

Dear Chairman Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chairman Har, and the members of the State House Committee on the Judiciary,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to House Bill 426 Relating to Firearms.

Hawaii law currently provides an important protection of limited liability to certified firearms instructors while they are doing their jobs of supplying firearms training, safety courses, and classes at a firing range. These instructors must continue to be protected from liability since the safety and operational training they provide constitutes a vital and mandatory service which improves the safety of all of Hawaii's citizens. Removing this liability protection only punishes the trained instructors and their trainees who have done nothing wrong. We do not want to endanger Hawaii's citizens by failing to protect these trained instructors from liability, the lack of which protection would have major unintended and damaging consequences.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to House Bill 426.

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**Testimony of**  
**WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.**  
**Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on**  
**JUDICIARY**

**Tuesday, January 29, 2013**  
**2:00 PM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of**  
**HOUSE BILL 426**  
**RELATING TO FIREARMS**

House Bill 426 proposes to repeal exempting National Rifle Association (NRA) certified firearms instructors from absolute liability for injury or damage caused by discharge of their firearms during the course of providing firearms training at a firing range to persons seeking to acquire a firearms permit. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) opposes this measure.

Currently, under Section 663-9.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, NRA certified firearms instructors are exempted from absolute liability for injury or damage that may occur while providing firearms training or safety courses to persons seeking to acquire a firearms permit. House Bill 426 conflicts with the Hunter Education Program's mission statement to "educate resources users in becoming responsible, conservation-minded, and safety conscious", as passage of this bill will result in a reduction of the overall amount of certified firearms safety training available to the public. The Hunter Education Program under the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement is the only program in the Department that provides firearm safety training to the public. The Department has been a strong advocate of certified firearms safety training by qualified instructors and makes such courses available to the public.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan T. Nakayama	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alex kamau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Our gun safety instructors need limited immunity when teaching. Please kill this bill!  
Please protect our second ammendment rights! Thank you

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Anthony D Mattson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Astin W. Crawford	Individual	Oppose	No

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B. Willauer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bernard Chong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Why do we need more laws when we already have a very good system in place here ? evidence is from the data and stats over the years. Why overreact to this where gun laws are much looser in those states unlike HI. Say NO to more regulation and gun contro laws

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blaise mott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: this doesn't make any sense you would want gun owners to have at least some professional training and here you are punishing those professionals

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BOB	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: instructors needed for continued safe instruction

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Brad Beck	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I am opposed to HB 426. Hawaii has rightfully found the necessity to have legal firearms owners (handguns) go through a firearms educational program in order to acquire a handgun. This basic firearms safety program, other than a hunters safety course, mandates an NRA certified firearms instructor and for good reasons. It is patently obvious that the NRA produces the highest quality firearms instructors in the world who follow a time tested and proven teaching curriculum. There is a reason that the NRA is THE leading certifier and trainer of Law Enforcement Firearms instructors in the Nation or worldwide. It only stands to reason that the new owners obtain the highest quality instruction in regards to the laws of the State, the safe handling and storage / security of the weapon. This only enhances the safety of all the citizens of the State, firearms owners or not. To repeal such a just law, would inevitably work against the very reason that the State of Hawaii mandates such a safety course where we as citizens want to ensure and maintain safe ownership of firearms by legally responsible individuals who own them. Most NRA certified instructors here in Hawaii do it out of love for the sport and the true desire to ensure that there are safe and responsible firearms owners. Many volunteer their own time and monies to ensure that citizens who legally purchase and own a firearm are knowledgeable about the laws and in safe handling and security of their firearms. It is not about financial gain. Repealing such a law would invariably stop the best source of instructors from providing or ensuring that the best instruction on safe and responsible firearms ownership would no longer be available. This could have tragic results and borders on willful neglect by the State and makes everyone less safe, no matter any individuals personal feeling in regards to Firearms. Ensure that owners are properly educated, more safe and more responsible as legal owners.

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Brandon Abelaye	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This legislation is nothing more than a back door to infringe on our rights to bear arms. Removing the protections from liability is an attempt to intimidate current and future instructors out of teaching, and to limit the opportunity for law abiding citizens to get the training required by HI law to obtain a gun permit.

