

**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 69, S.D. 2, RELATING TO FIREARMS.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

**DATE:** Thursday, March 14, 2013

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 309

**TESTIFIER(S):** David M. Louie, Attorney General, or  
Debbie L. Tanakaya, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to close a loophole in our current laws in which a person bringing into Hawaii a firearm purchased outside of this State need not go through the background check process that a person in this State is required to go through prior to purchasing a firearm. Furthermore, this bill allocates funds to the county police departments in order to establish programs for gun safety education and training, extensive background checks for mental health concerns for certain individuals wishing to register a gun, or gun buy-backs.

Before a person can acquire a firearm in this State, one must go through a permit to acquire process, during which an extensive background check is done. The background check is a necessary step to ensure that the individual is not prohibited from possessing a firearm in this State. However, there is a loophole in our current statute that allows an individual to possess a registered firearm in this State, without going through the permit to acquire process, thus avoiding the all important background check. If a person arriving in the State brings or causes to be brought into the State a firearm, the person is required to register the firearm, but, no permit process or background check is required when the person registers the firearm. Therefore, individuals who might have been prohibited from acquiring a firearm in this State, can acquire a firearm outside of this State, where a permit process or extensive background check is not required, and then register the firearm with the State's county police departments without a background check.

This bill will require background checks of persons registering firearms who acquired their firearms without going through the state permit process. This will enable county police departments to determine if the person registering a firearm is prohibited from possessing a firearm in this State. This bill will also allow for the costs of the background check to be passed on to the registrant, similar to the passing on of costs to the individual going through the permit to acquire process.

Accordingly, the Department of the Attorney General respectfully requests the passage of this bill.

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March 14, 2013

The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety  
State House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 69, S.D. 2, Relating to Firearms

I am Thomas Nitta, Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the amendments to Senate Bill No. 69, S.D. 2, Relating to Firearms. The amendments to Section 134-3 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes require that every person registering firearms be fingerprinted and photographed. In addition, it also allows for the assessment of a fee, which is charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the registration of a comprehensive background check.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

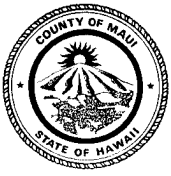
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THOMAS NITTA, Major  
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:

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LOUIS M. KEALOHA  
Chief of Police



**ALAN M. ARAKAWA**  
MAYOR

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March 13, 2013

The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino, Chair  
And Members of the Committee on Public Safety  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Senate Bill No. 69, SD2, RELATING TO FIREARMS

Dear Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee:

The Maui Police Department would like provide comments on Senate Bill No. 69, SD2. This bill requires county police departments to fingerprint, photograph, and perform background checks on individuals who wish to register a firearm that was procured out-of-state; authorizes the police departments to assess a fee for conducting a fingerprint check and specifies the amount of the fee; extends the time period for registering a firearm procured out-of-state, for consistency with the time period for registering firearms obtained in or imported into the State, and appropriates funds for county implementation.

The Maui Police Department supports the intent of the bill to strengthen our state's firearms registration laws and increase the safe guards for citizens to obtain firearms with the additional background checks on individuals who wish to register a firearm that was procured out-of-state. We are satisfied with the current draft of this bill to implement these worthwhile changes in our firearms registration laws.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
**GARY A. YABUTA**  
Chief of Police

ALAN M. ARAKAWA  
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ON

SB 69, SD 2 - RELATING TO FIREARMS

March 14, 2013

The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino  
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The Honorable Kaniela Ing  
Vice Chair  
and Members  
House Committee on Public Safety

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ing and Members of the Committee:

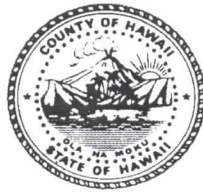
The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, is in SUPPORT of SB 69, SD 2, Relating to Firearms, WITH AN AMENDMENT.

SB 69, SD 2 proposes to require police to fingerprint, photograph, and perform background checks on people who register firearms brought to Hawaii from out-of-state. It also allows the police to charge a fee to perform the fingerprint check, and extends the time period for registering firearms brought in from out-of-state, and appropriates funds to the counties for implementation of the requirements of this bill. We agree with the intent of this measure to help with efforts to ensure only eligible, law abiding people own firearms. We caution, however, that sufficient funds must be appropriated to fund this program.

