

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2061
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Intrastate Commerce and Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 2061 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help protect the public by:

- (1) Prohibiting private detectives and guards from:
 - (A) Identifying themselves as law enforcement officers, police, or police officers; or
 - (B) Wearing or using any badge, uniform, equipment, vehicle, or other accoutrement capable of being associated with those of a law enforcement officer or that includes the words "police" or "law enforcement"; and
- (2) Requiring the Board of Private Detectives and Guards to review and approve all badges, uniforms, forms of identification, emblems, and other accoutrements to be worn or used by private detectives or guards.



The Maui Police Department; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; and a concerned individual supported the measure. The Department of Transportation and Retail Merchants of Hawaii opposed the measure. The Board of Private Detectives and Guards and a concerned individual submitted comments.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the requirement that the Board of Private Detectives and Guards must review and approve all badges, uniforms, forms of identification, emblems, and other accoutrements to be worn or used by a private detective or guard;
- (2) Exempting private security guards commissioned by the Director of Transportation to provide security at airports and harbors from the prohibition against identifying themselves as law enforcement officers, police, or police officers and wearing or using any uniform or equipment that is associated with a law enforcement officer or includes the words "police" or "law enforcement";
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Intrastate Commerce and Public Safety that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2061, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2061, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Intrastate
Commerce and Public Safety,



GREG TAKAYAMA, Chair



TAKASHI OHNO, Chair



