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TESTIMONY OF
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS, AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

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S.B.2936
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Chair Espero, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committees:

I am Keone Kali, Deputy Chief Information Officer (Operations), in the State Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT), speaking in support of the intent of S.B. No. 2936 to create an integrated camera surveillance system for the Capitol District.

The OIMT is now undertaking a multi-year program to improve the reliability, availability, and capabilities of the State's data processing services and communications infrastructure which support the State's emergency response and public safety agencies. That program includes redundant fiber optic networks statewide that will continue to function when major portions of that infrastructure is damaged or unavailable. That new communications infrastructure is well-suited to transport digital video camera signals within and between State government buildings. For example, the State Data Center recently installed a remote video surveillance system for the Kalanimoku Building on Punchbowl Street.

In addition, OIMT is now working with the Department of Public Safety to improve its communication systems across the State using new network infrastructure now being installed. Similarly, we will collaborate with Public Safety, Accounting and General Services, and other departments to help determine Capitol District requirements for a comprehensive security system and make available our expertise and networks to support that system.

We thank the Committee for this opportunity to testify in support of this bill that will improve security within the Capitol District.



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Senator Will Espero
Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senate District 19
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231

Aloha Senator Espero and Committee,

Please consider my testimony in support of SB 2936 "to form a working group to analyze the capitol district security infrastructure and develop a plan to create an integrated camera surveillance system." The Capitol District houses a number of government facilities that should be considered when evaluating the exposure to terrorism and criminal activity. Currently there are a number of standalone video systems in the Capitol District area that are owned and operated by various State agencies and departments. These systems are generally not monitored live but record video, and serve as a tool to review activity after an incident occurs. These systems are not used to prevent criminal activity from occurring they are more of a reactionary tool. By integrating these CCTV cameras and systems into a common platform that can be monitored by law enforcement they can be used to prevent and respond to incidents and still have forensic value with their recorded video, creating a more effective system.

The Department of Public Safety has a 24/7 command center at the Capitol that is utilized to monitor and protect the Capitol. By integrating the surrounding State facilities into a shared command center you can raise the protection level without investing in multiple command centers and duplicate redundant video cameras. The cost to put in multiple live monitoring locations and redundant CCTV cameras, as well as the labor to monitor them would be in the Millions of Dollars. The intention of the bill to leverage the existing surveillance systems into a common monitoring system that can be shared between law enforcement agencies and departments will negate that cost.

After the terrorist attacks of September 11th 2001 the Federal government realized that most of the country's government surveillance systems were closed and restrictive. Since then they are requiring that all public security systems procured with federal funds will be "Interoperable". Many states and municipalities have already moved in the direction of integrating their public safety surveillance and security systems. Currently all four counties in Hawaii have initiated programs to integrate their security systems throughout the county. The County of Maui was recently recognized in a national Security publication for their efforts in integrating their security system.

The state has the infrastructure and the technology to integrate the vast number of public security and safety systems into a common platform. In the future the system could be expanded to leverage privately installed systems as well. Utilizing the latest technology to protect our state facilities and to accomplish this without a large financial investment is the right course of action. I enthusiastically support SB2936 and look forward to it passing.

Sincerely,

Patrick O'Brien
Chief Executive Officer