



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 3103, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGES.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE: Thursday, April 3, 2014

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 308

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Stella M.L. Kam, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports the intent of S.B. No. 3103, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, but has the following concerns.

In section 3, this bill defines “department” as the Department of Accounting and General Services. Under section 2 of the bill, which provides a new statutory provision to chapter 138, the department is responsible for establishing registration and payment procedures for the surcharge on prepaid wireless telecommunications plans, as well as establishing documentation procedures for sales transactions of prepaid wireless telecommunications plans. See § 138-__ (d) and (h) (page 3, line 18, to page 4, lines 1-5, and page 5, lines 1-5). However, executive branch departments with administratively attached boards and commissions are limited to the specified actions set forth in section 26-35(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), which do not include establishing procedures for the administratively attached board or commission. Moreover, section 26-35(a)(8), HRS, provides that “[e]xcept as set forth hereinabove, the head of a department shall not have the power to supervise or control the board or commission in the exercise of its functions, duties, and powers.”

In order to avoid a violation of section 26-35(a)(8), HRS, we suggest that section 138-__(d) and (h) be amended to provide that the Board (defined in section 3 of the bill as the Enhanced 911 Board), with the assistance of the Department of Accounting and General Services, to which the Board is administratively attached, shall be responsible for the establishment of these procedures.

We respectfully ask the Committee to pass this bill with the recommended amendments.



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
ON
April 3, 2014

S.B. 3103, S.D. 2, H.D. 1

RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGES

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on S.B. 3103, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of S.B. 3103, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

DAGS recommends that the definition of "Department" in SECTION 3 of this measure be changed from the "department of accounting and general services" to the Enhanced 911 Board (the Board) or the "Board." Section 26-35(8), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), provides that the head of the department shall not have the power to supervise or control the board or commission in the exercise of its functions, duties, and powers. Proposed subsections (d) and (h) in SECTION 2 of this measure violates section 26-35(8), HRS, as the Comptroller (as head of the department) is establishing policies of governing the collection of revenue to the Enhanced 911 Fund and documentation requirements which are the responsibility of the Board in the

exercise of its functions, duties, and powers. If the Comptroller establishes these policies, the situation will create confusion with the public as to who is authorized to act on behalf of the Board as there will be two agencies (DAGS and the Board) making policy decisions for the Enhanced 911 Fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.



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April 2, 2014

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Senate Bill No. 3103, SD2, HD1 – Relating to Enhanced 911 Surcharges

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

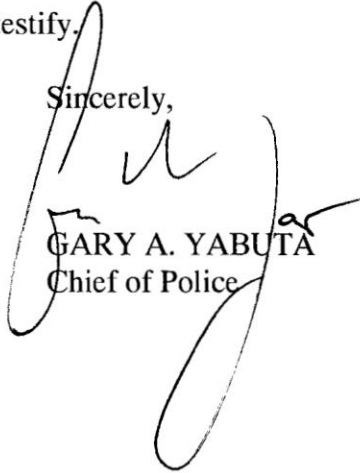
The Maui Police Department supports SB 3103, SD2, HD1, as the passage of this bill will ensure that prepaid wireless communication service providers are not exempt from the enhanced 911 surcharge imposed on other wireless providers. The surcharge, collected from consumers by prepaid wireless communications service providers or resellers, is essential to ensure equitable contributions to the enhanced 911 system that will benefit the entire State of Hawaii.

The Maui Police Department also supports the prepaid wireless bill at 66 cents and the beginning date of January 1, 2015.

The Maui Police Department supports the passage of SB 3103, SD2, HD1, with the noted suggestions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


GARY A. YABUTA
Chief of Police

TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAII POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENATE BILL 3103, SD2, HD1

RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGES

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE : Thursday, April 3, 2014

TIME : 2:00 P.M.

PLACE : Conference Room 308
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PERSON TESTIFYING:

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April 2, 2014

Representative Sylvia Luke
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**Re: SENATE BILL 3103, SD2, HD1 RELATING TO ENHANCED 911
SURCHARGES**

Dear Representative Luke:

The Hawai'i Police Department supports Senate Bill 3103, SD2, HD1 with its primary purpose being to eliminate the exemption for prepaid wireless connections from the E911 tariff.

We believe this legislation as written will serve to ensure an act of equity amongst consumers of wireless communications devices in terms of needed revenue for enhanced 911 (E911) services attendant to these devices.

In essence, the wireless communications industry similar to the computer industry is constantly incorporating and deploying newer, faster, and more efficient technology into the field.

In response, the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPS) must also constantly upgrade their equipment in order to take advantage of the increasing capabilities of these devices as well as to meet public expectations for the technology. The recent movement towards the Next Generation 911 upgrading of PSAPS is a prime example. These upgrades will allow PSAPS to receive text messages, photos, and video from wireless phones.