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Brian Wong	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bruce F Braun	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chester	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Please protect and do not infringe on our American rights.

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Chris Hao	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Koike	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Before making your decision. PLease consider the unbiased facts, history, and the U.S. Constitution and its intent, before making your decision. You will see without a doubt that you will be punishing and burdening, the many innocent for the crimes of a few! Thanks

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Christian Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

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Christopher Ellorin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Christopher Langevin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe holding NRA certified instructors completely liable in the case of firearm misuse by a student during instruction is wrong. Individuals should be held responsible for their own actions and not the actions of others. Should a student decide to misuse an Instructor's firearm, the liability should remain with the student.

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Clyde Yoshimura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: NRA instructors provide a service to educate participants on current gun regulations and safe handling of weapons. They should not be held responsible people who use guns to commit crimes due to personal hardships, mental illness etc.

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Daniel Wela	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Stop attempting to interfere and infringe on safety related issues as they apply to shooter education.

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Darin Haitsuka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill serves no purpose other than to penalize law abiding citizens and firearms instructors. There are far more pressing issues that need to be addressed. Please let this bill die before any more time can be wasted considering it.

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darren ogura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: aloha, I do not understand the reasons why ANY ONE would even think of thinking of this kind of BILL, this kind of backwards thinking is only an attempt to prevent the good and law abiding citizens from getting the correct training (required by law to own a fire arm )and to protect themselves and their families. pleas do not support this bill and any other bills that infringe on our 2nd amendments RIGHTS

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Kaauamo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dayton Fraim	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dennis Quigley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a retired Army officer and combat veteran I do not support any restriction on my right to own and use my personal firearms for lawful purposes. All my life I have lived responsibly and within the bounds of the law. My reward is to have undeserved restrictions imposed on me life. I do support vigorous enforcement of existing law to meaningfully prosecute and punish career criminals who use illegal (read stolen) firearms in the commission of additional crimes to include crimes of violence. Punishment must be significant, prompt and fully implemented to be effective. Stolen firearms recovered by law enforcement must be returned to lawful owners, the same as other storen property. Firearms that were illegally smuggled into the state or that cannot be accounted for should be destroyed.

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Dennis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Qualified firearms instructors are educating people who choose to own a firearm and should be responsible for their own accidents, not the instructors.

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Douglas Moose	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Trainers are performing a mandatory function for the state, enhancing overall firearm safety and saving lives! Burdening them with ABSOLUTE LIABILITY is unnecessary. If trainers must carry insurance to protect themselves from this liability risk, the cost of training will become unaffordable to many. Therefore, a state-mandated training class effectively becomes a 2nd Amendment infringement for the lower income citizens of Hawaii.

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Dwight Kikuta	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ed Wessal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It makes no sense to remove this clause.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eric Leeson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hello, I urge all of you to oppose this bill to repeal protection for our firearms safety instructors. This bill enables these instructors to effectively conduct firearms SAFETY courses with out fear of incidents that my cause liability. The SAFETY course is mandated by law, thus requires trainers. By having the protection of this law that is in the very interest of PUBLIC SAFETY. The more qualified safety instructors are available, the safer the public will be in acquiring firearms. I fully oppose repeal, and urge you to do the same. In these times, common sense dictates that the safer we are, the better we will all be. Thank you. Eric Leeson

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Eric Lindgren	Individual	Oppose	No

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Fred Doerrige	Individual	Oppose	No

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G Asing	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gary Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not agree with holding NRA instructors fully responsible for an accidental discharge caused by the trainee due to negligence. NRA instructor hold personnel safety above all else, but there may be time(s) when the trainee will not listen and the NRA instructor should not be held liable.

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George Wessberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill because we want more citizens to enroll in firearm safety education classes and the intent of this bill will reduce or eliminate the number of qualified trainers willing to conduct the classes. George Wessberg

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Gindalle Page	Individual	Oppose	No

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Glenn Costa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a citizen of the State of Hawaii. I go to work, pay my taxes and I obey the law. Please do not make a criminal of me by passing more unnecessary gun legislation. More gun laws are not the answer. The only people hurt by these laws will be the honest citizenry of our State. Criminals by their nature, do not adhere to laws. There is nothing to be gained by enacting even more burdensome legislation, please reconsider.