We ask that SB 69, SD 2 be PASSED WITH AN AMENDMENT changing the effective date to July 1, 2013.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

William P. Kenoi  
Mayor



Harry S. Kubojiri  
Police Chief

Paul K. Ferreira  
Deputy Police Chief

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March 13, 2013

Representative Henry J. C. Aquino  
Chairperson and Committee Members  
Committee on Public Safety  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 309  
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#### **RE: SENATE BILL 69, SD2, RELATING TO FIREARMS**

Dear Representative Aquino:

The Hawai`i Police Department supports the intent of Senate Bill No. 69. The intent of this bill is 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. It also authorizes the police departments to assess a fee for conducting a fingerprint check and specifies the amount of the fee.

We do agree with the need to fingerprint, photograph, and perform background checks on individuals who have procured firearms out of state in order to ensure they meet our state's Firearms possession requirements so as to require these individuals be held to the same standards as all of our state's citizens.

For these reasons, we urge this committee to support this legislation. Thank you for allowing the Hawai`i Police Department to testify on Senate Bill No. 69.

Sincerely,

HARRY S. KUBOJIRI  
POLICE CHIEF



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STATE & LOCAL AFFAIRS DIVISION  
DANIEL REID, HAWAII STATE LIAISON

March 13, 2013

The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino  
Chair, House Committee on Public Safety  
Sent Via Email

Re: Senate Bill 69 – OPPOSE

Dear Representative Aquino:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, I strongly oppose Senate Bill 69.

The NRA supports the use of the National Instant Check System (NICS) to perform background checks; however, it does not support NICS checks on those people who have already legally acquired a firearm.

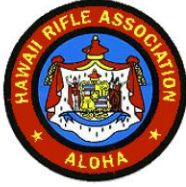
Current law requires people who bring firearms into Hawaii from another state – even on a temporary basis – to register their firearms within 72 hours. This bill now adds a fingerprinting and a background check (NICS) requirement on the owner, in addition to the registration requirement on such legally possessed firearms. These are not persons who have yet to acquire a firearm and are waiting for background approval; these are persons who already possess a firearm and are attempting to comply with the registration requirement. This will not improve public safety; instead it will create additional hurdles for law-abiding gun owners as well as put increase strain on the already overburdened police registration stations.

This bill presents no viable solutions that would make improvements to Hawaii, but instead attacks law abiding citizens who are choosing to exercise their right to own a firearm. Thank you for your attention and I ask that you oppose this bill.

Cordially,

Daniel S. Reid  
State Liaison

Cc: Members, House Committee on Public Safety



# Hawaii Rifle Association

State Affiliate of the National Rifle Association

Founded in 1857

March 13, 2013

Testimony on SB69 SD-2  
Before House Public Safety, March 14, 2013  
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IN SUPPORT

Hon. Chair and Members,

HRA supports NICS checks for out-of-state guns and fingerprinting on registrants (but not those who already have prints on file).

We suggest amending "...this requirement 'may' to 'shall'.... "

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Dr. Maxwell Cooper, HRA Legislative Liaison





Thursday, March 14, 2013

The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair  
The Honorable Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair  
Committee on Public Safety

Dear Chairman Aquino and Members of the Committee on Public Safety

Subject: **Support for SB 69, SD2**

The Injury Prevention Advisory Committee supports SB69, SD2 that would require county police departments to perform background checks on individuals wishing to register a firearm that was acquired out-of-state. The bill also appropriates funds to county police departments for gun safety and gun buy-back programs.

Established in 1990, the Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (IPAC) is an advocacy group committed to preventing and reducing injuries in Hawai'i. IPAC members include representatives from public and private agencies, physicians and professionals working together to address the eight leading areas of injury, including violence prevention.