It appears that these prepaid wireless connections are continuing to gain an increasing share of the market and thus, it seems only prudent that this exemption be eliminated. In that the E911 funding is utilized for necessary upgrades, we believe the rise in use of prepaid wireless connections should be attendant with elimination of the exemption in

Representative Sylvia Luke

Re: SENATE BILL 3103, SD2, HD1 RELATING TO ENHANCED 911, SURCHARGES

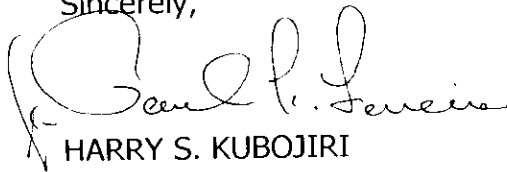
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the best interests of the communities served by the various PSAPS in the state of Hawai`i.

It is for these reasons, we urge this committee to approve this legislation.

Thank you for allowing the Hawai`i Police Department to provide comments relating to Senate Bill 3103, SD2, HD1.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS, Impose enhanced 911 surcharge on prepaid phones

BILL NUMBER: SB 3103, HD-1

INTRODUCED BY: House Committee on Public Safety

BRIEF SUMMARY: Adds a new section to HRS chapter 138 to provide that the enhanced 911 surcharge of ___ cents shall be imposed as a one-time charge on prepaid wireless telecommunications service. The surcharge shall be the liability of the consumer, but collected by the seller. Allows the seller to retain 3% of the surcharge collected from consumers and remit the balance to the department of accounting and general services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2050

STAFF COMMENTS: The legislature by Act 159, SLH 1994, established a wireless enhanced 911 surcharge of 66 cents per month and a wireless enhanced 911 fund to allow deployment of phase 1 and phase 2 of the wireless enhanced 911 service and expenses of administering the fund. The wireless enhanced 911 program allows wireless phones to be located by public safety personnel in the event of an emergency. The fee is collected to reimburse facilities that provide Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) which are set up to determine the location of a wireless 911 call for emergency services.

In Act 79, SLH 2009, the legislature determined that there was an excess \$16 million in the enhanced 911 fund. At the time, public safety officials complained that diversion of receipts in the fund could disqualify the state from participating in federal grant programs to enhance the technology of 911 systems. But the fund was raided anyway. It now may be a good time for lawmakers to investigate whether all the funding needs of the system have been made and if upgrades are still needed. Are there technologies still to be implemented to fully operate the system? Is the rate too high, bringing in revenues faster than they can be spent? If the latter is true, then lawmakers should consider reducing the rate so the monthly burden will not be as great on users.

Currently, wireless phones are assessed a surcharge of 66 cents per month while landline phones are assessed 27 cents per month. Prepaid service connections or prepaid pay as you go cell phones are exempt from this surcharge. Because prepaid phones also have access to enhanced 911 services, it appears equitable to assess those phones a comparable amount.

In addition, prepaid phones may be recharged with minutes purchased online. Decisions also need to be made about how to treat recharges; the current language appears to allow recharges to be exempt because the intent appears to be to surcharge prepaid phones only once.

Digested 4/2/14

April 4, 2014

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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 306
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Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson
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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 427
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Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto
Vice Chair, House Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 421
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Senate Bill 3103 SD2 HD1, 9-1-1 Prepaid Surcharge – Support with Recommendations

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Ling Johanson, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of CTIA-The Wireless Association®, the trade association for the wireless communications industry, I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 3103 SD2 HD1 (related to the imposition of the 9-1-1 surcharge on prepaid wireless services) with recommendations.

CTIA and the wireless industry are strong supporters of the public safety community and also believe a fully-funded and efficient 9-1-1 system is in the best interest of the people of Hawaii. With the proliferation of 9-1-1 calls made from wireless devices, it is that much more imperative that all who benefit from access to the 9-1-1 system are also contributors. As such, CTIA supports the public policy that prepaid wireless consumers should be paying a 9-1-1 surcharge.

Due to the unique business model of prepaid wireless services, where the majority of transactions occur at national ‘big box’ stores and other general retailers, the only way to accurately capture the 9-1-1 surcharge is to collect the surcharge at the point-of-sale at the time of the retail transaction. The wireless industry believes that model legislation endorsed by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) in 2009 is the appropriate method in which to accurately capture this surcharge. This legislation has been adopted in 32 states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands.

Although Senate Bill 3103 SD2 HD1 in its current form is markedly improved over the bill that was introduced, unfortunately, this legislation deviates from the NCSL endorsed model bill in one critical respect. The legislation, as currently drafted, would require retailers to remit the new 9-1-1 prepaid surcharge to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), instead of to the Department of Taxation (DOT). This requires retailers to remit collections to two different state agencies: the 9-1-1 prepaid surcharge to DAGS, and general excise taxes to the DOT. This imposes an unnecessary burden on retailers who sell prepaid wireless service. Additionally, this process would lead to an unnecessary duplication of compliance and audit costs. The NCSL-endorsed model instead requires that all collections

be remitted to a single state agency (Department of Taxation).

