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February 18, 2025

The Senate  
Ka'aha Kenekoa  
The Thirty Third Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
Committee on Labor and Technology  
Henry Aquino (Chair)  
Senator Chris Lee (Vice Chair)

My name is Gary Yabuta and I'm the Executive Director of the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)--a grant-funded program of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President. The Hawaii HIDTA supports drug interdiction and demand reduction strategies by developing collaborative federal, state, and local enforcement task forces and prevention programs throughout the Hawaii, including the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii County, Maui County, and Kauai County. With HIDTA funding, resources, analytical support and training, the HIDTA program serves as a force-multiplier in statewide, interstate, and international narcotic interdiction operatives.

I strongly support the reappointment of Hawaii Police Department, Deputy Chief Reed Mahuna to the state's Enhanced E-911 Board.

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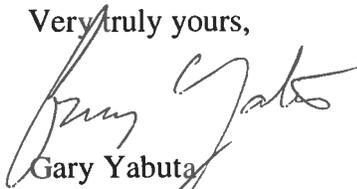
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**HAWAII HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA**

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I have known Deputy Chief Mahuna during my tenor years as the Chief of Police of the Maui Police Department, and I continue to interact with him in my current position as the Hawaii HIDTA Executive Director. I am also well-versed in the E-911 program, and I know firsthand of its benefits for public safety in Hawaii. I am very proud of the leadership abilities of Deputy Chief Mahuna, which will effectively nurture strategies for the best interests of our Hawaii communities.

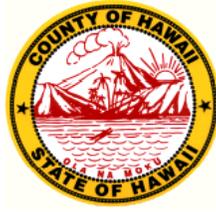
Very truly yours,

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Gary Yabuta  
Executive Director

Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

**C. Kimo Alameda, Ph.D.**  
*Mayor*



**William V. Brilhante, Jr.**  
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*Deputy Managing Director*

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February 14, 2025

The Honorable Ronald Kouchi  
President, Hawai'i State Senate  
Hawai'i State Capitol Room 409  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Honorable Senator Kouchi:

I am writing to formally express my support for Deputy Chief Reed Mahuna's endorsement regarding the E911 Board. Deputy Chief Mahuna has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment to our community, making significant strides in enhancing public safety and fostering collaboration among various stakeholders.

His expertise and experience are invaluable assets that will undoubtedly contribute to the effectiveness and efficiency of the E911 Board. I believe that his unique insights and dedication to community service will facilitate achieving our collective goals and ensuring our initiatives are well-received and successfully implemented.

It is imperative that we continue to support individuals like Deputy Chief Mahuna, who are devoted to the betterment of our community. I urge you to consider this letter as a testament to his capabilities and as a call for your favorable consideration of his appointment to the E911 Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your favorable response.

Mahalo,

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C. Kimo Alameda, PhD  
Mayor

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi  
Council Vice Chair  
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## HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

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February 28, 2025

To: Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

From: Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, Hawai'i Island Council Member  
Council District 3, Portions of South Hilo, Portions of Kea'au

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Re: GM614 - The nomination of Major Reed Mahuna for the Enhanced 911 Board

I am honored to submit this testimony in strong support of GM614, which nominates Reed Mahuna to the Enhanced 911 Board.

Major Mahuna has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, integrity, and dedication to the betterment of our community. With a career that began in 1998 and spanning over 25 years, he has held various significant roles, including overseeing the Criminal Investigation Division and the Technical Services Division. His responsibilities have ranged from managing the Crime Lab and Communications Dispatch Center to serving as a Police Officer, Detective, and Captain in multiple districts. His deep understanding of public service and emergency response makes him a fitting choice for this board.

I strongly believe that Major Mahuna will serve with distinction, advancing the goals of the Enhanced 911 Board and contributing to the continued progress of the State of Hawai'i. Therefore, I respectfully urge the committee to confirm their nomination under GM614.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

**KELDEN B.A. WALTJEN**  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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## **OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

### **TESTIMONY REGARDING GOV. MESSAGE NO. 614**

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND  
CONFIRMATION TO THE ENHANCED 911 BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, REED MAHUNA, FOR A  
TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028.

#### **COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.  
Via Videoconference  
State Capitol Conference Room 225  
415 South Beretania Street

Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee on Government Operations. The County of Hawai'i, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney submits the following testimony in support of the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Reed K. Mahuna, to the Enhanced 911 Board ("Board").