We support this bill because it will help to ensure that individuals who acquire firearms from out-of-state are legally entitled to own them. Hawai'i has clearly defined requirements for registration while other states vary in their requirements for background checks and gun ownership, and may not meet Hawai'i's stricter standards. It is, therefore, important that gun owners who come to Hawaii meet the same safety standards for gun ownership specified in this bill as Hawai'i residents.

While Hawaii has one of the lowest violent crime rates and gun firearm homicide rates in the nation, we still need to address gun deaths in Hawai'i. We urge you to pass SB69, SD2 help to ensure the safety of Hawai'i residents and visitors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Bruce McEwan  
Chair  
Injury Prevention Advisory Committee

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Submitted on: 3/12/2013

Testimony for PBS on Mar 14, 2013 09:30AM in Conference Room 309

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Elizabeth Kellam	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donald Salvador	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hawaii already has strict firearm laws as it is. When will it be realized that criminals do not obey laws. So how is this going to reduce crime? This just puts a burden on law abiding citizens who choose to exercise a right that was put forth by our American forefathers. Politicians are already chipping away at the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. If this keeps going, America won't be "The Land of the free" anymore. The Constitution was put in place to restrict the powers of the government not limit the rights of the American abiding citizens. Remember, firearms are not the problem. Its the criminal.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Emmons Connell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: History tells us that the money spent on buy back schemes is always wasted. Money we do not have by the way!!! The crime rate is not reduced and the criminals continue their mischief. Everything else in the bill is an attempt to stamp out the PEOPLE'S 2nd Amendment Rights. Please say NO to SN69. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Emmons Connell

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brendon Heal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Treating law abiding citizens like criminals is not the answer to gun problems. Finding and prosecuting criminals is one answer. Also, Mental health problems need a bigger look and people with these problems need more help. Instead of trying to blame a DEVICE, lawmakers NEED to look at the REAL CAUSES of the violence. Stop trying to legislate on emotion and use sense and logic. Scrap this bill that has no proven impact, nor will it have any impact on crime or criminals. They WILL NOT ABIDE THE LAW, therefore, only the lawful will be penalized.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Adam Lipka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB 69 started off as a gun buy back program which would have been a waste of taxpayer money as statistically they mainly buy back broken or non functional guns or guns that would otherwise never have posed a threat from criminals. Now it is instead rewriting registration and using large amounts of limited taxpayer money to pay for the further harassment of law abiding citizens who have done nothing wrong by exercising their second amendment rights. Responsible gun owners should not be harassed and punished due to the acts of criminals or the mentally ill. Should we really be throwing money away at a problem that frankly I don't see we have in this State at a time when finances are stretched thin as it is? Even the Police Captain who was at the last hearing from firearms division stated the money would be better spent elsewhere. I urge you as a voter and a tax paying citizen to vote against this bill and stop the harassment of law abiding responsible firearms owners. By allowing this bill to pass you would only be hurting the people you swore an oath to serve.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kory Ohly	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to this bill which increases registration requirements for law-abiding citizens who exercise their constitutionally guaranteed right to bear arms. I say law-abiding because this law will NOT deter criminals. In the bill it suggests that visitors can only bring a firearm to Hawaii if they show documentation that they are planning to hunt, shoot on private property, or go target shooting. The 2nd amendment is not limited to hunting and target shooting. It is about the security of a free state. A free citizen should not be required to say WHY he or she has a firearm. You should ONLY be taking away liberty if a citizen is taking life, liberty, or property from others. Mahalo.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Lau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill will not affect crime in this state and will only further burden law abiding citizens. This state already has some of the strictest firearms laws in the nation. Why don't lawmakers address repeat criminals who are still walking around to do as they please? They are more of a threat than those of us that abide by laws.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Masuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please reject SB69 which mandates fingerprinting and processing through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System ("NICS") in addition to the already existing registration requirement on ALL firearms brought into the state. HPD is already overwhelmed with lines of law abiding people applying for and registering their firearms. Waits of several hours are the norm and adding to this burdensome requirement with more requirements will cause even more gridlock. Out of state hunters and shooters will have to dedicate 1-2 days of their trip solely to register their guns while on holiday. Since wait times are already prohibitively long, HPD would need to quadruple their manpower to handle this increase and get wait times down to a reasonable level. Hawaii already has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the nation. This bill presents no viable solutions that would make improvements to Hawaii, but instead attacks law-abiding citizens who are choosing to exercise the right to own a firearm.

