

# LATE TESTIMONY

To: Senator Will Espero, Chair  
Senator Robert Bunda, Vice-chair  
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee

From: Steven Chen

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Subject: Support of SB 950, Authorizes the Usages of Electric Guns and Related Equipment to Officers of Department of Public Safety and Department of Land and Natural Resources

Aloha! My name is Steven Chen from Kalaheo High School and I am in support of SB 950 in regards to electric guns. I believe that these non-lethal weapons are a perfect tool to keep our law enforcement officers safe against dangerous events or people.

Thanks to new developments in technology, these non-lethal weapons are no longer limited to close range confrontation. A company called Taser International had reported a special type of ammunition that can be delivered from a standard 12-gauge shotgun with the ability to stun a hostile target from about 100 feet away. This means that the government does not have to purchase brand new weapons, but can reuse standard issued shotguns to use this ammunition. Also this had increased the range in which an officer can disable an armed hostile target without risking a fire fight.

I support SB 950 and I believe that you will too into order to help fund this development in weapons and when there is a demand there are new and better developments to the weaponry to provide safer and more effective guns.