



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 0460, RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2017 **TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 312

TESTIFIER(S): Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or
Michael S. Vincent, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Takayama and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this bill, which is similar to the same bill submitted as part of the Governor's administration package (H.B. No. 1090, S.B. No. 956).

While great strides have been made in Hawaii to establish interoperable public safety communications for our first responders, we continue to lack a statewide governance to oversee this work and establish policies and guidance that will help all the state and county agencies to one day achieve a truly interoperable communications environment.

Hawaii was one of five states selected by the National Governor's Association and the United States Department of Homeland Security-Office of Emergency Communications to develop an initiative or project to establish a statewide interoperable public safety communications governance structure in Hawaii that would be a model that other states in the nation can look to for an example.

Following an initial meeting with all participating states in May, the Governor held an executive-level summit in July to discuss interoperable public safety communications governance issues in Hawaii. This bill is a result of this collaboration of county and state public safety agencies and what is anticipated to helping establish a governance

structure that will guide Hawaii into firmly establishing sound interoperable public safety communications policy, practice, and procedures for the entire State.

We recommend passage of this bill or the bills in the Governor's administration package (H.B. No. 1090, S.B. No. 956) that are similar to the current measure.

Thank you for your consideration and support of our first responders.

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February 7, 2017

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
Committee on Public Safety
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 323
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 460 Relating to Statewide Interoperable Public Safety Communications

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support HB 460, which proposes to establish a statewide governance system to set the policies and direction for the statewide interoperable public safety communications.

This bill would establish an interoperability executive board and an interoperable public safety communications trust fund. The executive board would implement the communication interoperability plan, recommend strategies to improve public safety interoperability communications, coordinate state and county activities relating to interoperability communication systems, and report to and advise the Governor. To support this program, a statewide interoperability public safety communications trust fund would be established and funded by authorizing surcharges on various motor vehicle citations and criminal penalties.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's passage of HB 460 for the safety and general welfare of all our citizens.

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
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Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,



MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 460
RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMUNICATIONS

by

Nolan P. Espinda, Director
Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Public Safety
Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Matthew S. LoPresti, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 9, 2017; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill (HB) 460, which proposes to establish the Statewide Interoperability Executive Board within the State Department of Defense to serve as the primary steering group for public safety interoperable communications statewide.

Interoperable public safety communications for state and city first responders is critical to the safety and well-being of our community. HB 460 proposes to establish a statewide coordinated governance board which will establish policies and guidance that will help all state and county agencies achieve effective statewide interoperability.

PSD supports HB 460, as well as, HB 1090 and SB 956, which are similar to the measure currently before your Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 460
A BILL RELATED TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

TESTIMONY TO
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
BY
MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND DIRECTOR OF
HOMELAND SECURITY

February 9, 2017

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Lopresti, and Members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT of HB460.

The proposal of HB460 strengthens interoperable communications through governance. Lesson have shown states with effective governance leads to stronger collaboration consensus, coordination and support; strategic plans and messaging strategy keep states focused on priorities; legislative engagement promotes understanding and long-term support; and statewide interoperability coordinators can advance state's strategy.

Interoperable radio and data communications are essential for public safety. The ability of first responders to communicate across agencies, jurisdictions, and throughout the state relies upon the seamless interaction of one communications system with another. Delays in communication at the scene can make the difference between life and death. Developing these efficiencies requires investment in infrastructure, training, exercise and technology. Each of those pieces, as well as the technical ability of first responders to communicate, relies on the overall governance of the statewide interoperability communications system.

Governance is the system by involving key state and county leaders working together to make informed decisions to advance interoperable communications will advance the state's operability and interoperability. A collaborative governance approach will assist in developing efficient and coordinated interoperable communications.

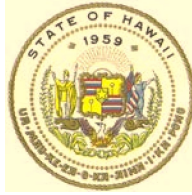
As the central coordination point for their state or territory, the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) plays a critical role in a state's interoperability effort. The SWIC works with emergency response leaders across all levels of government to implement a statewide strategic vision for interoperability.

