

HB2061 HD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS.

Report Title: Private Detectives; Private Guards; Law Enforcement Officers

Description: Prohibits 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.
(HB2061 HD1)

Companion: [SB2058](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: PSM, CPH

Introducer(s): OHNO, CREAGAN, ITO, C. LEE, LOWEN, MATSUMOTO, MORIKAWA, NAKAMURA, TAKUMI, YAMASHITA

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2018

Wednesday, March 28, 2018
9:15 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2061, H.D. 1, RELATING TO PRIVATE
DETECTIVES AND GUARDS.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Charlene L. K. Tamanaha, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Private Detectives and Guards ("Board"). Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 2061, H.D.1, Relating to Private Detectives and Guards, which is a companion to S.B. 2058, that your committee passed unamended on February 20, 2018.

This measure amends Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") 463-11 by exempting employees commissioned by the Director of Transportation under HRS 261-17 or HRS section 266-24 from HRS chapter 463, and further clarifying that licensees or registrants are prohibited from identifying as law enforcement officers, the police, or police officers.

It has been the Board's longstanding position that employees commissioned by the Department of Transportation are law enforcement officers and therefore not subject to HRS chapter 463. This amendment codifies the Board's position and other amendments that further clarify HRS section 463-11, which the Board supports.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on H.B. 2061, H.D. 1.