

Testimony of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Monday, March 30, 2026
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 & Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 589, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ALBERT DENIS,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Hector West, and I am the Executive Officer of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Denis' reappointment to the Board as a public member.

Mr. Denis has served on the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board since 2025 and has attended all scheduled meetings since his appointment. Prior to this, he served four terms as an industry member for the Hawaii State Board of Private Detectives and Guards. His tenure included two early terms from 1988 to 1992 and 1992 to 1996, followed by two additional terms from 2016 to 2023. Mr. Denis is a licensed professional under the Hawaii Board of Private Detectives and Guards and maintains active memberships in several professional organizations including ASIS International, the National Council of Investigative and Security Services, and the Hawaii Joint Police Association.

His extensive board experience and demonstrated commitment to public service make him well-qualified for reappointment as a public member.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Via Email

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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs
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Hawaii State Capital
Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM589 - Testimony in Support of the Appointment of Albert "Spike" Denis to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

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Dear Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Albert "Spike" Denis to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board.

I had the privilege of working with Mr. Denis during my tenure as Human Resources Director at Safeguard Services, Inc., where he served as Chief Executive Officer. During that time, I observed firsthand his leadership, professionalism, and commitment to organizational excellence.

Mr. Denis is a seasoned business leader with extensive experience in governance and regulatory oversight. Mr. Denis served on the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Board of Private Detectives and Guards across two appointments, including an 8-year term in the 1990s and a subsequent term from 2016 through 2023, during which he served as Chair.

What distinguished Mr. Denis as a leader was his integrity, consistency, and ability to build trust across the organization. He fostered a culture of accountability and respect, and his leadership approach reflects a strong understanding of governance and responsibility, qualities that are directly aligned with effective board service.

Based on my experience working with Mr. Denis, I am confident that he will bring valuable insight, sound leadership, and a strong sense of responsibility to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board. His appointment will serve the public interest and uphold the standards expected of this important regulatory body.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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March 28, 2026

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Hawaii State Capital
Room 205
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Re: GM589 Testimony in Support of Appointment of Albert 'Spike' Denis to Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

Sent Via Email

Dear CPN Board Members,

This is to serve as a letter of recommendation and endorsement for the appointment of Albert 'Spike' Denis to the Motor Vehicle Industry Repair Board.

I have known Spike since 1984 and we served together on the Board of Private Detectives and Guards (PDG), of which I am currently the chair.

Albert 'Spike' Denis is an ethical, honest and reliable individual. He is an experienced business executive who is respected by his employees and colleagues. Spike also possesses institutional knowledge of the responsibilities as a board member and workings of the DCCA.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott K. Collins, Esq.