

HB679,HD1

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU ON BEHALF OF THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE (HAJ) IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. NO. 679, HD 1

April 2, 2012

To: Chairman Clayton Hee and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I am presenting this testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Association for Justice (HAJ) in OPPOSITION to H.B. No. 679, HD 1, relating to Firearms.

It is unclear what this measure seeks to accomplish and why it is needed. The language of the original bill suggests that its intent is to encourage NRA certified instructors to provide gun training required to obtain a handgun permit by exempting certified instructors from the liability currently found in HRS section 663-9.5. However, the reason that this exemption is required or desirable is not clear.

The liability of gun owners found in section 663-9.5 was codified in 1994. There has not been a single instance where an NRA certified trainer has been held liable under section 663-9.5 during the almost 20 year existence of the section. There is no reasonable basis to believe that there is any need to make the sweeping exemption proposed in this measure. Firearms are extremely dangerous and require the highest care in their handling and use. This section serves to encourage safe handling of firearms. NRA certified trainers possess the highest degree of knowledge, skill and care in the safe handling of firearms such that the proposed exception should not be required. The fact that no NRA certified trainer has ever been subject to liability under section 663-9.5

shows that the exemption is unnecessary for firearms courses properly taught by NRA certified trainers.

Under 663-9.5 the gun owner is only liable for his/her own shooting of the weapon and is not liable if others shoot the gun. So in a gun training class the NRA certified trainer would only be liable if he/she shot someone. The NRA trainer is not liable under 663-9.5 if the person being trained shoots another person with a gun provided by the trainer or brought by the trainee. In other words, if the NRA certified trainer brings extra guns for trainees to use during the training session, the trainer is not liable for the trainee's use of the gun under 663-9.5(b)(1) because **liability when the gun is not in the possession of the owner is specifically exempted**. Similarly, the trainer is not liable when the trainee brings and uses their own gun because 663-9.5(a) only applies to the trainer's own gun. Since the trainer is only liable under the statute if he/she shoots someone, and would be liable under other principles of law anyway, the exemption makes no difference and only creates an ambiguity and confusion whether this amendment is intended to provide an NRA certified trainer with immunity from his/her own shooting of another individual.

If there are specific circumstances related to NRA certified training sessions that merit exceptions to an owner's responsibility to properly handle their weapons, these circumstances should be addressed specifically and dealt with narrowly rather than with a broad and complete exemption from liability.

However, if this committee decides to pass this measure forward, we suggest amending the HD 1 by substituting the following language in place of the provision on page 2, lines 15 to 22 and page 3, lines 1 and 2 in the HD 1:

f) Where a National Rifle Association certified firearms instructor provides firearms for training or safety courses or classes at a firing range or other firearms training facility to persons seeking to acquire a permit for the acquisition of a pistol or revolver in accordance with section 134-2(g)(4), the absolute liability under subsection (a) shall not apply to the National Rifle Association certified instructor for the use of the instructor's firearms by persons participating in such training or safety courses or classes; provided that this section shall not be construed to relieve a National Rifle Association certified firearms instructor from any other tort liability that may be applicable.

Thank you very much for allowing me to testify in OPPOSITION to this measure.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or desire additional information.



Hawaii Rifle Association

State Affiliate of the National Rifle Association
Founded in 1857

March 30, 2012

Testimony on HB679 IN STRONG SUPPORT

Before: JDL, April 2, 2012, Rm 016, 10 am.

Hon. Chair, Co-Chair, Members,

HRA strongly supports this bill. The NRA Certified Instructors in HI should have this protection from "absolute" civil liability. They provide their own personal firearms for the public to use to obtain safety training per HRS 134-2(g) (4), a pre-requisite for obtaining a permit to acquire a handgun.

There is a precedent. HRS §663-9.5 (d) was amended in 2008, exempting the counties from absolute liability when an enforcement officer uses his gun "outside of the course and scope of employment as a law enforcement officer" showing that the counties were worried about government liability for a police officer's gun when he was in possession, because the gun is owned by the county. The amendment was presented by former Senate Judiciary Chair Andy Levine, representing the Maui Mayor's office, after an off duty Maui Police Officer used his duty pistol to murder his wife. The plaintiffs bar supported the amendment.

The owner is "absolutely liable" and can only raise an affirmative defense that the firearm was not in his possession. This means that at the very least an instructor could be forced to go to court to make the argument that he didn't possess the gun. In many cases, that argument would fail because the law recognizes the possibility of constructive possession without direct physical control. The Hawaii courts frequently cite Black's Law Dictionary:

"A person who knowingly has direct physical control over a thing at a given time is then in actual possession of it. A person who, although not in actual possession, knowingly has both the power and the intention at a given time to exercise dominion over a thing, either directly or through another person or persons, is then in constructive possession of it." State v. Taylor, 2011 WL 6376646, *25 (Haw.2011)

In an NRA class where the instructor is at no more than arms length from any student with a loaded firearm and directing the student as to exactly what to do with the guns at any given time, an instructor certainly could be held to be in constructive possession of the guns he or she owns and has furnished.