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William Smith	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Please note I am strongly opposed to SB69SD2. This bill will do nothing to reduce violence, but will serve to impede law abiding citizens from being able to come to Hawaii for hunting, shooting and exercising their second amendment rights within existing Hawaii laws and statutes. It will negatively impact our economy. These visitors bring money to the state on their trips, so we should not dissuade them from coming, or hinder their ability to do so. It is not necessary that these requirements be applied to "a firearm of any description, whether usable or unusable, serviceable or unserviceable, modern or antique (Page2 lines 7,8,9). This is too broad a scope, as unusable unserviceable firearms pose no immediate threat to anyone, nor will they be brought in by hunters or shooters for most trips to the islands. Requiring all those who bring in guns to be fingerprinted if their prints are not already on record w/ police in the respective counties is completely unnecessary, and will provide for delays in visitors schedules. To do this in addition to running an inquiry through the N.I.C.B.C. is redundant. I do not think the fees for the fingerprinting should be passed on to the visitor, and this process will unnecessarily increase the workload of our already overburdened police registration departments. If they are only allowed to have the guns in state for ninety days and have passed an N.I.C.B.C inquiry, they don't need to have fingerprints on file with respective counties. The appropriation of funds to implement these requirements will be a waste of taxpayers dollars. We cannot afford to do this in Hawaii, and the funds would be better used to repair existing shooting ranges, hire more police officers, or keep the police registration offices open longer hours or on Saturdays. Thank you for your time. William Smith

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Jonathan Mita	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Cerny	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to this Bill because all it does is make it harder for people who bring in firearms from out of state to register them. The law is already clear that all firearms brought into the State need to be registered. To make fingerprinting and charge for it will now likely discourage people from doing so. As we all know, criminals will not abide by this anyway much less do so by adding background checks and fingerprinting. I believe it is just overcomplicating the situation. This Bill seeks to extend and expand the requirements for out of state importation. This creates cost not only for the person registering the firearm but also an additional cost for the county entity that needs to do the additional work now. By enacting this Bill I don't see any advantages other than to create more work for law abiding firearms owners and county employees and less appealing for anyone who might want to think about skipping registration altogether. It seems to me that the current laws regarding this are adequate. to pass this Bill we run the risk of having people skip registration because it is costly and time consuming. The current process is more enticing for people to abide by due to low cost and time investment. In my opinion, the resources that would be appropriated by this bill(both county time and money) are better sent focusing on providing a better education for our children in Hawaii. I feel, as many other people do, that one of the keys to reducing gun violence in America is providing a better education for our children. I think Hawaii falls very short in this area and monies and resources being allocated to Bills like this are better spent on education.

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Ryan Maeda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aloha

I do not in support of this bill.

This bill is nothing more than plain harassment and infringement on our Second Amendment. If you really wanted change with gun violence then you would address the people who illegally possess and use firearms in crimes not law abiding citizens who already comply with the law.

This bill presents no viable solutions that would make improvements to Hawaii, but instead attacks law-abiding citizens who are choosing to exercise the right to own a firearm.

Mahalo

Paul Bueltmann



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Douglas Moose	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Individuals, who bring firearms into Hawaii from another state, even on a temporary basis, are already required to register their firearms within 72 hours. This bill now adds a fingerprinting, photographing, AND a background check requirement on the owner in addition to the already burdensome registration requirement on such legally possessed firearms. Hunters and sport shooters who travel to Hawaii will be required to waste at least one or two days to stand in line and register their firearms. Paying for a rental car, parking, and hotel accommodations in order to undergo fingerprinting and a NICS check is unreasonable and would become prohibitive to many. What happens when a legally purchased and registered firearm from another state is inappropriately confiscated due to outdated or inaccurate NICS data? Even when the situation is cleared up, the individual's vacation will have been ruined, and the cost of shipping the firearm to the individual's home, or local FFL, will be just another waste of tax payer revenue by the state. Ultimately, visitors will choose to vacation in places other than Hawaii, and they will warn their family and friends to stay away from this anti-second-amendment state! This bill represents no viable or reasonable solutions that would improve the violence rate of Hawaii. It would instead place an unnecessary, costly, and ineffective burden on law-abiding American citizens who merely wish to exercise their individual right to own and use their legally obtained firearm.