Finally, based on the telecomm industry's experience with 32 states that have enacted point-of-sale legislation, CTIA respectfully requests that the earliest effective date for this legislation be **July 1, 2015**. Additional implementation time is required to allow DAGS to establish a 911 interface with retailers, provide appropriate notification of changes retailers must make to their retail point-of-sale systems, and to permit retailers to make any necessary adjustments to their current accounting practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting SB3103 SD 2 HD1 with recommendations.

Sincerely,

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Bethanne Cooley
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TO:
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Luke, Chair
Rep. Nishimoto and Rep. Johanson, Vice Chairs

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: April 3, 2014
TIME: 2pm
PLACE: Conference Room 308

RE: SB 3103

Position: Opposition

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

Here in Hawaii our retailers already pay several costly taxes and fees that are not only a financial burden, but an administrative burden as well. The state's system is complex and hard to navigate and adding an additional surcharge creates an unnecessary added expense for retailers and consumers.

We appreciate that the current version of the bill allots 3% of the fee to the retailer and has clarified some other aspects of this program. However, we believe that given the importance of 911 to all residents, and visitors, this program is precisely the type of thing that should be covered by an appropriation from the General Fund.

In addition to the negative impact on retailers this bill targets users of prepaid mobile devices, many of whom are from lower income brackets and have prepaid service as an alternative to more costly contract services. Technological literacy and access to mobile communication devices is more important than ever in this day and age. It seems that we should be taking steps to bridge the digital divide rather than creating additional financial barriers for lower income users to access mobile technology.

With many retailers and individuals still recovering from the financial crisis, we do not believe this is the right time to be increasing fees and surcharges. 911 serves everyone so it makes sense that the additional funding for this program comes from the General Fund, rather than from fees targeting particular retailers and users of particular products.

While we cannot support this measure as it is currently written, we would be willing to work with AT&T and Verizon on a better solution.

Please do not pass this measure in its current form.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE**

April 3, 2014

Senate Bill 3103, SD2, HD1 Relating to Enhanced 911 Surcharges

Chair Luke and members of the House Committee on Finance, I am Jim Blundell, Senior Legislative Affairs Manager, T-Mobile USA, Inc.

T-Mobile supports the Legislature's effort to adopt a point of sale method of collection and remittance of the e911 surcharge on prepaid wireless services. The Committee has before it for consideration Senate Bill 3103, SD2, HD1 which would establish such a method. However, the bill as currently drafted raises several areas of concern that T-Mobile feels should be addressed as the Committee considers the bill:

First, current law provides an exemption from the current e911 surcharge for prepaid wireless services. We are concerned that, unless that exemption is preserved in current law, both the current surcharge on postpaid wireless service and the new surcharge on prepaid wireless service will be applied to prepaid wireless service.

Second, the current bill does not recognize the value of the expertise at the central revenue agency for the state, the Department of Taxation. Nearly all prepaid point of sale bills that have passed throughout the country require remittance of the surcharge to the state's central revenue agency. Although the 911 Board currently collects and administers the surcharge, it does not take advantage of the expertise of the Department of Taxation. We are concerned that this approach does not follow best practices and we strongly recommend a role for the Department in advising the Board.

The wireless industry trade association, CTIA, has also submitted testimony on behalf of the wireless industry and T-Mobile supports and seconds those remarks and strongly recommends the Committee consider all concerns before reporting the bill out.

T-Mobile actively supports strong public safety measures, including a reliable and fully-funded e911 system in Hawaii. We believe that, with the proposed amendments, SB 3103 SD2, HD1 is an excellent step forward in realizing this goal in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in favor of SB 3103, SD2, HD1.

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Re: Verizon Testimony, Senate Bill 3103 SD2 HD1, 9-1-1 Prepaid Surcharge – Support

Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members,

Verizon supports SB 3103 SD2 HD1, legislation relating to the imposition of Hawaii's 9-1-1 surcharge on prepaid wireless services.

Although the bill deviates from the NCSL endorsed model bill by requiring retailers to remit to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) instead of the Department of Taxation, all other key components of the NCSL model have been captured. SB 3103 SD2 HD1 is essentially the same type of legislation that has already been adopted in 32 states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands. It is the most appropriate method in which to accurately impose Hawaii's 9-1-1 surcharge on prepaid wireless services.

Verizon is a strong supporter of the public safety community and believes that an efficient and fair 9-1-1 system is in the best interest of the People of Hawaii.