Deputy Chief Mahuna was born and raised in our community and has chosen to dedicate his career to the people and County of Hawai'i. Deputy Chief Mahuna has served the Hawai'i Police Department ("HPD") with honor and distinction for the past 27 years. Prior to being named Deputy Chief, he served as a Patrol Officer, Traffic Enforcement Officer, Criminal Investigation Section Detective, Patrol and Vice Section Lieutenant, Criminal Investigation Division and Patrol Captain, and Administrative Services Bureau and Technical Services Police Major. As Police Major, Deputy Chief Mahuna oversaw the command of HPD's Information Technology, Records and Identification, Dispatch, Traffic Services and the Radio Maintenance sections.

The purpose of the Board is to manage, administer, provide technical expertise, and perform fiscal duties necessary for the collection of 911 surcharge tax revenue. The Board also manages the distribution of funds in accordance with the law to the five primary and three secondary county public safety answering points in our state and the wireless/VoIP carriers providing service to the public.

His extensive law enforcement expertise, distinct experience in commanding HPD's Administrative Services Bureau and Technical Services section, leadership and management abilities, and passion for public service, makes Deputy Chief Mahuna not only an ideal candidate to serve upon the Board but also a tremendous asset to the people of the State of Hawai'i.

For the foregoing reasons, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i, expresses our enthusiastic support for Deputy Chief Mahuna's nomination to the Board. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

**GM-614**

Submitted on: 2/24/2025 9:43:43 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/4/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Talmadge Magno	Testifying for Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee on Government Operations,

I am providing support for the Bill 614 GM and consideration and confirmation to the Enhanced 911 Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, REED MAHUNA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

My direct contact and work with Deputy Police Chief Mahuna through the years as we worked on assignments at multiple levels has shown me his dedication, experience and maturity which will benefit our communities and the 911 programs. Mahalo

Talmadge Magno

Hawaii County Civil Defense Administrator

February 14, 2025

Committee on Government Operations  
Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: Nomination of Deputy Chief Reed Mahuna, Hawaii County Police Department to the Enhanced 911 Board.

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you in support of Governor Josh Green, M.D. in his nomination of Deputy Chief Reed Mahuna of the Hawaii County Police Department for an appointment to the Enhanced 911 Board.

Deputy Chief Mahuna is currently serving on the Enhanced 911 Board. Deputy Chief Mahuna has provided the Board's members with critical real-life experiences that permit for better oversight and decision making. Having Deputy Chief Mahuna continue in his capacity as a board member will allow for the continued success of this entity.

I urge you and your committee members to reconfirm Deputy Chief Reed Mahuna for another term on the State of Hawaii Enhanced 911 Board.

Sincerely,

Chad J. Basque  
Assistant Police Chief  
Hawaii County Police Department

Captain Levon Stevens  
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February 24, 2025

Senate Committee on Government Operations  
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Subject: Letter of Support for Reed Mahuna's Nomination to the Enhanced 911 Board

Dear Senate Committee on Government Operations,

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit this letter of support for the nomination of Deputy Chief Reed Mahuna to the Enhanced 911 Board. I have known Deputy Chief Mahuna for approximately 20 years and have been consistently impressed by his dedication to public safety and his expertise in law enforcement leadership, emergency response, and technical services.

While serving as the Hawai'i Police Department's accreditation manager, I worked closely with Deputy Chief Mahuna on various initiatives related to emergency response and community preparedness, which included planning, drafting, and revising associated department policies and procedures.

Deputy Chief Mahuna's extensive experience he gained while serving as the Major of Technical Services for the Hawai'i Police Department makes him uniquely qualified to contribute to the board. His expertise in law enforcement leadership, public safety radio communications, and dispatch operations is particularly valuable.

His appointment to the Enhanced 911 Board would bring valuable expertise and perspective, ensuring that the system effectively serves our community's needs.

Therefore, I wholeheartedly recommend Reed Mahuna for your consideration for the Enhanced 911 Board. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 808-961-2247 or via email at [levon.stevens@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:levon.stevens@hawaiicounty.gov).

Sincerely,



Levon Stevens  
Captain of Administrative Services  
Hawai'i Police Department

February 24, 2025

Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
and Committee Members  
Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 221  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair McKelvey and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 614  
ENHANCED 911 BOARD GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE REED MAHUNA

My name is Sherry Bird, and I'm employed with the Hawaii Police Department currently serving as the Administrative Services Bureau Assistant Chief. I am writing in strong support, both personally and professionally, for Gubernatorial Nominee Reed Mahuna's nomination as a Board Member of the Enhanced 911 (E911) Board.

