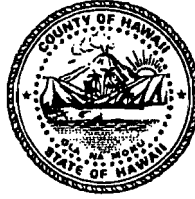


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The Honorable David Y. Ige  
Chair, Committee on  
Intergovernmental Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Committee Members:

RE: SB 2401, Making an Appropriation to Upgrade the Telecommunication System of the Hawaii County Police Department

At a time when the phrase "homeland security" is on everyone's list, one of the most serious deficiencies found among all governments across the nation is the lack of good telecommunications.

Section I of SB 2401 adequately explains the needs of the Hawaii County Police Department and how we arrived at the decision to request an appropriation from the legislature to assist us. We fully understand that the sum requested is very large, even by state standards. Nevertheless, we believe that the need is genuine and the concerns justified.

Aloha,

Harry Kim  
MAYOR