Concerning implementation of this legislation, we recommend an effective date of July 1, 2015 to allow time for carriers and retailers to set up systems for 911 surcharge collection and remittance.

Verizon appreciates the opportunity to **support** SB 3103 SD2 HD1.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE: Testimony in **Support** to Senate Bill 3103 SD2 HD1, Conf. Room 308,
April 3, 2014, 2 p.m.

Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members:

AT&T supports Senate Bill 3103 SD2 HD1, which would establish the use of a "Point of Sale" method to collect and remit surcharges on prepaid wireless services to help fund the state's 911 system. If approved, Hawaii would join more than 30 states in using Point of Sale as the preferred method for placing a surcharge on prepaid wireless services. This legislation also follows the model bill endorsed by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The State of Hawaii currently applies a 66-cent per month surcharge on "post-paid" wireless services. These customers pay the 911 surcharge each month after being billed by their wireless carrier.

On the other hand, prepaid wireless customers do not receive a monthly bill. Customers pay for their services anytime, as needed, and may purchase these services from a wide variety of retailers and on-line. Therefore, the most viable way to collect the surcharge is during the actual retail transaction, or "Point of Sale." This legislation will bring fairness to how the 911 system is supported.

Concerning implementation of this legislation, we recommend an effective date of July 1, 2015 to allow time for carriers and retailers to set up systems for the collection and remittance of the surcharge.

AT&T urges your support for Senate Bill 3103 SD2 HD1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Youmans
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April 3, 2014

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Dear Chair Luke and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 3103, SD 2, HD 1, Relating to Enhanced 911 Surcharges

I am Sean C. Naito, Major of the Communications Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 3103, SD 2, HD 1, Relating to Enhanced 911 Surcharges, with the following suggested amendments:

1. Set the unspecified prepaid wireless enhanced 911 surcharge at 66 cents
2. Amend the effective date to January 1, 2015, versus July 1, 2050

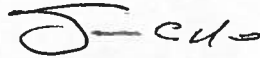
This bill provides fair and equitable contribution to the funding of the 911 system. Currently, prepaid wireless consumers are exempt from paying the 66 cents surcharge but have the same access to the 911 system. The collection and payment obligation of charges to support the 911 system should be in parity with other wireless consumers.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 3103, SD 2, HD 1, with the suggested amendments.

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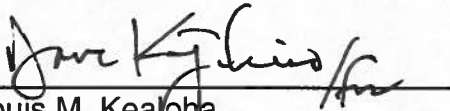
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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TESTIMONY OF JEFFREY T. ONO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF
CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, TO THE HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL NO. 3103, SD2, HD1 - RELATING TO ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGES

DESCRIPTION:

This measure proposes to collect the Enhanced 911 ("E911) surcharge from prepaid wireless consumers at the retail point of sale.

POSITION:

The Division of Consumer Advocacy supports this measure.

COMMENTS:

This bill would impose the E911 surcharge on prepaid wireless customers for each retail transaction of prepaid wireless telecommunications service at the point of sale. Prepaid wireless customers are currently exempt pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 138-4(b)(2) from paying the E911 surcharge and yet prepaid wireless customers have always had access to the E911 system and its services. Under this exemption, prepaid wireless customers have been subsidized by the postpaid

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customers who pay the monthly E911 surcharge of 66 cents. Given the importance of the 911 system to all members of our community, the system should be funded in a fair and equitable manner and this bill will provide parity among all wireless customers. The Consumer Advocate supports the collection of the E911 surcharge from prepaid wireless customers.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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SB3103

Submitted on: 4/3/2014

Testimony for FIN on Apr 3, 2014 14:00PM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arvid Tadao Youngquist	I Love Kalihi Valley	Support	No

Comments: Chair, Rep. Sylvia Luke, House Finance Vice Chairmen Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto & Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson (Miority Leader)-Right Honorable House Finance Committee Members We support this measure. Sometimes, it is a matter of attention to details and the "small things" that add up and help balance the State Budget. We thank the maker of this proposal. Perhaps in the Report, the Committee can make allowance language for fixed income and low income family that avail themselves of the 911, meaning actual ambulance requests, rather than domestic violence and other crime reports, as well as traffic reports. The caller should not be the one footing the bill for a Good Samaritan action. An exemption for such a situation should either be in the language of the measure, and at the very least in the Report. The spirit of the measure should be considered as well as the letter of the law which eventually is adopted in administrative rules format. Mahalo for hearing this measure and discussing it because it is something near and close to all of us, i.e., reach out and touch someone...can you hear me now? Me Ke Aloha Pumehana, Arvid Tadao Youngquist Administrator, Founder, & Spokesman

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tim Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tim Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I really think that there are areas in the budget that should already cover this. I do not think that it is right to make some one pay for a call for help. Is that not what we keep paying taxes for.. And I might add that the keep going up.

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