

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1701

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2017

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 542,  
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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 542 and 698, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

ENHANCED 911 BOARD

G.M. No. 542 BENJAMIN MORGAN,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2020; and

G.M. No. 698 KENNETH BUGADO, JR.,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2020,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees and finds Benjamin Morgan and Kenneth Bugado, Jr., to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Enhanced 911 Board.

BENJAMIN MORGAN

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Benjamin Morgan from the Department of Accounting and General Services, Enhanced 911 Board, County of Hawai'i Police Department, Maui Police Department, and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Morgan's expertise in telecommunications and specialized understanding of operational excellence further qualify him for appointment to the Enhanced 911 Board. Mr. Morgan has nearly

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fifteen years of experience in telecommunications, and is currently Vice President of Customer Care and Network Reliability at Hawaiian Telecom. In his position at Hawaiian Telecom, the nominee was involved in the project that resulted in the successful migration of all 911 dispatch centers across Hawaii from the legacy 911 call-taking system to the IP-based NG911 platform, which increased system reliability, security, and capabilities. Your Committee notes that Mr. Morgan has substantial relevant experience in telecommunications, proven capability in deploying technology solutions, and a desire and passion to contribute meaningfully to a reliable infrastructure for this critical service for the people of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that Mr. Morgan has been nominated for appointment to the Enhanced 911 Board as the representative of the public utility that provides telecommunications services and landline enhanced 911 services and his professional experience and specialized understanding of telecommunications operations will be assets to the Board.

KENNETH BUGADO, JR.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Kenneth Bugado, Jr., from the Department of Accounting and General Services, Enhanced 911 Board, County of Hawai'i Police Department, Honolulu Police Department, Maui Police Department, and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Bugado's wealth of experience in law enforcement, emergency response, and criminal intelligence further qualify him for appointment to the Enhanced 911 Board. Your Committee notes that Mr. Bugado has been a police officer for twenty-eight years and during that time he has risen through the ranks to his current position of Deputy Chief. During his long career, the nominee has obtained extensive experience as a patrol officer and first responder and in criminal intelligence and investigations, and substantial administrative experience within the County of Hawai'i Police Department. Mr. Bugado is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Intelligence National Academy. His expertise in public safety and understanding of emergency response make him an excellent nominee for membership on the Board. Your Committee further finds that Mr. Bugado has been nominated for appointment to the Enhanced 911 Board as the public safety answering point representative for the County of Hawai'i and his experience, knowledge, and commitment to the community and public safety will be assets to the Board.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Government  
Operations,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair





