to serve on the board due to his experience in the wireless industry in Hawaii. I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Schutte during the past 3 years while he has served as the State of Hawaii Government Account Executive for Verizon Wireless. He has always thoroughly represented the interests of the Department of Defense, and the State of Hawaii during this time.

His experience and trust earned from wireless customers will serve the interests of the State of Hawaii well, and I am confident that he will ensure that funds from this board are allocated to the state and county PSAP's to ensure compliance with Next Generation 911 services.

I also trust that while serving on the board that he will work together with members of the public safety agencies, wireless carriers, and private agencies to ensure that E911 funds are appropriately allocate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony in support of the confirmation of Mr. Steven Schutte to serve on the Enhanced 911 Board.

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I, Kenneth F. Gilbert, support the nomination and strongly encourage the confirmation of Steven Schutte to the Enhanced 911 Board.

The City & County Department of Emergency Management established the Telecommunication Utility Working Group and Mr. Schutte represented Verizon Wireless. Mr. Schutte understands the unique challenges that impact our State.

Mr. Schutte's knowledge and dedication to public safety will ensure that not only the residents of Oahu but all residents of the great State of Hawaii will have an unwavering champion for quick, timely and accurate emergency response.

Mahalo,

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