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## **Testimony is strong opposition to HB426**

From: Harvey F. Gerwig, President  
Hawaii Rifle Association  
( HGHAWAII@GMAIL.COM )  
( Cell: 306-7194 )

The Hawaii Rifle Association is **STRONGLY OPPOSED to HB 426** which would remove the partial immunity from our Certified Firearms Instructors in Hawaii. The State of Hawaii requires that persons wishing to acquire a handgun in the state first take a firearms safety course and receive a certificate of completion before being allowed to purchase a handgun. The demand for handguns in this state is rising quickly, as evidenced by the huge lines at the Honolulu Police Department Firearms Registration Office. With this increasing demand is a strong increase in the need for trained, NRA certified firearm instructors. It has always been difficult to recruit instructors for these duties because of the personal liability issues. With the instructor immunity law that was passed last year more instructors are willing to step up and help do the safety training for our citizens. If this bill is passed into law it will once again make it difficult to bring on new instructors and will cause some to quit due to the unreasonable liability that goes along with job. The vast majority of instructors in this state are unpaid volunteers, who donate their time, expertise and the use of their personal firearms to properly equip our population to be safe, responsible gun owners.

It is unconscionable to strip this small amount of protection from our instructor corps. The law, as it stands, only protects those instructors during a class which is being held to fulfill the State of Hawaii requirement for a Permit to Acquire a Handgun. It does NOT currently protect instructors holding classes for any other purposes, although we believe it should cover ALL NRA CERTIFIED FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS teaching any NRA firearms class.

We don't believe the present statute is going to take much work away from the personal injury lawyers or obstruct recourse for deserving plaintiffs. We're very safe here in Hawaii. There are less than 100 active instructors in the whole state. Most importantly, the limited liability provided under the current language relieves instructors of the special absolute liability created by HRS663-9.5, but they could still be sued in ordinary actions for negligence.

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Please KILL THIS BILL before it damages our Firearms Safety Staff.

Thank you,

Harvey Gerwig, President  
Hawaii Rifle Association

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Howard Kam Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I find no justification for changing this provision of the law. Additionally, repealing the exemption may make the NRA course cost prohibitive, which will result in more individuals opting for the cheaper and less qualitative Hawaii Hunter's License Course.

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I	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chairman Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chairman Har, and the members of the State House Committee on the Judiciary, Thank you for this opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to House Bill 426 Relating to Firearms. Hawaii law currently provides an important protection of limited liability to certified firearms instructors while they are doing their jobs of supplying firearms training, safety courses, and classes at a firing range. These instructors must continue to be protected from liability since the safety and operational training they provide constitutes a vital and mandatory service which improves the safety of all of Hawaii's citizens. Removing this liability protection only punishes the trained instructors and their trainees who have done nothing wrong. We do not want to endanger Hawaii's citizens by failing to protect these trained instructors from liability, the lack of which protection would have major unintended and damaging consequences. Thank you again for this opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to House Bill 426.

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J. Duke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Exemption for National Rifle Association certified firearms instructors from absolute liability for injury or damage caused by discharge of their firearms during the course of providing firearms training at a firing range to persons seeking to acquire a firearms permit needs to remain intact. Persons seeking training to acquire a firearms permit have personal liability responsibility for injury while conducting this training. An NRA certified instructor, while conducting training, should not bear the responsibility/liability of another persons errors. People need be accountable for their own personal decisions/actions and not try to blame on another person/entity.

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James Reese	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Fire arms instructors are hard working individuals who are providing safety courses to the public. They charge a small fee compared to the information and genuine concern for the safety of law abiding residents. They can not provide this service under this proposal. Well trained and informed gun owners are not criminals but a true deterrent to crime. Please use common sense to this issue that was delt with last session. I oppose this Bill. Thank you.

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Janessa Bonifacio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Our gun safety instructors need limited immunity when teaching. Please kill this bill.

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I strongly oppose the removal of section 1(f) from this bill which relates to the exemption of National Rifle Association certified firearms instructors from liability defined in section 1 (a) of the bill. Section 1 (f) should remain in the law as originally written. Current Hawaii Law requires that a prospective gun owner seeking to acquire a permit for the purchase and ownership of a pistol or revolver must complete a training/safety course by a certified instructor as defined by section 134 2(g)(4).

