

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 21, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2263
S.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2263, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHAPTER 134,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve firearm regulation by amending Chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to comply with certain provisions of the federal law contained in the "Brady Bill." Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Reflects the current federal requirement that state firearms registration records include place of birth, country of citizenship, and for non-citizens, an alien or admission number;
- (2) Reflects the federal mandate that the national instant criminal background check system and also for non-citizens, the immigration and customs enforcement databases be checked prior to the issuance of firearms permits; and
- (3) Prohibits a person's possession of firearms under state law if the person is prohibited from possessing firearms under federal law.

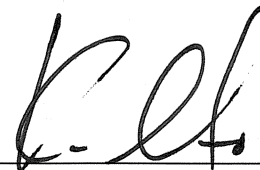


The Department of the Attorney General (AG) and Honolulu Police Department supported this bill. The County of Hawaii Police Department supported this measure with amendments.

Your Committee notes that the AG testified that all the county police chiefs supported this bill and felt that the addition of required information such as citizenship and alien admission numbers on firearm applications would have minimum impact on the police departments. Your Committee finds that remaining in compliance with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms regulations, this bill will ensure that Hawaii does not jeopardize its ability to continue to issue firearms permits.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2263, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety &
Military Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair



