

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 1, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 358
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 358, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to, among other things, prohibit any person or government entity from:

- (1) Seizing or confiscating a firearm or ammunition from a person with a lawful permit and carrying and using the firearm lawfully; or
- (2) Suspending or revoking a lawfully acquired and maintained firearm permit or license,

during any civil defense emergency or time of national crisis.

The Hawaii Rifle Association, Kauai Hunting Association, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Reinstating language regarding the governor's authority to provide for compulsory RHO blood typing for females of a child bearing age or younger and other blood typing that is approved by a competent medical authority during a civil defense emergency;
- (2) Deleting language providing an exception to the seizure of firearms from a licensed firearm dealer during civil defense emergencies to clarify that the prohibition on the seizure and confiscation of firearms during these emergencies only applies to individuals and not to firearm dealers; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 358, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 358, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,


JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