Reed and I joined the Hawaii Police Department at the same time over 27 years ago, and I can attest to his reliability, trustworthiness, and commitment to fulfill all duties and responsibilities bestowed upon him. Reed has strong ethical and moral values, and he consistently demonstrates his commitment to accomplish organizational tasks and possesses an unquestionable dedication to duty.

Should Reed be confirmed as a member of the E911 Board, I am fully confident that he will provide positive and meaningful contributions to the Board and would satisfactorily fulfill the duties and responsibilities expected of him. As such, I offer my strong support for his confirmation.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact me at Sherry.Bird@hawaiicounty.gov or (808)961-2261.

Sincerely,



Sherry D. Bird

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February 20, 2025

Submitted online

Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair  
Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: **Governor's Message No. 614**  
**Nomination of Reed Mahuna to the Enhanced 911 Board**

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

This letter is submitted in strong support of the nomination for Hawaii County Police Deputy Chief Reed Mahuna's nomination for service on the Enhanced 911 Board. I have known Deputy Chief Mahuna for over 25 years, and believe I am qualified to offer a balanced recommendation concerning his fitness for this particular board position.

Deputy Chief Mahuna and I worked together during my service as a prosecutor for the County of Hawaii. From a responsible uniformed patrolman to district commander, to now the second in command, Deputy Chief Mahuna has always maintained the highest standards of professionalism as a representative of our police department. He interacted with crime victims with compassion, led his direct reports with firmness and necessary discipline, and has always been accountable to our community.

Socially, Deputy Chief Mahuna is always appropriate. His humility as an accomplished police professional is refreshing. He is known as a lifelong student, always prioritizing education as the foundation of a successful work life, as well as for service to our community.

With all respect and deference to the confirming authority of your Committee, I would unqualifiedly recommend Deputy Chief Mahuna for your favorable consideration. He possesses all the professional and human qualities most admired as leaders in our community.

Very truly yours,

TORKILDSON KATZ  
A Law Corporation



Lincoln S. T. Ashida

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair

Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, March 4, 2025  
TIME: 3:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

I am writing in strong and unequivocal support of Reed Mahuna's continued service on the Enhanced 911 Board, where he has served since 2023. The Board and our state will be fortunate if Reed is able to continue his current service.

As Deputy Chief of Police, Reed Mahuna is aware of the important role the Enhanced 911 system plays in the safety of the people of Hawaii.

I have known Reed for 25 years and have watched him work his way up from a police officer to Deputy Chief of Police. I had the privilege last year to attend his swearing in as Deputy Chief and heard from many Big Island residents about the high esteem in which they hold Reed.

Reed has lived a life of service dedicated to making the Big Island as safe as possible. During his 27 years as a part of the Hawaii Police Department, he has served in nearly every division and district. He is very knowledgeable about the need for effective communications capabilities.

I think Reed Mahua is well-qualified to serve another term on the Enhanced 911 Board. I ask that you vote to confirm him

Thank you for considering my opinion on this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Lingle  
Governor of Hawaii (2002-2010)

**GM-614**

Submitted on: 2/21/2025 5:30:27 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/4/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Kurohara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is David Kurohara and I support Hawaii County Deputy Police Chief Reed Mahuna to be reelected to the State of Hawaii 911 Board. In the area of first responders and public safety, Mr. Mahuna fully understands our communities needs and has demonstrated countless number of times the critical role local police, fire and emergency responders have during storm conditions, traffic incidents, power outages and other scenarios that places our communities at risk. His leadership, experience and guidance shall continue to add value to the State's 911 Board. Please re-elect Mr Reed Mahuna for another term. Thank you..

February 17 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President, and members of the Senate 33rd legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

My name is Joseph Hanley Jr. retired Chairman of Inter Pacific Motors Inc. I am proud to offer my recommendation of Reed Mahuna, Whom I have known for over 25 years as my friend.

During my relationship with Reed, I have witnessed an exemplary individual dedicated to excelling in their professional and personal affairs through a strong work ethic and the utmost respect for others. Reed, more than anything else, is a family-oriented person who has always conducted and presented themselves with a polite demeanor and level headedness in their judgment. I am confident Reed will be a great fit, and I give my highest recommendation.