This bill does not make it impossible to sue instructors teaching these classes. While the bill would relieve them of the special absolute liability created by sec. 663-9.5, they could still be sued in ordinary actions for negligence.

The current absolute liability is just that, absolute, and our dedicated Instructors need relief from it. Please pass this bill out as is.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of HRA.

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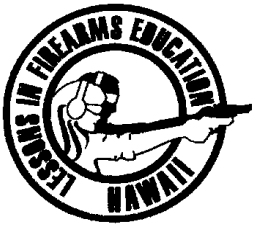
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Comments:

Please pass this bill, with 2 changes.

The section requiring being at a shooting range or training facility needs to be removed or modified. I am a NRA Certified Instructor. Sometimes part of our classes are held away from the shooting range and then the shooting portion is at a range. It looks like this would void our protection from absolute liability if somebody did something stupid in the classroom before we could stop them.

The section about protection only for "Permit to Acquire" classes need to be removed. We also teach rifle and shotgun safety. That is a different permit system than handgun. The way the Bill is worded I looks like we would not be protected.



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April 1, 2012

Testimony in Support of HB 679

Good Morning Chair Hee and members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Bill Richter and I am the President of Lessons In Firearms Education (LIFE), a not-for-profit organization committed to providing quality firearms training for Hawaii's citizens. LIFE has trained thousands of individuals over the years and is likely the oldest firearm training organization in Hawaii.

I am testifying in support of HB 679.

As a volunteer organization, LIFE relies on our volunteer instructors in order to continue our mission. Without adequate volunteer instructors, our ability to provide the needed training would be severely hampered. Many of our current instructors, and others who would like to become instructors, have expressed concern over the issue of liability. LIFE, and other training organizations, must, because of Hawaii's laws, use their personal firearms for the classes. Passing HB 679 would allow them to focus on training, rather than liability concerns.

And, while I would ask you to pass HB 679, I would like to also ask you to consider amending the language to address some issues. First, the language of the bill states that only training provided at a "...range, or other firearms training facility..." would be covered under this bill. Since many instructors, including LIFE, provide non-firing portions of training at other locations, like private homes, offices, or meeting rooms, excluding these locations greatly limits where "covered" training could take place.

Second, the language seems to exempt only that training necessary to obtain a permit to acquire a handgun. Since the training necessary to meet the statutory requirements to obtain a permit to acquire is necessarily basic, we always recommend that students continue their training and to practice their newly obtained skills. This is essential to maintain their proficiency and to promote continued safe firearms handling. Since the effort with this bill is to promote safe firearm handling thru education, I am sure this committee's intent is not to inhibit this additional and ongoing training that ultimately results in safer gun owners.

I would respectfully ask that the committee make amendments to the bill to address these issues, and to then pass it out.

Thank you.

Bill Richter,
President, Lessons in Firearms Education

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Comments:
"To the Honorable Senator Clayton Hee,

I am a Hawaii resident and registered voter from Aiea. I am also a member of the Schofield Rod and Gun Club in Central Oahu and Honolulu Trap Club at Kokohead.

I respectfully ask that you give consideration to hearing HB 679 and passing it to protect the rights of NRA firearm instructors, who help to promote the safe and responsible ownership and use of firearms in Hawaii. Without them, future generations of firearm owners will not be provided with the proper training necessary to exercise their 2nd amendment rights responsibly.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important House Bill, and I hope you can appreciate how critical it is to helping preserve our Nation's rich history and culture.

Very Respectfully,

Barbara Ross

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Comments:

As an NRA Certified Instructor for Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun, and a gun owner I support HB 679.
Thank you,
Brandon A. Leong

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Submitted on: 3/29/2012

Comments:
To the Honorable Senator Clayton Hee,

My name is Brian R. Hill and
I am a Hawaii resident and registered
voter from Mililanu. I am also a
member of the Schofield Rod and Gun Club in Central Oahu.

I respectfully ask that you give consideration to hearing HB 679 and passing it to protect the rights of NRA firearm instructors, who help to promote the safe and responsible ownership and use of firearms in Hawaii. Without them, future generations of firearm owners will not be provided with the proper training necessary to exercise their 2nd amendment rights responsibly.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important House Bill, and I hope you can appreciate how critical it is to helping preserve our Nation's rich history and culture.