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I support

**passage of the bill SB69 SD2 because all guns needs to get registered and background checks but by 2nd amendment everybody has right to bear arms just need to ensure it won't end up within the wrong hands. It good to keep guns in hands of local island hunters that need it and help protect people from criminals so enforce laws to background checks and keep guns in hands of people per 2nd amendment much love and aloha**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Renny Chee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill adds a redundant layer of background checks to an already existing policy of gun registration. What was originally a gun back bill has morphed into a cumbersome, meaningless administrative process that attempts to further restrict the rights of lawful citizens.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rosemary Aldridge	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose on grounds of excessive restrictions against gun owners. Secondly, more money will be needed to run this program, money we don't have.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Lynn Thomas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: You Swore and Oath to Uphold and Defend The Constitution of the United States! What are your intentions? Did you miss The Big Picture? God Gave Us These Rights and you think we are too stupid to have them? Is this True? Perjury? Was your Oath just a Lie? Did you read any of the Founding Fathers Letters? Did you Read THE BILL OF RIGHTS? Are you supporting a Tyranny against the People? Are you ABOVE THE LAW? See What I See... Hear What I hear! Are you not ashamed? I see you have gone to Far. Tax Money to buy Votes! Destruction of Peoples Rights! Destruction of THE CONSTITUTION! Just How Far will YOU go? You are not above the Destruction you Bring upon US!!! Remember this! It will come down on your heads too. I put my name to this. Randy Thomas Waipahu, HI. "Those who sacrifice Freedom for Security... will have neither!" Thomas Jefferson.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Kingdon, MPH, Paramedic	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a paramedic in Hawaii, I strongly support SB69. When firearm injuries occur, they are often fatal even with the best EMS treatment available. Prevention is the only reliable way to avoid firearm fatalities. Many EMS providers are also gun owners and hunters. SB69 does not present a threat to these pursuits, rather the bill offers a reasonable method of injury control. Thank you.

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Kimberly Treloar	Individual	Oppose	No

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

Comments: I wish to thank the PBS Committee for this opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 69. I emphatically OPPOSE SB69. Senate Bill 69 started off as a Gun "Buyback" bill, but has evolved into a "Gun Safety and Education" bill, and by further amendments has morphed into a gun owner harassment/mental interrogation bill. This bill, in its current state, will require fingerprinting and NICS checks in addition to the already existing registration requirement on ALL firearms brought into the state, and will allocate \$200,000 to police departments to be used at their discretion for safety and training, gun "buybacks" or extensive background checks for mental health. Firstly, gun buyback programs have proven ineffective in locations throughout the Country. Many cities have undertaken similar programs without any evidence of a decrease in gun-related crimes. People turn in guns that are inoperable or otherwise unwanted. There is no reason for a criminal who has an unregistered firearm to turn in their weapon unless it is useless to begin with. And law-abiding citizens with registered firearms who turn in a firearm would most likely never have committed a violent act with their firearm in any event. This is an absolute waste of taxpayer's money when there is so many better ways that the state can utilize taxes from an already financially overburdened citizenry. Secondly, people, who bring firearms into Hawaii from another state, even on a temporary basis, are already required to register their firearms within 72 hours. This bill now adds a fingerprinting AND a background check requirement on the owner in addition to the already burdensome registration requirement on such legally possessed firearms. These requirements are so onerous that if one acquired an antique firearm or an unusable or unserviceable firearm they would still have to undergo the entire background check, registration and fingerprinting process. Hunters and shooters, when traveling to Hawaii under this law would have to make sure to allocate at least one or two days to stand in line to register their firearms and undergo fingerprinting and a NICS check in addition to potential "extensive background checks for mental health concerns for certain individuals wishing to register guns," whatever that means, for a firearm you already legally possess. SB 69 leaves several things open to question or interpretation. For instance, it fails to define what constitutes an "extensive background check" or what constitutes a "mental health concern." Without proper definitions, these requirements remain open for interpretation by the local authorities. Further, could these "extensive background checks" turn a five-day hunting or shooting trip to the islands into ten days of psychoanalysis by the local police sergeant? In summary, what can be known for sure is that this bill presents no viable solutions that would make improvements to Hawaii, but instead attacks law-abiding citizens who are choosing to exercise the right to own a firearm. Finally, I reiterate my opposition to SB69.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
david krumwiede	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please do not support...no on SB69

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Charles moss	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a third generation Hawaii resident and am opposed to SB 69 because its provisions are impractical and are attempting to solve a non existent problem in Hawaii. In other words, it will not work, and more paperwork will not do anything of value. Mahalo, Charles Moss

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Victor Ferrer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Representative: Henry J.C. Aquino, Kaniela Ing, Mark J. Hashem, Ryan I. Yamane, Linda Ichiyama, Kyle T. Yamashita, Mark M. Nakashima, Bob McDermott, Roy M. Takumi I oppose SB 69, SD1 (SSCR334). Individuals being charged a floating fingerprint fee for registrants with fingerprinting and photograph prints on file. As a law-abiding citizen and a responsible gun owner, I support efforts to curb violence in all forms. However, I do not support the efforts of any lawmaker who seeks to restrict my rights under the Second Amendment, or to impose new fees and/or restrictions on me and other law-abiding firearm owners. Rather, I support a comprehensive approach to preventing violence in our communities through a thorough evaluation of the challenges we face. That review must include the enforcement of existing laws, the need for heightened security approaches, and greater consideration on how to better manage the acutely mentally ill. As a law-abiding citizen and a constituent, I ask that you represent me in these matters. Sincerely, Victor Ferrer

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Gerald Matsunaga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill, as it will only be partially effective. No consideration has been given for out of state hunters, competition shooters, and eradication shooters. Needs to be re-worked to take these categories of shooters into consideration. Mahalo

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Randall Mita	Individual	Oppose	No

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susan Shaheen Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jared Abdul	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My voting and law abiding family, friends and I all oppose this bill. Hawaii already has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the country, and it is already a burden on the law abiding public to purchase and register a firearm. Adding further restrictions will do nothing to curb the already low firearm related crimes in Hawaii. What you all seem to forget, is that criminals do not care about the laws, hence the fact that they are criminals. Keep your oath of office and stand up for the constitution. My family, friends and I will watch your votes carefully, and remember them on the next election.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher K Koike	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a small Business owner and a voter. Although perhaps guided by good intentions, this Bill is useless. Please stop punishing and inconveniencing the law abiding citizens. I will not support or vote for anyone who supports this bill in any form.

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

Comments: Dear Honorable Chair and committee members, I am opposed to SB 69. SB69 will not make Hawaii safer from gun crimes and criminals. It will adversely affect the conscientious gun owners who would be the only ones to comply. It will adversely affect our hunting industry, for example consider the Island of Lanai. This action would discourage travelers from coming and spending money here. Conscientious professionals like myself make SAFETY a No.1 priority. This bill will not contribute to that effort. Thank you, Eric Ako DVM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tom Markson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill primarily because it is pointless and will not reduce violence or increase public safety. It will only inconvenience law abiding citizens and reduce tourism. But that being said, there are also specific problems with the bill: 1. I believe it is unnecessary and economically stupid to require visitors to go through a background check on a firearm they have already legally acquired. This will reduce tourism for hunters who visit the Islands. 2. It is silly to apply these requirements to antique and unserviceable firearms which pose no threat whatsoever to anyone. 3. It will only increase the lines at the county police stations which will effect both residents and visitors. 4. Fngerprinting and photographing visitors is completely pointless. 5. The police chief should not have the discretion to fingerprint if the fingerprints are already on file 6. The money being appropriated could be much better spent on better things in this state.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ronald Livingston	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Amend that finger prints do not need to be taken if a set is already on file.

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

Comments: Enough with the gun laws. You just don't get it. Gun sales are up because politicians keep threatening citizens with new laws that restrict our rights. These laws don't keep us safe from people who don't abide them. Suggest punishing the guilty and leave the regular citizen alone. Stop passing programs that justify taking more of our money. New gun laws only sow the seeds of discontent. Thank you.

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Kevin J. Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Leineweber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this proposed legislation, which is an irresponsible waste of visitor and tax-payer time and money. The requirement to register any firearm brought into the state already exists. Police departments already fingerprint and photograph every gun owner, plus charge a fee for processing those fingerprints through national data bases. To add fingerprinting and photographing to the registration requirement for visitors, adding huge time, hassle, and costs to any trip to comply with this onerous new legislation, flies in the face of Hawaii's number one industry, tourism with aloha! This proposal tells a significant number of big spenders to keep out, they're not welcome! And to what effect? Any visitor willing to register a firearm is not a vacationing criminal bent on doing harm in our state. How does this proposed legislation diminish crime in our state? This proposed legislation would drive tourists away, meaning lower hotel occupancy, fewer paid hunts, fewer competition purses, and lower employment for Hawaiians. Is that what our legislators want to be remembered for? Hurting our visitor industry while doing nothing to promote crime prevention? Please do not pass this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifler Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jan Schwarzenberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This proposal is an irresponsible waste of unspecified tax-payer funds. Any representative's vote in favor of it is prima facie grounds to not be re-elected. The requirement to register any firearm brought into the state ALREADY exists. Police depts ALREADY fingerprint and photograph every gun owner, plus charge a fee for processing those fingerprints through national data bases. To add fingerprinting and photographing to the registration requirement for visiting hunters/competitors, thereby adding huge costs to any trip for the required additional time needed to comply, contradicts Hawaii's number one industry - tourism with aloha! This proposal tells a significant number of big spenders to keep out, they're not welcome! And to what end effect? Anyone already willing to register a firearm is not a vacationing criminal bent on doing harm in our state. So how does this proposal diminish crime in our state? All it does is drive tourists away, which means lower hotel occupancy, fewer paid hunts, fewer competition purses, lower employment for Hawaiians. Is that what the legislators want to be remembered for? Killing industry while doing nothing to promote crime prevention?

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Mark Eastridge	Individual	Oppose	No

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I have been a gun owner for over 20 years. When I registered my first firearm I was active duty military, trained in the use of firearms. At the time of my first firearm registration I was appalled by the invasion of my privacy so that I might exercise my Second Amendment Right to "to keep and bear arms". Perhaps you are unaware of the component of the Second Amendment which states "SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED". The invasion of my privacy by the State and County government is, understanding what the Second Amendment actually says and not your perverse interpretation of same, a violation of my Forth Amendment Rights.

I was made through subtleties in demeanor and courtesy of the Police Department, the registering authority, that I was in some way, offensive or, at a minimum, displeasing to the personnel registering my gun. Ultimately, I was unwarrantably made to feel as if I was a criminal or pursuing a criminal act by simply wanting to exercise my Second Amendment Right.

The State of Hawaii has already gone far beyond that which is plainly identified in the Bill of Rights. I strongly urge you to defeat SB 69.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Robin Hall  
Kamuela, Hawaii



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patrick Baltazar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing you to voice my strong opposition to SB69 introduced by Senators Espero, Baker, Galuteria, and Green. While this bill appears to have good intentions, I question the reasoning behind these added restrictions on our 2nd amendment rights and whether the expenditure of our tax money to support these restrictions is justified. Fingerprinting and picture taking of individuals arriving in Hawaii to register their firearms is akin to treating them as if they were criminals for simply exercising their 2nd amendment rights. What is the purpose of the picture taking? At what cost? Do our elected officials believe that individuals with a criminal background that enter Hawaii will abide by our gun laws? Section 3 appropriates our tax dollars for a gun buy-back program. I strongly oppose this as an unnecessary waste of our tax dollars as there is no evidence supporting the efficacy of this type of program. Do our elected officials actually believe that criminals will sell their illegally obtained firearms in a buy-back program? While these types of bills appear to have good intentions, they are a violation of the U.S. Constitution as well as the Hawaii State Constitution Article 1 Section 17 which states, "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." These bills are an infringement of this right.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
MICHAEL G HACK	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: THIS IS A RIDICULOUS IDEA...WE ALREADY HAVE LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS FOR DEALING WITH THIS...ARE WE SETTING UP A DATA BASE FOR GUN REGISTRATION??? THIS ALSO IS BURDENSOME ON THE ALREADY OVERWORKED STATE WORKERS, POLICE, AND CREATES YET ANOTHER BUROCRACY THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD...

