

**GM 253**



GOV. MSG. NO. 253

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

February 12, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS, Board of:**

Gary A. Yabuta

Term to Expire: 6/30/2013

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE



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TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2010

Friday, March 5, 2010  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 253.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

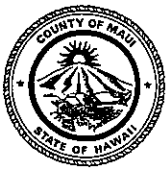
My name is Charlene Tamanaha and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Private Detectives and Guards, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 253, regarding the **appointment** of Gary A. Yabuta, Maui County Police Chief, to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Chief Yabuta's appointment to the Board.

Chief Yabuta has been serving on the Board as an interim appointee Chief of police member from November 2009 to present. He has attended two of the three meetings held since his appointment to the Board. Chief Yabuta is a diligent and contributing member and is rapidly familiarizing himself with the role of the Board and his role as a Board member. He is learning well the Board's procedures, protocol and

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its laws and rules. Chief Yabuta provides the Board with valuable expertise and excellent guidance.

The Department supports the confirmation of Gary A. Yabuta to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



CHARMAINE TAVARES  
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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

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March 1, 2010



GARY A. YABUTA  
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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
The Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Nomination to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards

Dear Senator Baker:

I have been a police officer for the Maui Police Department since 1983. Prior to 1983, I was a peace officer for the State of California, Department of Youth Authority, from 1978 through 1982.

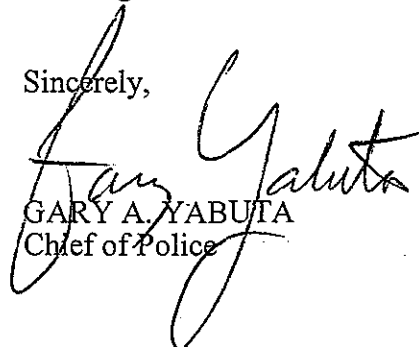
I believe I am qualified due to my 30 years of law enforcement experience and knowledge of a variety of administrative roles and leadership functions. I currently serve the County of Maui as the Chief of Police and responsible for over 500 officers and employees.

During my law enforcement career, I have experienced the following duties: maximum security incarceration operations; undercover narcotics investigations; Driving Under the Influence Enforcement Task Force; Plans, Training, Research and Development; Patrol Supervision, Vice Gambling and Morals Supervisor, Asset Forfeiture Investigator; Patrol Watch Commander; Lieutenant of Vice Narcotics; Commander of Criminal Intelligence Unit; Patrol District Commander; Commander of Criminal Investigation Division; Bureau of Chief of Investigative Services, and Deputy Chief of Police.

I earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from California State University, Northridge, in 1978. In 2004, I attended the FBI, National Academy.

You have my permission to verify these facts with the Maui Police Department, Administration Services Section. Please call Mr. Greg Takahashi, Business Administrator, at (808) 244-6310.

Sincerely,

  
GARY A. YABUTA  
Chief of Police