Very Respectfully,

Brian R. Hill

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Submitted on: 3/29/2012

Comments:
To the Honorable Senator Clayton Hee,

My name is Darin HL Haitsuka and I am a Hawaii resident and registered voter from Honolulu, HI. I am also A NRA Certified Instructor/Training Counselor and the Training Activity Director for the Schofield Rod & Gun Club in Central Oahu.

I respectfully ask that you give consideration to hearing HB 679 and passing it to protect the rights of NRA firearm instructors, who help to promote the safe and responsible ownership and use of firearms in Hawaii. Without them, future generations of firearm owners will not be provided with the proper training necessary to exercise their 2nd amendment rights responsibly.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important House Bill, and I hope you can appreciate how critical it is to helping preserve our Nation's rich history and culture.

Very Respectfully,

Darin HL Haitsuka

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Comments:
Aloha,

I am in support of HB679 which exempts NRA certified instructors from liabilities involving misuse of firearms by any student of such NRA instructors.

Mahalo,
Domingo Layugan, Jr.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2012

Comments:

To the Honorable Senator Clayton Hee,

My name is Michael Leineweber and I am a Hawaii resident and registered voter living in Manoa. I enjoy hiking, hunting, fishing, and our wonderful outdoor life here in Hawaii- nei.

I respectfully ask that you give consideration to passing HB 679 to protect the rights of NRA firearm instructors, who help to promote the safe and responsible ownership and use of firearms in Hawaii. Without these instructors, future generations of firearm owners will not be provided with the health and safety training that is needed to exercise their Second Amendment rights responsibly.

I appreciate your consideration of this important House Bill.

Mahalo a nui loa.

Dr. Michael James Leineweber, AIA

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3/30/2012

Senator Clayton Hee
Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

As a certified NRA Instructor and active instructor with the LIFE (Lessons in Firearms Education) organization, I would like to express my support for House Bill 679. This bill covers provisions for limited civil immunity from Hawaii's "absolute liability" firearms law for NRA Instructors while teaching.

Furthermore I would ask that the bill should cover certified instructors while teaching any NRA sanction classes regardless of their venue or content.

Thank you for your consideration.

F. J. Epker

"To the Honorable Senator Clayton Hee,

My name is Garrett Peskin and
I am a Hawaii resident and registered
voter from Pupukea on the North Shore. I am also a
member of the Schofield Rod and Gun Club in Central Oahu.

I respectfully ask that you give consideration to hearing HB 679 and passing it to protect the rights of NRA
firearm instructors, who help to promote the safe and responsible ownership and use of firearms in Hawaii.
Without them, future generations of firearm owners will not be provided with the proper training necessary to
exercise their 2nd amendment rights responsibly.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important House Bill, and I hope you can appreciate how
critical it is to helping preserve our Nation's rich history and culture.

Very Respectfully,

Garrett Peskin

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Submitted on: 3/31/2012

Comments:

Failure to pass this bill will limit the amount of instructors available. This could lead to many people that are untrained handling firearms. That scares me. It should scare many others.

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Comments:
PLEASE PASS HB679..

Good Afternoon Chair Hee and Vice-Chair Shimabukuro,

I support H.B. 679, H.D. 1, and am asking you and the committee members to support and pass this bill. I am an NRA certified instructor and volunteer as an instructor for Lessons In Firearms Education (LIFE). As an NRA certified instructor who provides the use of my personal firearms to students during State mandated firearms training, I am concerned that I may be liable should, despite adhering to best practices in providing a safe training environment, a student cause injury or property damage with my firearm. This concern over liability has caused me to reconsider if I can continue providing this training and I know other instructors that are equally concerned. I understand that the State and Counties asked for, and received, the very same exemption from liability that this bill would provide to NRA instructors. It seems only fair and reasonable that we should receive this same level of immunity.

I also understand that the group representing lawyers who profit from liability litigation are of the opinion that current language of the law already provides sufficient immunity for instructors. But, I would ask that you consider that opinion as extremely biased. Obviously the lawyers for the State and Counties believed they had too much liability exposure, as did the legislators who passed the bill exempting them. So, why would you believe that NRA instructors, operating under the same conditions are somehow different? The truth is that there is no difference. We have the same level of liability exposure and deserve the same immunity so we can continue providing this vital community service.

I would also ask that you remove the limitation to classes "to persons seeking to acquire a permit for the acquisition of a pistol or revolver in accordance with Section 134-2(g)(4)." While other classes may not be required by law to obtain a pistol, they should still be covered. The exemption given to the State or counties for use of firearms is not limited and I believe the exemption for NRA instructors should not be limited either. In order to become a firearms instructor, an individual must pass a course. The instructor of an instructor's course would not have limited liability, but the course is necessary to ensure citizens are able to meet the State requirements to purchase a handgun, and thus it is necessary to have instructors for the course. If individuals are not able to be certified as an instructor because of the fears of the liability issue, then citizens have a more difficult time meeting the State's requirements for a handgun purchase.

