

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1626
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1626 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIVATE DETECTIVE AND PRIVATE GUARD IDENTIFICATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that private detectives and private guards are prohibited from self-identifying as a law enforcement officer, police, or police officer.

The Hawaii Government Employees Association testified in support of the intent of this measure. A few individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Board of Private Detectives and Guards provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the Department of Transportation's authority to confer police powers to persons performing services at airports under contract with the Department of Transportation;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1626, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1626, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