As part of my testimony I am attaching a paper from the National Governor's Association where Hawaii participated with Alaska, Illinois, Utah, and West Virginia to help further the need and advancement for governance and the Statewide Interoperable Coordinator.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 460.

Attachment

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Thursday, February 9, 2017
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 460
RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMUNICATIONS**

House Bill 460 proposes to establish a statewide interoperability executive board that shall collaborate with all levels of government to set statewide policy for statewide interoperable public safety communications. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

Over the past few years, the Department has participated in several large scale, joint operations with various county, state and federal public safety agencies, including the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature-World Conservation Congress as well as visits of various world leaders. An important component for success in these joint operations is the ability to have interoperable communications with all agencies. Radio communication interoperability is also an important component in routine, daily law enforcement activities, as the Department's Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officers work with other law enforcement officers and first responders on a regular basis. The Department believes this board will provide essential guidance, coordination and policy between public safety agencies, thus increasing communication interoperability.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

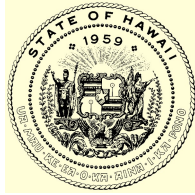
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Testimony of
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Thursday, February 9, 2017; 10:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 460
RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti, and Members of the Committee:

I am Todd Nacapuy, State Chief Information Officer (CIO), testifying in **support** of House Bill No. 460, Relating to Statewide Interoperable Public Safety Communications, which establishes the Statewide Interoperability Executive Board within the State Department of Defense (DoD).

Under Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 27-43, the Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) provides the statewide backbone infrastructure for terrestrial and radio communication for all State agencies, including those supporting public safety, emergency response, and disaster management in the DoD. As provided for in this bill, creating a governing body and designating a position in the DoD to coordinate radio communication activities among State, county and federal partners will improve how we deliver services and deploy limited resources during routine operations as well as disasters and emergencies.

However, request two language changes in the bill to: 1) properly reflect the Chief Information Officer's (CIO) title as stated in statute; and 2) provide the CIO flexibility, as needed, to designate the most appropriate, knowledgeable individual to the Statewide Interoperability Executive Board:

(8) The chief information officer, head of the office of enterprise technology services;
[~~provided that any designee of the chief information officer shall hold a decision-making role and shall be knowledgeable of public safety communications;~~]

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
The Honorable Matthew S. LoPresti, Vice
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Committee on Public Safety
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415 South Beretania Street, Room 312
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Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti, and Members:

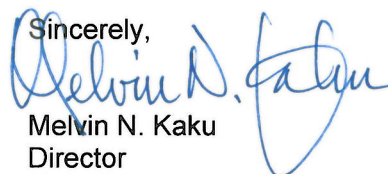
**SUBJECT: H.B. 460 RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC
SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS**

I am Melvin Kaku, Director of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), City and County of Honolulu.

DEM supports the intent of H.B. 460 which establishes the Statewide Interoperability Executive Board within the State Department of Defense to serve as the primary steering group for public safety interoperable communications statewide, but with amendments.

Part II (b) provides a list of members or member's designee appointed to the primary steering committee allowing the State to hold eight (8) voting members and each county to hold one (1), for a total of four (4) votes, which could favor the outcome to the State. DEM recommends that the State amend H.B. 460 to allow one (1) voting member for State and one (1) voting member for each county.

I urge your committee to consider the amendment above. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Melvin N. Kaku
Director

cc: Roy K. Amemiya, Jr., Managing Director

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February 7, 2017

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
Committee on Public Safety
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 323
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 460 Relating to Statewide Interoperable Public Safety Communications

I am Robert F. Westerman, Vice-Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The SFC and the KFD support HB 460, which proposes to establish as statewide governance system to set the policies and direction for the statewide interoperable public safety communications.

