

LATE TESTIMONY

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Testimony **IN STRONG SUPPORT on HB 2543**, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A SHOOTING RANGE IN WEST HAWAII ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII
PSM/WLH Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, 10:55 am, Rm. 309
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Honorable Chairs and Members,

HRA is in strong support of this bill. Our charter requires that we support range development, a place to shoot. Without exercise of our rights and skills, Hawaii's gun owners cannot remain "well-regulated" (Article 1, Section 17, Hawaii State Constitution). A safe place to enjoy our heritage and sport is increasingly rare, because of natural encroachment from other forms of land use and necessary restriction on formerly acceptable "informal" ranges. That's why **DLNR is tasked by statute to develop shooting ranges** throughout our State.

This planned range, in an area long without an appropriate facility, has the potential to provide such a place for Hawaii's people as well as attract shooting tourism. My wife, children, and I look forward to journeying from Oahu to West Hawaii, renting a car, booking a hotel room, shooting there, and dining afterwards in a good restaurant. Mainland shooters, when snow and ice cover their home ranges, with the proper marketing, will do likewise.

Thank you for bringing this bill before the Legislature. We urge you to move it on to passage.

HRA pledges to participate in the correct development and safe stewardship of this gift.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify for HRA.

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DATE: Thursday February 14, 2008
TIME: 10:55a.m.
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State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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Aloha Honorable Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Members,

I wish to voice my **strong support** for HB2543. This bill directly affects me as a competitive sport shooter, firearms instructor, and gun owner in the State of Hawaii. While I currently reside in Honolulu, from the fall of 2001 to the summer of 2004 I was a resident of the Kau district on the island of Hawaii. During my time there the lack of a public range was sorely felt. If approved, this new facility will be an immense asset to the community by providing a safe venue for firearms education and marksmanship competition. I am whole hearted behind this project and I hope the committee will support it as well.

Sincerely,

Joshua Hoblitt