- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Private Detectives and Guards? I've raised my family to always be thankful for all their blessings in life and, if the opportunity ever arose, always find a way to pass on that gift and help others. In looking back on my life's accomplishments, there is no way I could've gotten to where I'm today without the help of those close to my heart. If I can somehow pass on my gratitude, I believe this is a good way for me to contribute back to our community. Especially with my vast background in this area.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Private Detectives and Guards?

To guide and preserve the integrity of the Board, to make sound decisions that benefit not just the industry, but the community as a whole. That we be guided by ethics and character, and not be improperly influenced. And that we treat applicants, guards, private detectives, as well as those who also appear before the Board with the upmost respect and dignity they deserve.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Private Detectives and Guards member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

I have personally been involved in this industry for several decades having held both Private Detective and Guard agency licenses, and continue to do so currently. This background coupled with my previous law enforcement experience first as a Honolulu Police Officer for 13 years, then being a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the next 10 years has given me the privilege of unique insight and experience in this industry from several varied perspectives as for over the last 20+ years I have also (and presently continue to) practice law on my own as a sole practitioner to this day. I'm also legal counsel for SHOPO and Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's) who are members of HGEA if they are ever involved in a critical incident (i.e. shooting, barricaded/hostage situations, etc.) and will be called-out in the middle of the night to assist and help these Officers whenever a critical incident occurs. I also currently am the agency principal licensee for Allied Universal Security Guard Company that has multiple major contracts in Hawaii. Additionally, I also am the agency principal licensee for ProSec, LLC, a Private Detective Agency here in Hawaii. The culmination of these past experiences in such varied, rewarding and challenging endeavors has blessed me with a unique skillset that could benefit the Board as we address the challenges and issues that come before us for consideration and decision.

- (3) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

 To offer whatever advice and guidance I can that will be of benefit to the Board as they are confronted with challenging and difficult issues.
- (4) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Private Detectives and Guards.

Based on my age (67), I have accumulated a wealth of experience hopefully sprinkled with at least a little bit of wisdom from time to time. Also, because of my multiple businesses, I have been engrained with a healthy dose of tenacity, perseverance and disciplined, couple with humility and patience. I also have come to appreciate that everyone I encounter must be afforded a fair and objective opportunity when I meet

them. This same principle applies in my dealings with other Board Members as well as all those who appear before the Board. Also extremely important is not to be bias or subjective, nor let my personal feelings inject into any Board discussions and decisions. This would be unfair and totally inappropriate, and would taint the integrity of the Board itself.

(5) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Private Detectives and Guards member.

Naming a specific previous experience I've had that would be beneficial to the Board somewhat falls short in demonstrating how I can be of assistance to the Board. The basis for my decision to join the Board is a lifetime culmination of everything I've just described above. It's that multitude of combined experiences of many decades of accomplishments and failures that have made me a better person, and the very reason why I believe I can contribute to the Board.

I recognize this hasn't addressed the question asked of me, but I believe this response by me best describes the heart and intent of your question.

(6) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Private Detectives and Guards? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

Yes, definitely. Because I am a Board member currently involved in the industry as I have both an active guard agency license and a private detective agency license, if my companies ever appeared before the Board, that clearly would be a conflict of interest and I would immediately not only recuse myself, but would also refrain from talking with any of the Board members regarding any matter, even directly or indirectly involving the companies or me in any way. Further, even if an independent issue arose regarding any matter with no direct conflict of interest, but possibly posing a potential later or "apparent" possible conflict of interest, I would recuse myself and cease any further communications in connection with such an issue. This would be the most prudent course of action to protect the integrity of the Board.

Testimony of the Board of Private Detectives and Guards

Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference

On the following measure:

G.M. 538, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT COLLINS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021

and

G.M. 539, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT COLLINS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

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

Mr. Collins has been licensed as both a private detective and guard since May 14, 1985, and his licenses are current, valid, and in good standing. Mr. Collins is a solo practitioner for his law practice, which specializes in criminal law. He also serves as a consultant to law firms involved in major civil fraud litigation.

Mr. Collins has been an interim member since August 26, 2020, and has attended all of the board meetings since his appointment. He is a dedicated and reliable member who, in addition to attending regular meetings, attends the Board's Application Review Committee meetings. Mr. Collins also serves as a member of the Board's Legislative Committee and has volunteered to attend legislative committee hearings as the Board's representative. His prior experience as a police officer, security officer, and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney enables him to provide knowledgeable and sensible insight to the Board's discussions.

Mr. Collins' combination of experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to public service will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



February 22, 2021

<u>VIA EMAIL: CPHcommittee@capitol.hawaii.gov</u> Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health State of Hawaii

Re: Letter of Endorsement of Scott K. Collins, Esq. for Board of Private Detectives and Guards

Dear Committee Members.

I am pleased to offer this letter of endorsement in support of the reappointment of Scott K. Collins, Esq. to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards as an industry member.

I have known Scott Collins since 1984, having worked with him during his service as a City Prosecutor, private practice attorney, and Responsible Principal Guard and Detective Licensee.

In August 2020, Scott was appointed as an interim member of the Board. As we are both on the Board's Applications Review Committee, we meet weekly to assess guard, detective and guard employee applications for licensure and make subsequent recommendations to the full Board for ratification. Scott's contribution and dedication to these tasks are invaluable.

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. He upholds the principles of justice, fairness, equity and morality, and has a conscientious and cooperative approach to problem-solving.

As the Board's chairperson, I am certain that Scott Collins will continue 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.

Sincerely,

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March 6, 2021

Senator Rosalyn Baker Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230 Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of GM538 and GM 539 - Nomination to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards / SKC 02-09-2021 Response

Dear Senator Baker,

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 34 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.

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March 8, 2021

Senator Rosalind Baker (senbaker@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Re:

RECOMMENDATION OF SCOTT K. COLLINS TO THE BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES &

GUARDS

Dear Senator Baker:

I would like to add my recommendations for the appointment of Scott Collins to the Board of Private Detectives & Guards. I have known Mr. Collins for about ten years and while we are social friends, we have also worked on common legal projects and cases. I have had the opportunity to observe his character first hand and have been thoroughly impressed with his work ethic, integrity, professionalism and moral character. I strongly recommend him for this appointment and without reservation. If you wish, I am willing to respond to any questions that you might have.

Very truly yours,

BERT KOBAYASHI, JR.

cc: Scott Collins, Esq.