This bill would establish an interoperability executive board and an interoperable public safety communications trust fund. The executive board would implement the communication interoperability plan, recommend strategies to improve public safety interoperability communications, coordinate state and county activities relating to interoperability communication systems, and report to and advise the Governor. To support this program, a statewide interoperability public safety communications trust fund would be established and funded by authorizing surcharges on various motor vehicle citations and criminal penalties.

The SFC and the KFD urge your committee's passage of HB 460 for the safety and general welfare of all our citizens.

Please call me at (808) 241-4975 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Westerman
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
The Honorable Matthew S. Lopresti, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee on Public Safety

The House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: House Bill No. 460, RELATING TO STATEWIDE
INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Lopresti, and Members of the Committee:

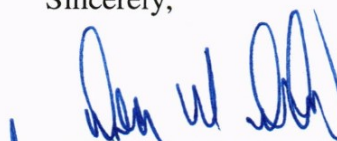
The Maui Police Department fully supports H.B. No. 460.

In times of major crises, communications are not as fluid between responding agencies when first assigned, during, and after the initial call. The statewide interoperability executive board, working in collaboration with all levels of government, will set statewide policy for statewide interoperable public safety communications.

Protecting the public requires close coordination among all levels of government as well as with the private sector. With a statewide interoperable public safety communications system, this will bring us closer to our goal.

We ask that you support H.B. No. 460. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

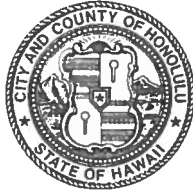
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and Members
Committee on Public Safety
House of Representatives
State Capitol
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Dear Chair Takayama and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 460, Relating to Statewide Interoperable Public Safety Communications

I am Warren S. Izumigawa, Departmental Radio Communications Coordinator of the Telecommunications Systems Section of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the intent of House Bill No. 460, Relating to Statewide Interoperable Public Safety Communications, with amendments. This bill proposes to establish the Statewide Interoperability Executive Board (SIEB) within the state's Department of Defense to serve as the primary steering committee for public safety interoperability communications statewide.

The HPD recommends that the state amend this bill to allow equitable representation from each county and the state with members who are familiar with first responder public safety communications requirements and to allow each county and the state to have an equitable number of voting members.

As the Communications Unit Leader under the National Incident Command System, I currently provide and support interoperability communications for the state's and the counties' first responder agencies. This bill is important and it is something we need; it can be effective if the SIEB is equally represented to support the state and all counties in the efforts to provide statewide interoperability public safety communications.


The HPD strongly supports House Bill No. 460 with amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

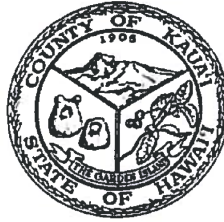
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Acting Chief of Police

Sincerely,


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February 8, 2017

The Honorable Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair, Matthew S. LoPresti, Vice Chair and Members, Committee on Public Safety

State House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street
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SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF H.B. 460 RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti and Committee Members:

I am Elton Ushio, Administrator of the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency, testifying in support of H.B. 460, which proposes to establish a statewide interoperability executive board, along with a statewide interoperability coordinator.

The Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency supports the intent of H.B. 460, but would like the committee to note that we have concerns regarding the proposed composition of the statewide interoperability executive board.

Here, whereas that the vast majority of governmental public safety first-responder entities and personnel are at the city/county level, I recommend that you consider modification of board composition to reduce the number of non-county non-first responder entities. This will help to ensure better balance that is commensurate to the balance of state and county boots-on-the-ground public safety interoperable communications stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Elton S. Ushio
Emergency Management Administrator

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Comments: In support of this measure. Mahalo.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 460
A BILL RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
BY
MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
8 February 2017



Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Lopresti and Members of the Committee.

I am Major General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 460.

This measure strengthens interoperable communications through governance. A collaborative governance approach will assist in developing efficient and coordinated interoperable communications.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 460.