

**Testimony of the Board of Private Detectives and Guards**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Friday, March 21, 2025  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 710, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT COLLINS,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2029**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Justin Jo, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Private Detectives and Guards (Board). The Board supports the reappointment of Mr. Scott Collins to the Board as a licensed member.

Mr. Collins is the current Chairperson for the Board and has held both private detective and principal guard licenses since May 14, 1985; both licenses are current, valid, and in good standing. Mr. Collins currently works as a solo practitioner for his law practice, which specializes in criminal law as well as serving as a consultant to law firms involved in major civil fraud litigation. Since his interim appointment in August 2020, he has attended 23 out of 25 meetings and has served as a valuable member of the Board's Application Review Committee.

Mr. Collins is a dedicated and reliable member who is always prepared for Board meetings. As the Chairperson, Mr. Collins' extensive experience as a police officer, security officer, and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney enables him to effectively and efficiently facilitate Board discussions and conduct meetings. As a licensed member, he provides valuable insight and perspective to assist the Board in its decision making.

The Board believes that Mr. Collins' combination of experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to public service continue to make him a strong choice for reappointment to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

March 13, 2025

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Testimony in Support of GM710 - Nomination to the Board of Private  
Detectives and Guards**

Dear Senator Keohokalole,

I support the confirmation of Scott K. Collins to the position of Member for the Board of Private Detectives and Guards. I have known Scott for 39 years when I was a deputy prosecuting attorney, and when I practiced law with the law firm of CLAY CHAPMAN IWAMURA PULICE & NERVELL. Scott started a year after me at the Prosecutors when he came into the office in 1987. We've worked together in various capacities as Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys, co-counsel when I was in private practice, and he was hired as a security consultant on at least 2 cases.

Scott's extensive career with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) as a member of S.W.A.T. and Narcotics/Vice units, his Private Security firm and approximately 9 years as a Deputy Prosecutor qualifies him for this position.

He will make an excellent member because he is honest, trustworthy, fair, and compassionate. His moral courage is unquestioned and his integrity is impeccable.

I am confident that if Scott K. Collins is chosen, he will make an excellent Member of the Board.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment on his confirmation.

Very truly yours,

Franklin Don Pacarro, Jr., Esq.

March 8, 2025

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 205  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **GM 710**- Letter of Endorsement for Scott K. Collins, Esq. for reappointment to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards

Dear CPN Committee Members,

This is to serve as a letter of recommendation and endorsement of Scott K. Collins' reappointment to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards.

I have known Scott Collins since 1984 and worked with Scott during his service as a City Prosecutor, private practice attorney, and as a member of the Board of Private Detectives and Guards (PDG).

I served on PDG for eight years, commencing in January 2016 through December 2023 and was the Board's chair from 2021 through 2023.

Scott brings a wealth of unique professional experience and specialized knowledge to the Board, given his broad range of experience as a law enforcement officer, city prosecutor, sole practitioner attorney, and private guard and detective licensee. Scott upholds the principles of justice, fairness, equity and morality and brings a conscientious and cooperative approach to problem-solving.

Scott also possesses invaluable institutional knowledge of the workings and goals of the Board and the Department of Commerce and Consumer affairs.

I am certain that Scott Collins will continue to be an outstanding representative of the Board and recommend that the Committee favorably consider reappointment of Scott Collins to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at 808-224-4559 or [spike@psghawaii.com](mailto:spike@psghawaii.com).

Sincerely,

  
Albert B. 'Spike' Denis