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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2888, SD2
RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS.

PRESENTATION TO:
THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA
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MARCH 13, 2020

Chair Takeyama, Vice Chair Gates and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General, Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and Director of Homeland Security.

The Department of Defense (DOD) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB 2888 SD2.

Governance sets the foundation for the collaboration and decision making necessary to support operability, interoperability, and continuity of emergency communications. A formal public safety communications governance body can provide a clear direction for future communications efforts to executive leadership, a framework for impacted parties to collaborate and make recommendations and more effective and efficient use of financial and technology resources.

Potential benefits that could result from the formation of such a body include:

- Better alignment in public safety communications strategies at all levels of government within the state
- Increased coordination in response to incidents and emergencies which can help save lives
- Greater insight into existing public safety communications capabilities, identify gaps, and assess areas for cooperation
- Better awareness of shared resources across levels and jurisdictions for incident response such as a cadre of trained professionals who can manage communications for incidents and emergencies
- Buy-in through participation and understanding of interoperability strategies included in decisions related to operability and interoperability

This measure proposes to create a new part to HRS Chapter 128A which would consist of the following 3 sections:

1. Establishes a Statewide Interoperable Communications Executive Committee to develop plans and strategies to improve public safety communications interoperability among state, county, and, where possible, federal public safety agencies. The Committee would be made up of 7 representatives from State agencies; 8 representatives from County agencies; and the chair of the 911 Board. This is important so that public safety communications can be discussed at a senior level for the reasons described above.
2. Establishes a statewide interoperable communications technical subcommittee whose purpose is to provide technical advice to the statewide interoperable communications executive committee. It is intended that the members of this technical subcommittee would be the same as those who currently participate in the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) meetings. This would allow the collective expertise of the SCIP group can be shared amongst all government agencies who utilize public safety communications networks.
3. Establishes the Statewide Interoperable Communications Coordinator (SWIC), as a full-time position exempt from chapter 76 whose critical responsibilities include aiding stakeholders in the development of projects, plans, policies, standards, priorities, and guidelines for statewide interoperable public safety communications. This position was previously established in HRS Chapter 127 and is fully funded. This measure seeks to codify the language describing the SWIC position in the statute. There will be no increased expense to DOD or the State.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in Support of SB 2888 SD2.

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PRESENTATION TO:
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BY

EVERETT S. KANESHIGE
STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY COORDINATOR

MARCH 13, 2020

Chair Takeyama, Vice Chair Gates and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

My name is Everett Kaneshige and I am the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator with the Office of Homeland Security at the State Department of Defense. Thank you for the opportunity for our office to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB 2888, SD2.

The reasons that our office supports this measure are the same as those set forth in the testimony that was submitted by Major General Kenneth S. Hara, Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii.

In addition, I would like to provide the Committee with the following additional information:

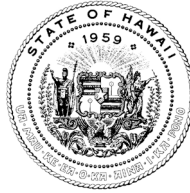
1. On January 6, 2020, a copy of this measure was distributed to approximately 136 public safety communications stakeholders who are on the notice list for the quarterly Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan Committee (SCIP) meetings which are hosted by our office.
2. On February 5, 2020, this measure was presented and discussed by approximately 48 public safety communications officials at a SCIP meeting held in Honolulu, HI.
3. On February 6, 2020, this measure was presented and discussed by approximately 35 public safety officials at an Enhanced 911 Board meeting held in Honolulu, HI.
4. On March 4, 2020, representatives from the State Department of Defense met with representatives from the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and the City and County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to discuss revisions that HPD & DEM proposed regarding the selection of the members on the Statewide Interoperable Executive Communications Committee by the counties. (The proposed revisions are consistent with HPD's written testimony that has been submitted for

this hearing.) We communicated to HPD & DEM that we did not object to their proposed changes to the bill. However, since the proposed changes could impact each of the counties differently, we would defer to each county whether they feel the proposed changes meet their needs.

