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S.B. 1001

RELATING TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 1001, which replaces the Comptroller with the Chief Information Officer (CIO) as a member of the Enhanced 911 Board ("Board").

When the Board was first established the State did not yet have a full-time CIO to provide the overall direction and vision for information technology (IT). Since then, Hawaii Revised Statutes §27-43 established the role, responsibilities and authorities of the chief information officer. The Board was created to oversee the implementation of the Enhanced 911 telecommunications to public safety services. As the Board's responsibilities align with those of the CIO's IT strategic vision, the CIO should serve on the Board.

We respectfully request that this Committee move this bill forward. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.