Striking section 1 (f) from the bill will ultimately make it more difficult and expensive for a law abiding citizen of the State of Hawaii to legally and lawfully obtain a permit to acquire a pistol or revolver. This will lead to law abiding citizens who truly feel that their 2nd amendment rights are being infringed upon resorting to unlawful means of acquiring firearms such as the "black market" in order to protect themselves, their families, and property.

I vehemently oppose a bill (HB 426) that will create a more restrictive and expensive environment for legal and law abiding citizens of Hawaii wishing to exercise their Second Amendment rights. The cost of owning a single pistol or revolver is exorbitant when one includes the purchase of the firearm itself and the fees for permitting, training, and acquisition in the State of Hawaii. There is also a significant cost in time in acquiring a pistol/revolver in the State of Hawaii as current law requires one to obtain a permit to acquire with a two week waiting period before purchasing and then registering the firearm. The process of acquisition requires three trips to the police station with permitting and registration of said firearm limited to Police Headquarters in Honolulu for the whole island of Oahu.

I strongly believe that current Hawaii gun laws as currently enforced are sufficient enough in preventing felons, illegal aliens, and the mentally ill from obtaining firearms. This bill must be struck down and not voted into law as it will severely restrict gun ownership by legal and lawful citizens of Hawaii seeking protection of self and property through the Second Amendment of The Constitution of the United States of America.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Jared Law



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Jason Billand	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I feel very strongly about HB 426 and will try my best to attend. I have a toddler with the flu, but am trying to make it to deliver my testimony in person.

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Jaysen Carico	Individual	Oppose	No

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Testimony for JUD on Jan 29, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff Guthrie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hawaii gun control laws are already ridiculously restrictive, please don't make them worse.

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Jerry Ilo	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Woodbury	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jonathan Halford	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jonathan	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keith Stelzer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: "Our gun safety instructors need limited immunity when teaching. Please kill House Bill 426."

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Keith Young	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: Our gun safety instructors need limited immunity when teaching. Please kill House Bill 426.

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I am strongly opposed to HB 426. I am an NRA certified instructor and teach with Lessons in Firearms Education (LIFE). I became an instructor in 2009 because of Hawaii's law requiring individuals to receive training prior to being able to purchase a handgun. I believe the instructors who provide this training should be given a certain level of immunity as the State has created a mandate for individuals to meet, but does not provide the training necessary for the individuals. As such, the not-for-profit organization, LIFE, provides this training and all of the instructors are volunteers. They are extremely safe, but many, including myself, would not be providing handgun instruction if it weren't for Hawaii's legal requirements. We volunteer to teach because we believe in individuals having the ability to protect themselves. Unfortunately, because of the concern for liability exposure, it is difficult to retain and recruit enough instructors .

I do not believe the existing statute, which was only passed last year, will take much work from the personal injury lawyers, nor will it obstruct recourse for deserving plaintiffs. There are currently less than 100 active instructors in the whole state. More importantly, the limited liability provided under the existing language relieves instructors of the special absolute liability created by HRS 663-9.5, but they may still be sued in ordinary actions for negligence.

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HB 426

Proposed repeal of limited immunity to NRA gun safety instructors

1.29.13

**Opposed**

State Capitol Room 325

2:00 P.M.

I am opposed to HB 426.

I am a strong supporter of the 2nd amendment which protects our right to keep and bear arms. I am opposed to any legislation which limits access by law-abiding citizens to firearms. HB 426 would discourage NRA instructors from providing the safety instruction which is required by law before law-abiding citizens can apply for a permit to acquire a firearm.

Our gun safety instructors need limited immunity when teaching.

I am opposed to HB 426.

Thank-you for listening to my testimony.

Kory Ohly

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
KRISTEN TAKASHIMA	SMITHS TAEKWANDO	Oppose	No

Comments: It is absolutely vital that these classes be taught especially with all the chaos that has been happening. Alsfor women, we need to know how to defend ourselves and without these classes, a lot of us won't be able to get that practice and knowledge.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kristopher C. Kono	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The sponsor of the bill is a trial attorney that would benefit from more lawsuits. Requiring gun training, then allowing anyone to sue hat could provide that training is simply perverse. Unless the purpose is to discourage gun ownership, this law would do more harm then good. There is no evidence of a problem, so why create the law? Save us all from frivolous regulation. Thank you.

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kristopher macavoy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i am Oppose to this bill HB 426

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Lance Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

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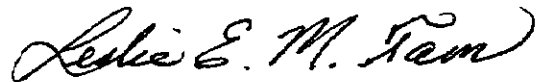
29 Jan 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am opposed to House Bill 426. Passage of this bill will do more harm than good in the promotion of firearms safety in our State. Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lynnette F Schaper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE HB426. No instructor will instruct if this law is repealed. Additionally, no insurance company will be able to insure an instructor if the instructor is held liable for their firearms. Firearms during an instruction class are under the control of the shooter, not the instructor. This is the equivalent of stating that a driver's education instructor is liable for the actions of the car, when someone else is behind the wheel, i.e. a student is driving. Guns/firearms are under the control of a user, just as a car it under the control of the driver. I OPPOSE HB426.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
MARIE A. RACIMO	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As an NRA Certified female firearms instructor in the State of Hawaii, I enjoy teaching firearms safety to those who are interested in learning about firearms. Instructors like myself are essential in promoting safety and should not be held strictly liable. Limited immunity, as we have now, is necessary in order to encourage instructors to continue to educate the ever-growing need to properly educate the general public on firearms safety, especially women. I ask that you kindly kill this bill. Thank you for your time.

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Mark Masuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is an attempt to reduce the public's ability to legally acquire handguns. If NRA certified instructors are open to lawsuits as a result of teaching the required range time, then these instructors may not teach at all. How will anyone become certified if there are no certification classes given? This is a backdoor attempt at denying the the law abiding public from their Constitutional Right.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Martin Humpert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HB 426 Testimony Committee on Judiciary State Capitol, Room 325 415 South Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813 Dear Chairman Rhodes and Honorable Committee members, My name is Martin Humpert. I am a lifelong shooter and participant in all forms recreational sports using firearms. I am also one of the many people who oppose HB 426. I wish to strongly state that the State of Hawaii is already one of the most restrictive states in the USA when it comes to firearms use and ownership. I condemn the motives to pass "feel good" legislation in the wake of crimes committed by deranged individuals in need of mental health services. HB 416 is nothing more than an attempt to remove qualified firearms instructors and victimize the most law abiding of our citizenry, the American gun owner. Surely, when there is a traffic accident, caused by a deranged or intoxicated driver, you do not rush out to pass restrictions on driver safety instructors. And when there is a stabbing, you do not run out to shut down culinary schools. What about baseball bats and high school coaching? Why then, when firearms are used by the military to protect us and our country, when firearms are used by our police to protect our neighborhoods, and when millions of Americans, yes, MILLIONS of Americans use firearms every year to stop crime, that recent news events like the shooting at Sandy Hook Connecticut becomes sufficient justification to begin a phased disarmament of Hawaii's citizens by driving away qualified safety instructors? All HB 426, and other anti 2nd Amendment bills, will accomplish is to weaken the ability of the public to receive safety training. If passed, HB 426 will ultimately cost our children their lives, and make the streets safer for criminals. And real Americans, like those six big hearted hero's at Sandy Hook that sacrificed their own lives and ran into the line of fire to try to save children, will continue to die because bills like HB 426 will ensure that fewer and fewer Americans are trained in an effective means of self defense. HB 426 represents an incremental assault on our safety, and the safety of our children. Government, the military, and the police do not have a monopoly on the enforcement of the law. If you read the pledge of citizenship to the United States it states that ALL citizens are obligated to protect our country from ALL enemies... "Both Foreign and Domestic". As an augmentation to the powers of the military and police, the citizenry of the US was empowered through the Second Amendment to stand up to our enemies, not just in times of war or national disaster, but on a daily basis as a means of ensuring personal safety and domestic tranquility. This mandates that all able bodied adults of sound mind and good standing should have the means of self protection. HB 426 erodes the ability of Hawaii's citizens to obtain firearms safety training so that they may protect themselves from criminals bent on victimizing our homes, schools, and communities. HB 426 will ensure there are less and less of us with the means of acting as good Samaritans to stop the next Sandy Hook. I urge all members of this committee to stop thinking about the overplayed sound byte of saving just "one life" and start thinking of saving hundreds and thousands of lives over the generations to come from the never ending assault by criminals, terrorists,

and the insane. Qualified and trained citizens are just as effective as the police in stopping crimes in progress. HB 426 will stop safety training. We are counting on your vote to stop HB 426, and others like it, to save generations of innocent lives. Aloha, Martin Humpert Wailuku, HI 96793

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Matt Mandzik	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Axelrod	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In regards to the amendment of HB426.I oppose the change "Our gun safety instructors need limited immunity when teaching. Please kill this bill."

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Michael Page	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nathan Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This action is not only a short-sighted, knee-jerk reaction but dangerous. By repealing this coverage, NRA-certified instructors may be less likely to provide quality instruction possibly resulting in greater danger to the public as gun users may be less well trained. As noted in the Constitution, a "well-regulated" militia (or populace) is a WELL TRAINED one.

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Nicholas Ozaki	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nolan dorado	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nolan Keaulii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not pass this bill it will prevent good people from receiving proper hang gun safety training.

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I am strongly opposed to HB 426 being that I am a NRA certified instructor since 1975. As a non-profit organization and small business it will hinder our effectiveness as we offer our services to the law abiding people of Hawaii.

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Norman Hahn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Patrick Baltazar	Individual	Oppose	No

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HAWAII HOUSE JUDICIARY  
COMMITTEE

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From: Paul T. HEFFNER  
808-672-9425

RE: House Bill 426)

Don O'Brien  
CPO-USN-Ret  
01-27-2013

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TESTIMONY OF:  
PAUL T. HEFFNER  
01-27-2013

GOOD AFTERNOON MR CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS  
OF THE COMMITTEE:

MY NAME IS PAUL HEFFNER AND I COME BEFORE  
YOU TODAY IN OPPOSITION TO THIS BILL -  
HOUSE BILL 426 (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS HB426)

OUR GUN SAFETY INSTRUCTORS NEED A  
"LIMITED IMMUNITY" WHEN TEACHING THE  
MANDATORY SAFETY CLASSES REQUIRED FOR A  
HANDGUN PERMIT AGAINST POSSIBLE LAWSUITS  
IN TODAY'S ATMOSPHERE AND UNDER HAWAII'S  
"ABSOLUTE LIABILITY" LAW FOR GUN OWNERS.  
AS A PREVIOUSLY QUALIFIED NRA INSTRUCTOR  
SEVERAL YEARS AGO, I HAD TO LET MY PERMIT  
EXPIRE DUE TO THE LAWS OF THAT TIME, THUS,  
AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, I WAS VERY GRATIFIED TO  
SEE HB 679 PASSED INTO LAW LAST YEAR AND  
NOW QUITE APPREHENSIVE THAT IN THE NATIONAL  
MANTRA OF "GUN SAFETY" OUR HAWAII LEGISLATORS  
ARE SEEMING TO "DIGRESS" BACKWARDS INTO  
THE "STONE AGES", MAKING IT HARDER FOR  
FUTURE AND PRESENT GUN OWNERS AS WELL AS  
SUPERBLY TRAINED LOCAL FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS,  
TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATIONS & PERMITS. IT  
ALMOST MAKES ONE THINK THAT YOU, THE

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TESTIMONY OF:  
PAUL T. HEFFNER

01-27-2013

LEGISLATORS ARE AGAINST "WE THE PEOPLE"  
WHO VOTED YOU INTO OFFICE TO REPRESENT  
US AND NOT YOUR OWN PERSONAL FEELINGS  
OR VIEWS. FURTHER, AS A U.S. CITIZEN AND  
A NAVY VETERAN, I FIND IT APPALLING THAT  
OUR SACRIFICE AND THE BLOOD OF OUR  
FOREFATHERS AND THE FOUNDERS AND THE  
VETERANS - BOTH PAST & PRESENT WHO FOUGHT  
TO KEEP THIS NATION FREE, SEEMS TO HAVE  
BEEN WASTED FOR POLITICAL GAIN BY SO  
MANY AND AGAINST SO MANY OF THEIR  
FELLOW COUNTRYMEN.

I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO TESTIFY AGAINST HB 426. I HAVE  
FINISHED MY TESTIMONY.

Sincerely  
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Paul T. Heffner  
C.P.O. / U.S.N. / Ret.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Philip Sedenio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I feel that this legislation exposes firearm instructors to an unreasonable amount of risk. The instructors provide a service that allows the people to exercise rights given to them by the Hawaii and U.S. constitutions. Therefore, I oppose this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
RAY PRATT	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I don't understand why we continue to demonize legit-met gun owners. This bill does nothing but put more road blocks in way of legal gun owners. The only thing this law does is give more clients to lawyers. ENFORCE THE LAWS ON BOOKS. WE ALREADY KNOW WE HAVE TO MANY LAW SUITS. This is a jobs KILLER.

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Raymond S. Burke III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: What purpose does this bill serve other than as a scare tactic to prevent certified firearms instructors from training law-abiding citizens who wish to follow the letter of the law and legally purchase firearms. I find this a shameful and reprehensible ploy by the author of this bill.

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Mr. Robert A Señeres	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Cullen	Individual	Oppose	No

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robert jarriel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Lillie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because it attempts to unjustly place blame on individuals that may have no connection to a crime. If it were to pass, it would be the equivalent of blaming a driving instructor when an individual injures or kills someone while driving his/her car recklessly. In Addition, passing thus bill into law would negatively affect responsible gun owners from receiving the training that is needed to handle firearms safely, and would in itself be more of a hindrance to public safety then a benefit.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Takashima	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I OPPOSE HB 426 We have enough FRIVOLOUS 'laws' that clutter up the system. LET THE LAWS \*ALREADY\* ON THE BOOKS ADDRESS THIS AND OTHER ISSUES. Thank You, Robert Takashima

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Robert Thurston	Individual	Oppose	No

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rochelle blaisdell	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rodrigo Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ronald Livingston	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I'm a NRA certified instructor that teaches the state mandated firearms safety classes for the purchase of handguns. We worked hard last year to get this protection passed. And now a few months later you want to repeal it. Why? Are some lawyers afraid they might lose a few customers?

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Rosemary Aldridge	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill as it manifestly creates a disincentive for NRA certified firearms instructors to provide firearms training to people seeking acquisition of a firearms permit since it repeals the exemption they currently enjoy from absolute liability for property damage or injury due to firearms discharge. Hawaii already suffers from a shortage of certified firearms instructors. This bill will intimidate instructors from providing the training required of people first acquiring a new firearm, which is clearly another roundabout attempt to deter citizens from exercising their second amendment rights to keep and bear arms.

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Royce Tomson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha. Please do not repeal this law. Without the adequate "common sense" legal protections this law affords, certified instructors will be unable to teach beginners the safe and correct way to handle firearms. I do not understand why anyone would want to deny a student from learning about gun safety? - especially since some of these types of classes are required to purchase a handgun in this state. One answer is that this bill is a backdoor attempt to deny access to firearms by preventing people from attending the required training classes. Please choose the right (and safety minded) option and allow instructors to do their job - teach. Mahalo.

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Russell K. Komoda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sean Rostron	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shane Correia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Our gun safety instructors need limited immunity when teaching. Please kill this bill.

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Soleil Roache  
1884 Kaikunane Loop  
Hon., HI 96817

Jan. 29, 2013

RE: Oppose HB426

I am a gun owner and I am opposing HB426. I see it as an insult to NRA instructors and I believe it ultimately infringes upon our Second Amendment right to bear arms. I believe it jeopardizes the collective safety of our society. Less instructors means less educated firearm owners. Just like my drivers ed. instructor ~~cannot~~ cannot be held responsible for my actions & inattention to his instruction <sup>while driving</sup> in the same way, NRA instructors cannot be held responsible for the actions of their students.

Thank you.