Please feel free to contact me if you should require any further information

Respectfully,



February 17, 2025

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Paul K. Ferreira  
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February 15, 2025

Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey  
Chairperson and Committee Members  
Committee on Government Operations  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: GM 614  
HEARING DATE: MARCH 4, 2025  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.

Dear Senator McKelvey,

It is with great pleasure, that I **strongly endorse** the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Deputy Police Chief Reed Mahuna, to represent the Hawai'i Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) on the State of Hawai'i, Enhanced 911 Board.

On September 1, 2022, after 40 years of service with the Hawai'i Police Department I retired as the Police Chief, and I have had the privilege and honor of knowing Reed Mahuna for a majority of his police career. He has always been someone you could easily work with and throughout his career has conducted himself with the highest moral and ethical standards.

Reed Mahuna has over twenty-seven years of experience with the Hawai'i Police Department as a police officer and has demonstrated that he is committed to ensuring that the community receives the highest quality of emergency services possible. His specific experiences in various positions within the Hawai'i Police Department will enable Reed Mahuna to provide tremendous insight into the objective of providing Enhanced 911 services throughout the State of Hawai'i.

Having served on the Enhanced 911 Board myself and understanding what is expected of its members, I can state without any reservations that Reed Mahuna possesses the knowledge and skills that are necessary to be a valuable asset to the Enhanced 911 Board.

For the reasons above, I strongly urge this committee to approve the appointment of Deputy Police Chief Reed Mahuna to the Enhanced 911 Board.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,



PAUL K. FERREIRA  
RETIRED POLICE CHIEF  
HAWAII POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Feb. 24, 2025

To: Hawaii State Legislature

Re: GM 614, nomination of Reed Mahuna to Enhanced 911 Board, Gubernatorial Nominee

Aloha,

I am writing in support of nominee Reed Mahuna to be part of the Enhanced 911 Board.

I have known Deputy Chief Mahuna for many years, as a citizen and pre-retirement, as somebody I interviewed in connection with my work as a radio news reporter and host of a weekly interview program. It is clear to me that Deputy Chief Mahuna has a detailed knowledge of the functions and technical operation of our 911 system, and more importantly, is well aware of how critical this system is to our very large Big Island of Hawaii. Though our population on this island is smaller than some, our geography means there are more issues with citizens calling for help. Deputy Chief Mahuna will continue bringing his expertise and practical knowledge to this board with your confirmation. In addition, I believe DC Mahuna is forward-thinking and can look effectively at how potential new technologies will benefit (or not) our entire state and will bring critical thinking to the board's decision making.

I strongly support your confirmation of Reed Mahuna to the Enhanced 911 Board.

With aloha,

Sherry Bracken

**GM-614**

Submitted on: 2/24/2025 7:54:47 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/4/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rio Amon-Wilkins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Mr. Reed K. Mahuna, both personally and professionally, for over 25 years. Throughout his career in the Hawai'i Police Department, from the beginning as a patrol officer, to his current position of Deputy Police Chief, one thing has never wavered, his unquestionable integrity. Deputy Chief Mahuna will always do the right thing, even when it is not the easiest decision. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience, not only in policing, but in general. Deputy Chief Mahuna makes decisions based on the facts on hand, incorporating his training and experience. If confirmed, he will serve the Enhanced 911 Board with honor and integrity, never allowing personal bias to play a role in decision making. I absolutely recommend the confirmation of Deputy Chief Mahuna.

**GM-614**

Submitted on: 2/24/2025 11:22:53 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/4/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas Shopay	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senate Committee on Government Operations

Senator Angus. L.K. McKelvey, Chair

Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Enhanced 911 Board Gubernatorial Nominee – REED MAHUNA

I am writing to enthusiastically support the nomination of Hawaii Police Department Deputy Police Chief, Reed Mahuna, for a position on the Enhanced 911 Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028. Deputy Chief Mahuna is an exemplary member of our police force and demonstrates exceptional dedication, professionalism, and a commitment to public safety.

Throughout his tenure, Deputy Chief Mahuna has shown remarkable expertise in emergency communications and crisis management. His keen understanding of the critical role that effective communication plays during emergencies has been instrumental in improving our department's response times and overall effectiveness. Deputy Chief Mahuna has consistently gone above and beyond to ensure that our communication systems are reliable, efficient, and up-to-date with the latest technological advancements.

