

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3121

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2018

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2061, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit private detectives and guards from self-identifying as law enforcement officers, police, or police officers and from wearing or using any badge, uniform, equipment, vehicle, or other accoutrement capable of being associated with that of a law enforcement officer employed by a government law enforcement organization.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Private Detective and Guards, Maui Police Department, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that establishing a clear distinction between private detectives and guards and law enforcement officers is important to maintaining public safety and confidence in law enforcement. Private detectives and guards in Hawaii have broad powers, including the powers to detain and search individuals; however, they are not law enforcement officers. Therefore, members of the public should be able to clearly distinguish



between these different groups. Accordingly, this measure clarifies that private detectives and guards are prohibited from self-identifying as a law enforcement officer, a police officer, or police and from wearing or using any badge, uniform, equipment, vehicle, or other accoutrement that might identify them as such.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2061, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

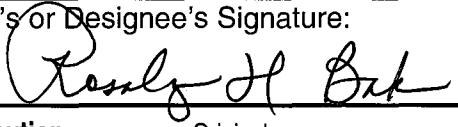
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2061, HD1	Committee Referral: PSM, CPH	Date: 3-20-2018		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				✓
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes