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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 750
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TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Keali'i S. Lopez, and I am the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 750, regarding the appointment of Edward Akiona to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards ("Board") as an Oahu licensee member. The Department respectfully

requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

Mr. Akiona has a long career in law enforcement, both in the public sector as a police officer and security manager, and in the private sector as the owner of a security company. He is currently the owner of All State Security, a company that provides armed and unarmed security within the State of Hawaii. Mr. Akiona is especially experienced and knowledgeable in the areas of management and training of security guards.

Mr. Akiona, in his capacity as an owner of a security company, is already familiar with many of the procedures of the Private Detective and Guard Board, and has attended a number of Board meetings. Mr. Akiona has indicated a willingness and capacity to attend the Board's bi-monthly Thursday meetings, as well as any additional meetings that might be required.

Considering his extensive experience, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Akiona will prove to be an asset to the State through his service to the Board. I respectfully request the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Akiona's appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.