

Testimony of the Board of Private Detectives and Guards

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, March 1, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 509, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND GUARDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BENJAMIN MOSZKOWICZ,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2027**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

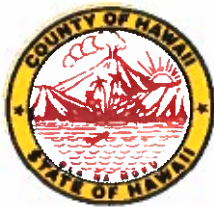
My name is Rhonda Roldan, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Private Detectives and Guards (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Hawaii County Police Chief Benjamin Moszkowicz's appointment to the Board.

Chief Moszkowicz was appointed as the Chief of the Hawaii Police Department on December 16, 2022. He most recently served as a major in the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). During his 22-year tenure with HPD, he served in every division from patrol watch commander, to managing the Information Technology Division and Human Resources Division. Currently, Chief Moszkowicz oversees 484 sworn personnel and 156 professional staff members.

Police Chief Moszkowicz was appointed as an interim Police Chief member to the Board on November 20, 2023. Since his appointment, Chief Moszkowicz attended his first meeting on January 30, 2024. During that meeting, after having received training from current Board members, Chief Moszkowicz reviewed applications, and was an integral contributor in discussions on matters facing the Board. Chief Moszkowicz provides the Board with valuable expertise and excellent guidance.

For these reasons, the Board believes that Chief Moszkowicz's combination of experience and commitment to public service, will continue to make him a valuable contributor to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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February 28, 2024

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Hawai'i State Legislature
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 509 / Nomination of Benjamin Moszkowicz to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards
Term Ending: 12/31/2026
Hearing Date / Time: Friday, March 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.
Location: Via Videoconference and Conference Room 229

Aloha Senator Keohokalole, Chair, Senator Fukunaga, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I wholeheartedly endorse the nomination of Benjamin Moszkowicz to serve on the Hawai'i Board of Private Detectives and Guards. In December of 2022, Benjamin Moszkowicz was appointed Chief of Hawai'i Police Department by the Hawai'i Police Commission and has established himself as a creative and inspiring leader.

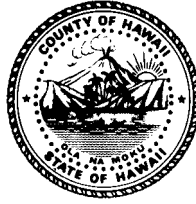
Chief Moszkowicz has consistently demonstrated a commitment to progress, refusing to settle for the status quo. His 22-year tenure with the Honolulu Police Department saw him excel in various roles, from patrol watch commander to overseeing the IT and HR Divisions. Notably, he received the first-ever Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) Hawai'i Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his service.

Given Chief Moszkowicz's outstanding qualifications and unwavering dedication to serving the people of Hawai'i, I strongly offer my support for his nomination to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards. If you have any questions or would like to discuss my recommendation further, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Mitchell D. Roth
Mayor/ County of Hawai'i

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Re: GM 509: Nomination of Benjamin T. Moszkowicz to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards

Aloha Chair Keohokalole and Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

Mahalo for the opportunity to express support for Chief Benjamin Moszkowicz to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards.

Chief Moszkowicz brings to the Board a wealth of experience and institutional knowledge having served as Chief of the Hawai‘i Police Department, overseeing 484 sworn personnel and 156 professional staff members. He worked his way up the ranks from his start at Honolulu Police Department and his academic experience gives him the necessary background to be an effective member of this Board.

I have every reason to believe Chief Moszkowicz will continue to provide effective contributions to our communities by serving on the Board of Private Detectives and Guards. Our State and our County will benefit from his experience and leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan L.K. Lee Loy".

Susan "Sue" L.K. Lee Loy
Council Member, County of Hawai‘i

GM-509

Submitted on: 2/27/2024 9:14:21 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
'Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support. He is a very good man that cares about his community.

GM-509

Submitted on: 2/27/2024 7:56:15 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reed Mahuna	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I would like to submit my letter of support for the appointment of Benjamin Moszkowicz to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards. I have known Ben for over one year and have worked with him closely during that time. Ben is an honest and straightforward person who I have come to trust.

Ben always takes the time to think about an issue and how it will impact all those involved, he is a dependable team player who will always work for what he believes is right. Ben's educational and professional background along with his incredible work ethic will be a tremendous asset to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment and offer my strong support for Ben's appointment to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards.

Thank you,

Reed Mahuna

GM-509

Submitted on: 2/28/2024 7:47:38 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dakota "Cody" Frenz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am the Deputy Corporation Counsel assigned to the Hawai'i Police Commission ("PC") and was fortunate enough to have assisted the PC on the new Chief selection process a little over a year ago. Chief Ben was undoubtedly the front runner in the public hearing interview process given his ability to speak with ease on any topic, find out of the box ideas to circumvent long standing issues that plague most government departments and relay such with ingenuity and enthusiasm. I have no doubt that Chief Ben, if confirmed, will do the same for this Board. I support this nomination.

Thank you for reading this support.

Aloha,

Cody Frenz