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Testimony of Jame K. Schaedel

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Support for House Bill No. 956 - Relating to Statewide Interoperable Public Safety Communications

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Honorable Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **support** for House Bill No. 956. This bill would create a Statewide Interoperable Communications Executive Committee, a technical subcommittee, and establish the position of Statewide Interoperable Communications Coordinator in the Office of Homeland Security within the state Department of Defense.

I offer this testimony as a private citizen.

The proposed committees and position will ensure the state remains committed to the principles and lessons learned after the horrific attacks against the citizens of our nation on September 11, 2001. First responders from multiple local, district, state and federal agencies, and military personnel arriving at the Pentagon were unable to communicate with each other which resulted in confusion and hindered rescue efforts.

As a result, the Federal Emergency Management Agency developed the National Response Framework (NRF) which is a guide on how the nation responds to disasters and emergencies. Contained within the NRF is Emergency Support Function No. 2 (ESF 2) which relates to communications.

This bill will allow the Adjutant General to formally employ someone in his department to coordinate the state's ESF 2 kuleana.

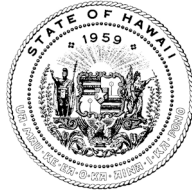
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I believe this bill is necessary to maintain existing capabilities to ensure multiple state and county agencies can communicate with each other during disasters and emergencies. Further, the coordinator will ensure individual agencies do not deviate from the NRF or ESF 2. I implore your Committees to pass this bill, un-amended, with a recommendation for passage on Second Reading.

Respectfully,

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY
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HOUSE BILL 956
RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Chairs Ichiyama and Takayama, Vice Chairs Eli and DeCoite, and members of the committees:

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

ETS fully supports improving coordination among city, county, state, and federal agencies that respond to emergencies and disasters.

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

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PRESENTATION TO THE COMMITTEES ON:
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February 16, 2021

Chairs Ichiyama and Takayama, Vice Chairs Eli and DeCoite, and Members of the Committees on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness and Higher Education & Technology.

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 HB 956.

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, Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security Advisor

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

1. On December 3, 2021, 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 11, 2021, a copy of this measure was presented and discussed by approximately 35 public safety officials at a meeting of the Enhanced 911 held in Honolulu, HI.

Finally, I am requesting to add the following sentence at the end of line 15 on page 4 of the bill:

“The statewide interoperable communications technical subcommittee shall not have a fixed membership, shall not be subject to any quorum requirement, and shall be exempt from part I of chapter 92.”

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the statewide interoperable communications technical subcommittee does not fall under the definition of a “board” under HRS Chapter 92, Part I because it does not have a fixed membership or quorum requirement. The Office of Information Practices was consulted in the drafting of this amendment.

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 HB 956.

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