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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board Of Private Detectives And Guards, Gubernatorial Nominee, RAY GALAS, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

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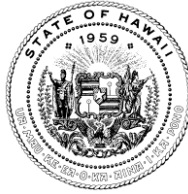
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 801.

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. 801, regarding the **reappointment** of Ray Galas to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Galas' reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Galas is being reappointed to the Board as a public member. He has served on the Board since July 1, 2012, and is the current Vice Chairperson. His insights from the public perspective have been invaluable to the deliberations of the Board. He also fully understands his role as a public member. Mr. Galas has attended 19 of 32 meetings scheduled since his appointment and was excused for the balance due to

employment obligations and out of state travel. He is an active participant in discussions and volunteered to research the University of Hawaii's definition of classroom instruction to aid the Board in establishing a definition in its rules. He represents the public sector well and his desire to continue to serve as a public member is an asset to the Board, especially in light of the Board's ongoing duties and responsibilities required for the implementation of Act 208, SLH 2010.

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

GM 801 Ray Galas, Board of Private Detectives and Guards

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

As a currently serving member of the Board I applied to be appointed to the Board for a second term as a public member.

I believe my experience in paid and volunteer capacities in community and public service for 30 years and my prior four years of service on the Board can continue to be a meaningful contribution for the community and for the private security industry.

- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

The safety needs and concerns of the consumer and of our community are paramount. Participating in all scheduled public hearings, meetings and committee assignments of the Board is also a key responsibility.

- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

Consumer protection is vital. Active engagement and participation during Board meetings, proceedings and committee work with licensees and those in attendance, as a public member of the Board can be a valued addition to consumer protection.

- (4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

Having served as a member of the Board of Private Detectives and Guards, in statewide law enforcement-community partnerships such as the Illegal Fireworks Task Force as well as the Neighborhood Board No. 23, I've found volunteer leadership activities of community - business - government collaborations interesting and rewarding being able to share direct experiences and perspectives at the tactical, operational, strategic and policy levels.

- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Serving with the various sector representatives of law enforcement and the private security industry as a member of the Board of Private Detectives and Guards is an opportunity to contribute towards the growth of a safer community by improving and increasing the capabilities and capacities of the on-going training and education of the private security industry. Continuing comprehensive implementation of Act 208, rule-making and updating initial and refresher curriculum and testing materials and instructor standards to reflect best practices are high priorities for my term of service. I understand the importance of the responsibilities and scope of the decision making process for the community and for the industry.

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

I'm a proactive, conscientious and seasoned community volunteer and seek fair and equitable outcomes with integrity and with aloha and with inclusiveness of ideas towards continual improvement and resilience of process and outcomes.

- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

Current Vice-Chair, Board of PD&G. Current Committee Chair, Act 208 Ad Hoc. Assisted with the Board's comprehensive review and implementation of Act 208 matriculation, standards, curriculum and compliance for guards, instructors and corporate entities.

- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

Yes. Having served the past four years on the Board any potential conflicts would be addressed to the Board Chair, Executive Officer, and Deputy Attorney General regarding any potential conflicts related to agenda items prior to that Board meeting. Were a conflict to arise, I would make it known to all members of the Board and recuse myself from the proceedings and from any related vote for any matter viewed as a conflict of interest.

