

SB 2909

RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SERVICES

Description:

Establishes that a public safety agency is a functional division of the State or a county that provides or has authority to provide, or a private entity contracted by a state or county agency that provides, firefighting, law enforcement, ambulance, medical, or other emergency services.

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TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, INTERIM COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON
February 9, 2012

S.B. 2909

RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SERVICES

Chair Espero and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2909.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports this bill.

The current definition of "Public Safety Agency" as a division of a "governmental agency" is too broad. S.B 2909 clearly identifies the scope as a division of the state or county for firefighting, law enforcement, ambulance, medical, or other emergency services. This definition mirrors the language in the original act which created the Enhanced 911 Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

TESTIMONY
OF
PAUL K. FERREIRA, CHAIR
STATE OF HAWAII, ENHANCED 911 BOARD
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
SENATOR WILL ESPERO, CHAIR
SENATOR MICHELLE KIDANI, VICE CHAIR
ON
FEBRUARY 9, 2012
2:45 P.M.
STATE CAPITOL, CONFERENCE ROOM 224

IN SUPPORT OF
SENATE BILL 2909
RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SERVICES

Dear Senator Espero and Members:

I am Paul Ferreira, the Deputy Police Chief for the Hawai'i Police Department; however, I am providing testimony as the Chair of the Enhanced 911 (E911) Board that is comprised of representatives from each of the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), representatives of the communications service providers, and representatives from State agencies.

The members of the then Wireless Enhanced 911 Board (Board) were instrumental in the drafting of the legislation that resulted in Act 168 becoming law during the 2011 Legislative Session, providing for amendments to the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 138, Enhanced 911 Services. In reviewing the amendments that were implemented into the law, the current Board recognized the need to amend the definition in the law for a "Public safety agency" and approved seeking action during this legislative session.

In Chapter 138, the definition for "Public safety agency" is described currently as a functional governmental entity, which the Board recognized as being too broad of a definition and therefore needs to be amended for clarity. As written, a governmental entity may open the door for other federally funded agencies to seek disbursements from the E911 Fund minimizing the Fund's resources for state and county entities. This measure seeks to restore the former definition for "Public safety agency" establishing that a public safety agency is a functional division of the state or county government that provides for firefighting, law enforcement, ambulance, medical, or other emergency services, which provides the accurate meaning.

For the reasons above, we strongly urge this committee to approve Senate Bill 2909, Relating to Enhanced 911 Services.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill.

Sincerely,



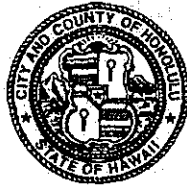
PAUL K. FERREIRA

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WIRELESS E911 BOARD

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February 9, 2012

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Government
Operations, and Military Affairs
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 2909, Relating to Enhanced 9-1-1 Services

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

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 2909 to amend section 138-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The bill defines a "public safety agency" as a functional division of the state or county that provides or has authority to provide firefighting, law enforcement, ambulance, medical, or other emergency services. This clarification allows us to focus our funding and resources on the state and county public safety answering points that provide emergency services for our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

John C. Thompson
f/ JOHN C. THOMPSON, Major
Communications Division

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TESTIMONY
of
GORDON J. BRUCE, DIRECTOR and CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
Department of Information Technology
City and County of Honolulu
before the
**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**
on
Thursday, February 9, 2012
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2909 – RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SERVICES.

Chair Espero, Vice Chairs Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs:

My name is Gordon J. Bruce, and as the Director of the Department of Information Technology and the Chief Information Officer for the City and County of Honolulu, and I am submitting testimony in support of SB 2909.

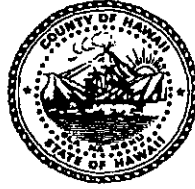
Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon J. Bruce", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed in a hand-drawn oval.

Gordon J. Bruce
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William P. Kenoi
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February 8, 2012

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senate Committee On Public Safety, Government Operations, And Military Affairs
Chair and Members
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Re: Senate Bill 2909, Relating to Enhanced 911 Services

Dear Senator Espero and Members:


The Hawai`i Police Department **supports** the passage of Senate Bill 2909, Relating to Enhanced 911 Services, seeking to establish that a public safety agency is a functional division of the State or a county that provides or has authority to provide, or a private entity contracted by a state or county agency that provides, firefighting, law enforcement, ambulance, medical, or other emergency services.

We are in agreement with the State of Hawai`i Enhanced 911 Board that the definition for "Public safety agency" in Chapter 138, currently described as a functional governmental entity, is too broad of a definition and therefore needs to be amended for clarity. As written, a governmental entity may open the door for other federally funded agencies to seek disbursements from the E911 Fund minimizing the funds resources for state and county entities.

For the reasons above, we strongly urge this committee to approve Senate Bill 2909, Relating to Enhanced 911 Services.

Thank you for allowing the Hawai`i Police Department to testify on this bill.

Sincerely,


HARRY S. KUBOJIRI
POLICE CHIEF

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Submitted on: 2/1/2012

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