

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 69
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 69 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an
appropriation to the county police departments to establish gun
buy-back programs with the goal of reducing the number of firearms
in the community.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of the Attorney General; Office of the
Prosecuting Attorney, Hawaii County; Police Department, County of
Kauai; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from the National Rifle Association,
Hawaii Rifle Association, Valley Isle Sport Shooters, and numerous
individuals.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, a person
arriving in the State with a firearm is required to register the
firearm, but no permit process or background check is required.
Therefore, individuals who might have been prohibited from
acquiring a firearm in Hawaii can acquire a firearm outside of
Hawaii, where a permit process or extensive background check may
not be required, then possess and be considered registered firearm
owners after registering with the county police department. Your
Committee finds that an amendment to this measure is necessary to
close this loophole by requiring individuals arriving in the State



with firearms to undergo a background check before registering a firearm with the county police department.

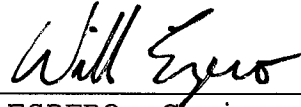
Your Committee has amended this measure accordingly by:

- (1) Deleting the appropriation for the establishment of a gun buy-back program;
- (2) Inserting language to require county police departments to fingerprint, photograph, and perform background checks on individuals who wish to register a firearm that was procured out-of-state, with certain exceptions; authorize the police departments to assess a fee for conducting a fingerprint check in connection with the registration; and specifying the amount of the fee;
- (3) Inserting language to appropriate a total of \$200,000 to the county police departments to develop various gun safety programs, including gun safety education and training; extensive background checks for mental health concerns for certain individuals wishing to register guns; and gun buy-back programs;
- (4) Amending section 1 of this measure to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 69, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 69, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 69	Committee Referral: PSM, WAM	Date: 2/1/13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
GREEN, Josh	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	3		1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes