PRESENTATION OF THE BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTRASTATE COMMERCE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE Regular Session of 2017

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75/HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS TO REVIEW THE CURRENT LAWS, REGULATIONS, PROCEDURES, AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE REGISTRATION OF SECURITY GUARDS.

TO THE HONORABLE TAKASHI OHNO, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Kenneth Chang, Applications Chairperson of the Board of Private Detectives and Guards ("Board"). Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.C.R. 75 and H.R. 40, which requests that the Board to review the current laws, administrative rules, and procedures currently governing the registration of security guards including:

(1) the policy mandating forfeiture of registration rather than suspension; (2) whether the current registration fees are too high in relation to the median pay of security guards and when compared to the licensing fees of other professions; and (3) whether the prices charged by training instructors should be regulated by the Board. The Board is further requested to study whether security guard agencies should be prohibited from denying their employees from taking outside supplemental employment and to submit its finding and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or amendments to administrative rules, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018.

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The Board has not had the opportunity to discuss this measure and will be discussing this bill at its meeting on March 16, 2017. The Board would like to note that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Board committee members have been working to address the concerns of the security guard industry concerning the regulatory process and is open to continuing to work with the industry and other stakeholders to find improvements that would make the licensure process less onerous, while still leaving adequate public safeguards in place.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these measures.