I would be happy to answer any questions that the Committee may have about the bill or any of the revisions that have been proposed. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in Support of SB 2888 SD2.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

SENATE BILL NO. 2888 SD2
RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and members of the committee:

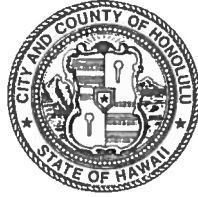
The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) supports the intent of this bill, which establishes a Statewide Interoperable Communications Executive Committee for public safety communications and the position of the Statewide Interoperable Communications Coordinator.

For many years, ETS has worked closely with many State agencies, including the State Department of Defense, to build, maintain, and use the State government wireless and terrestrial infrastructure that provide emergency communications for the many responding agencies. As revised, this bill further clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the proposed Statewide Interoperable Communications Executive Committee and of the Interoperable Communications Coordinator. ETS agrees that federal, state, city, and county first responders and response agencies must effectively communicate with each other during emergency situations and disasters to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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March 13, 2020

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
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Committee on Public Safety, Veterans,
and Military Affairs
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 430
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama and Members:

**SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2888, SD2, Relating to Statewide Interoperable Public Safety
Safety Communications**

I am Gerald Kaneshiro, Major of the Communications Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the intent of Senate Bill No. 2888, SD2, Relating to Statewide Interoperable Public Communications, as the concept will be beneficial for the State of Hawaii. The HPD recognizes that communications is an important aspect when responding to any emergency whether it is a natural disaster or any other emergency event. Effective coordination is critical to ensuring successful emergency communications.

The HPD does not, however, agree with the process of selecting an agency representative and the number of members to represent each county agency. Specifically, page 6, line 18, "(9) Two members at the executive or senior personnel level from the first responder or emergency management agencies in each of the four counties to be selected by the mayors of each respective county."

The member to serve on the executive committee should be selected by the director or department head of a first responder agency of each respective county. In addition, the number of representatives from each county agency should be increased from two to four. The City and County of Honolulu should have a total of four representatives from the following: One from the HPD, one from the Honolulu Fire Department, and two from the Honolulu Emergency Services Department that would include their Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Division.

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The HPD is currently working with the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator's office, Hawaii Department of Defense, to amend the language of the bill to place emphasis on the counties since they are the largest stakeholders during an emergency event.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


Gerald Kaneshiro, Major
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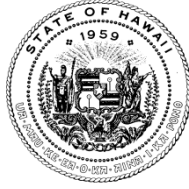
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RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMUNICATIONS.

House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this measure to establish the statewide interoperable communications executive committee and technical subcommittee, and the position of statewide interoperability communications coordinator.

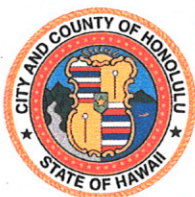
The proposed bill would bring local, state, federal and non-governmental agencies together to develop plans and strategies to improve interoperability. Effective interoperable communication is needed especially during and post disaster or major emergency to coordinate public safety, debris removal, utility restoration, emergency medical, repair work, and relief efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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The Honorable Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans
and Military Affairs
House of Representatives
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Asuega Gates, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans and Military Affairs:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 2888, SD2 Relating to Statewide Interoperable Public Safety Communications

Senate Bill 2888, SD2 establishes the statewide interoperable communications executive committee and technical subcommittee, and the position of statewide interoperability communications coordinator as a position exempt from section 76-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) recognizes the critical importance of a functional interoperable communications system and offers comments on SB2888, SD2.

Section 2 of SB2888, SD2 establishes a statewide interoperable communications executive committee which develops, reviews, and adopts plans to enable and support a functional interoperable communication system statewide. Section 2 also defines the membership of the executive committee which consists of eight (8) members from state agencies and eight (8) members from county agencies. Counties are at the forefront of emergency response and should have proportionate representation on the executive committee. DEM believes each county should have a member for every state agency member, i.e. four (4) county members for every state member.


Based on the reasons stated above, we would request that on page 6, lines 18-21, subsection 9 be amended to read as follows: "(9) Four members at the executive or senior personnel level from the first responder or emergency management agencies in each of the four counties, to be selected by the respective heads of the first responder or emergency management agencies."

Communication systems are lifelines for our first responders who depend on them every day and during times of large scale emergencies. Counties should be afforded representation to provide their expertise to determine the future of these critical systems.

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Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Sincerely,



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