In addition to his technical skills, Deputy Chief Mahuna possesses outstanding leadership qualities and a strong ability to work collaboratively with diverse teams. His experience in coordinating with various emergency services, including fire, medical, and disaster response organizations, has been invaluable in fostering a cohesive and efficient emergency response network.

I have no doubt that Deputy Chief Mahuna's expertise, dedication, and passion for public safety will make him a valuable asset to the Enhanced 911 Board. I strongly support his nomination and believe that his contributions will greatly enhance the board's efforts to improve emergency communication systems and ensure the safety and well-being of our communities.

Sincerely,

Thomas Shopay



February 25, 2025

Royce Murakami  
Executive Director  
State of Hawaii 911 Board  
Department of Accounting and General Services  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, HI, 96813

Mr. Murakami,

This letter of support is being provided for Mr. Reed Mahuna to continue to serve on the Enhanced 911 Board.

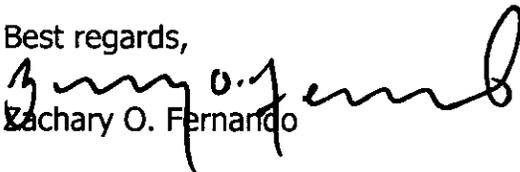
I have known Mr. Mahuna for nearly twenty-two years, as we both serve the Hawai'i Police Department. During this time, I have had the privilege of working directly for Mr. Mahuna in which I was able to witness first hand his leadership, professionalism, accountability, and integrity. It was to no surprise that he was appointed to Deputy Police Chief of our department knowing that he had possessed all the qualities of the position.

As you know, I have transferred to the Communications-Dispatch Section of our department, serving as our PSAP representative for the E911 Board. In my new role, I am once again able to work directly with Mr. Mahuna where he continues his mentorship. He has always made himself available for any questions which I've had and has provided me with not just answers, but the understanding behind them.

I have no doubt that Mr. Mahuna will continue to serve the E911 Board well and within its best interest.

Thank you for your consideration and opportunity to express my support for Mr. Mahuna.

Best regards,

  
Zachary O. Fernando



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*Hale o nā Luna Makaʻāinana*

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STATE CAPITOL  
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**Written Testimony in Support of GM No. 614  
Reed Mahuna**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Government Operations**

**March 4, 2025**

**3:00 p.m.**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of Committee on Government Operations. I wholeheartedly endorse Governor's Message No. 614 concerning the nomination of Deputy Chief Reed Mahuna to the E911 Board.

Throughout my professional career in government, spanning over 10 years, I have interacted with Deputy Chief Mahuna on numerous occasions and on various jurisdictional levels. Each encounter has left a lasting impact and highlights Mr. Mahuna's integrity, professionalism, and grace.

On a personal level, Mr. Mahuna has been a part of my children's lives for over 20 years, consistently supporting their personal development. Mr. Mahuna has exemplified a strong foundation of Aloha for both family and community which inspires their own growth.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony and should your committee have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sue Keohokapu-Lee Lay  
State Representative  
House District 2 - Hilo

**GM-614**

Submitted on: 3/3/2025 12:46:16 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/4/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eddie Fujioka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In Support

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**GM-614**

Submitted on: 3/3/2025 9:13:55 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/4/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tenari Maafala	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To The Honorable Chair McKelvey and Vice Chair Gabbard, and the Distingusihed Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations:

I am submitting this Written Testimony in Strong Support of GM614 regarding the appointment and confirmation of Hawaii County Police Department Deputy Chief Reed Mahuna to the Enhanced 911 Board. Prior to my retirement in 2018 from the Honolulu Police Department and the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (SHOPO), I had the pleasure of knowing Deputy Chief Mahuna both as a fellow County Police Officer, and also as a member of SHOPO.

I am very confident that Deputy Chief Mahuna's balanced approach in his life both from a personal and professional perspective which are rooted in his genuine Aloha, Respect, Fairness, and Integrity for all (i.e., his Precious Ohana; Police Ohana; and the Community Ohana), it is these same moral attributes that will definitely benefit the "Enhanced 911 Board's" quality in decision making and implementation for the Greater Good of our People and Island State, but not limited to.

Much Aloha, Mahalo, and Respect To All. May GOD Bless You All Always In ALL HIS WAYS... tenari ma'afala