Soleil Roache  
Soleil Roache

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Stacey Ulep	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: With all the issues facing the state, the author of this bill finds it important to address a non-existent problem? What purpose is this bill serving? From my perspective, this bill serves only to strike fear into those who are providing a service that is mandated by the state for those honest, law-abiding citizens who desire to purchase a firearm.

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Stacy Inouye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose these changes because it appears to be purely political in nature without justifications. Why after all these years without problems are changes needed? It also appears as a means for coercion to reduce participation in safety of qualified personnel. Thus creating a shortage of safety training. A simple analogy would be to rescind liability from a qualified First Aid instructor while conducting training. Please use some common sense.

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Stephen T. Moriguchi	Individual	Oppose	No

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I am writing in opposition to HB 426, and its intent to make firearms instructors liable for the actions of their students. Repealing the protection of NRA instructors will result in fewer instructors available to provide this invaluable service. Ultimately this will impact firearms training and safety. In a state that already imposes significant barriers to gun ownership, HB 426 will do nothing but add to the legal burden of gun ownership and infringe upon our Second Amendment right. Vote NO to HB 426!

HB426

Aloha,

My name is Taylor Sumida and I would like you to vote against HB426. Simply put it would hinder anyone looking to get approved training and doesn't coincide with what you all want to do about your gun control measures. None which work. I would like to propose making a law that holds the state responsible. Each member of the legislature responsible for their votes and actions while in office and term limits for all of you.

HB426 takes away protections that these instructors need to keep their cost down and promote and keep these classes going. The best prevention to anything is through education. "Guns" the so called hot topic, in our state should promote people being safe with them. These classes given by the NRA certified instructors are far better than what you offer to your county's local police dept.

Here in Hilo, Most of our police officers don't know how to shoot. Nor know how to control a weapon. Case in point. If I do see a police officer come to where everyone shoots here I leave. I know many others that leave as well. So please do not vote in favor of these gun bills. They will hurt all of us more than keep any of us safe.

Thank you

Taylor Sumida

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**HB426**

Submitted on: 1/29/2013

Testimony for JUD on Jan 29, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
thomas a cole	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Pleae, no more laws already.We have far too many now.

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To all Elected Officials,

I am a law abiding citizen of the State of Hawaii and of the United States of America. I obey all gun laws that exist today. We do not need more regulation and legislation. I'm tired of saying this, but it's not the gun that does the killing; it's the gun user. I own guns, but I don't go out and kill people. I have already taken gun safety courses. New legislation would require that I retake this training every two years - preposterous! Vehicles kill more people every year than guns. Instead, put your legislative effort into requiring offenders of vehicular mayhem, murder, and/or manslaughter to attend safety training every year.

While I feel for those who have lost family members to gun violence, let's not get caught up in passing legislation that is result of hyped fervor of recent appalling events. Rather, take a more pragmatic and longer view of what can be done more effectively to get the guns out of the hands of criminals, misfits, miscreants, and the mentally unstable.

What more can I say. I am so sick of politicians and politics in this country. We live in the greatest nation on earth - the watchman of the world. We cannot, and we will not, ever be defeated on our native soil by any other country. But I tremble and quake to think that a nation as great as ours could only fall by our own undoing. If we fall, we fall from within. The within is all of you in Congress and in the Oval Office. To take away the safeguards of our Second Amendment right is just the beginning of our fall as a great nation. Do what is right for the citizens of our great nation. CAN the gun legislation. We already have enough regulation.

I am a card carrying member of the National Rifle Association and proud of it. I support everything they are doing to safeguard my Second Amendment rights. So be it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas D. Hema  
Citizen of the United States of America

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Todd Fujimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The focus of gun control laws should be on the acquisition process. To be certain that the individual obtaining the firearm is of sound mental capacity and not a felon. Not infringing on law abiding US citizens who uses firearms legally for sporting, home defense or hunting. Criminal types will always be able to obtain firearms illegally. Gun control laws which make it difficult for honest citizens to own firearms only empowers those who use guns for criminal purposes by disarming the 99.999% of law abiding citizens!

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TYLER OKAMURA-TAGUPA	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Individuals who commit the offense should be held liable, not those doing a service in educating the community.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
W Brooks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not pass this bill it hurts the law observing people of your state.

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