Please support and pass H.B. 679 HD1, with an amendment to remove the limitation of coverage.

Respectfully,

Kerry S. Nagai

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Submitted by: Laughlin Tanaka
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Comments:

I would like to show support for this bill HB 679. As a certified NRA Instructor I would like protection against absolute liability when I teach a bona fide handgun, rifle or shotgun course. I have been certified through a recognized NRA Certification Course taught by an authorized NRA Training Counselor. We train to be safe in our conduct and thereby train potential firearm candidates with the utmost in care with that safety in mind.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2012

Comments:

Dear Representative Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran,

Thank you for attention to this matter. I know you are busy so I will keep this brief. I would like request that you schedule HB 679 for a hearing and respectfully urge you to support HB 679.

I am a volunteer instructor at the Lessons in Firearms Education events. Firearms is a hobby that I and my fellow instructors enjoy and we would like to share our knowledge. Volunteers like myself, are actively engaged in teaching safe gun handling to individuals within our community. Public awareness of safe gun practices such as storage and handling will reduce gun related accidents.

People who are new to firearms need qualified instructors. These instructors provide live, hands on training, which is essential to handling firearms safely. HB 679 will limit the liabilities for the instructors this in turn will promote quality gun instruction which will promote public gun safety which will promote a safer and healthier community.

If you have the time, please join us for a class. It would be free of charge.

Sincerely yours,

Lyle Hiromoto

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Comments:

My name is Mike Hanson and I am a Hawaii resident and registered voter from Mililani. I am also a member of the Schofield Rod and Gun Club in Central Oahu.

I respectfully ask that you give consideration to hearing HB 679 and passing it to protect the rights of NRA firearm instructors, who help to promote the safe and responsible ownership and use of firearms in Hawaii. Without them, future generations of firearm owners will not be provided with the proper training necessary to exercise their 2nd amendment rights responsibly.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important House Bill, and I hope you can appreciate how critical it is to helping preserve our Nation's rich history and culture.

Very Respectfully,
Mike Hanson

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Submitted on: 3/31/2012

Comments:
Dear Sen. Hee,

I live in Hauula and am a constituent of yours. Please support HB 679. I am a firearms owner and I vote.

Thank you
Michael Naylor

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Comments:

I support HB679. Instructors for firearms classes should not be held to a different standard than any other instructor for possibly harmful equipment, i.e driving instructors.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: ronko@aloha.net
Subject: Testimony for HB679 on 4/2/2012 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, March 30, 2012 12:54:41 PM

Testimony for JDL 4/2/2012 10:00:00 AM HB679

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ron Kohn
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E-mail: ronko@aloha.net
Submitted on: 3/30/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: scottmorita@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB679 on 4/2/2012 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, March 30, 2012 7:24:58 AM

Testimony for JDL 4/2/2012 10:00:00 AM HB679

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Scott Morita
Organization: Individual
E-mail: scottmorita@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/30/2012

Comments:

My name is Scott Morita and
I am a Hawaii resident and registered
voter from Honolulu. I am also a
member of the Schofield Rod and Gun Club in Central Oahu.

I respectfully ask that you give consideration to hearing HB 679 and passing it to protect the rights of
NRA firearm instructors, who help to promote the safe and responsible ownership and use of firearms in
Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important House Bill.

Very Respectfully,

Scott Morita

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: kiamanu@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB679 on 4/2/2012 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, March 29, 2012 10:25:30 PM

Testimony for JDL 4/2/2012 10:00:00 AM HB679

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: T. Merrill
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kiamanu@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/29/2012

Comments:
Please pass this measure! Thank you!

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: manobes.ii@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB679 on 4/2/2012 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, March 29, 2012 11:42:29 PM

Testimony for JDL 4/2/2012 10:00:00 AM HB679

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Thomas Higa
Organization: Individual
E-mail: manobes.ii@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/29/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: tom1.galli@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB679 on 4/2/2012 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, March 30, 2012 9:27:17 AM

Testimony for JDL 4/2/2012 10:00:00 AM HB679

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tom Galli
Organization: Individual
E-mail: tom1.galli@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/30/2012

Comments:

I urge the passage of this bill. Providing liability protection to instructors whose purpose is helping people comply with Hawaii state laws while exercising their constitutionally-protected rights is a sensible thing to do.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: willsuarez@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB679 on 4/2/2012 10:00:00 AM
Date: Saturday, March 31, 2012 7:13:38 PM

Testimony for JDL 4/2/2012 10:00:00 AM HB679

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: William Suarez
Organization: Individual
E-mail: willsuarez@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2012

Comments:

I support this bill. It will allow for more citizens to become instructors. Gun safety is imperative with gun ownership.