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Hugh Petersen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kristin Mack	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Glenn Kondo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Sirs and Mesdames: I oppose this bill as it is being revised as it simply adds yet another layer of beuracracy to an already over-burdened system. The idea that the one person "office" on the Big Island will now have to do additional work without I assume the additional funding (as the government is needing to cut back on services) for at least a part-time staff person to manage the monitoring, review and registration of not only the residents of this island but also any vacationing hunters is simply not possible.

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**ATTN: of the House Chairman COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
Chair, Rep. Henry Aquino**

From:

Robert F. Kay  
3663 Lilinoe Place  
Honolulu, HI 96816

RE: SB 69, SD2

March 13, 2013

My name is Robert F. Kay and I am a member of the Hawaii Rifle Association. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to SB 69, SD2.

While I support background checks, this bill is redundant. Existing law has done the job of protecting Hawaii residents from illegal, out of state guns.

Those who bring firearms into Hawaii from another state, even on a temporary basis, are *already* required to register their firearms within 72 hours. The fingerprinting, photographing, and background check requirements that SB 69 adds do not make sense.

There are a number of tourist/hunters who hunt on private land and spend a good deal of money in Hawaii who will be impacted negatively by this. SB 69 will discourage them from ever wanting to repeat this kind of onerous process when they are *already* required to register their firearms.

The upshot is that Hawaii people are protected right now from people bringing guns into our state. The county Police Departments are

already doing NICS checks on bring-in firearms, and universal registration is already existing state law.

SB 69 needs to be terminated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Respectfully yours,

Robert F. Kay

Kyle Sleppy

PBS/Committee On Public Safety

March 14, 2013 @ 0930 hours

SB69 SD.2

In SB69, SD. 2, it is stated that a person or firearm, whichever arrives to Honolulu last, then has five days to register the firearm to the Chief of Police of the county of the person's place of business, if nonexistent their place of residence and if neither exist their place of sojourn, meaning the person's place of temporary stay. Though, this extension in time by two days for the registry of such firearm is a generous offer, the registry of firearms is wrong in itself. Forcing an individual to register their firearm to have one in the State of Hawaii is a display of control & conscription, meaning the state tells the individual they have to register their firearm, and they are expected to do so without questioning because it is the law whether it is right or wrong. The problem with registration is it is a breach of privacy, and is Hawaii's way of controlling and suppressing the People, because they have a full list of every firearm owner in the state, with addresses, names and phone numbers, etc. This list could then come to great use in the case of firearm confiscation in Hawaii.

Accompanied by Hawaii's current firearm laws, SB69 now mandates every person, out of state or in-state who purchases or brings a firearm or in any way has a firearm brought into the state of Hawaii, having been forced into registering such firearms, the fingerprinting and photographing of the individual as well as a background check as part of the registration process. Not only these preposterous things, but the individual registering would have to pay the state money to conduct the fingerprinting they did not want to do in the first place but were forced to under the states from of firearm conscription.

I disagree with the current laws in place, and disagree with the amendments made to them in SB69 SD. 2 as it is punishing legal firearm owners and making the process more difficult than it is already to purchase, own and register a firearm in the state, furthermore charging money to m punish them. These amendments of the Hawaii Revised Statutes within SB69 are unacceptable. This bill is obviously a matter of gun control, put in place for supposed safety reasons, but the main focus should be on illegal gun purchasing and ownership of firearms, not making it easier for an individual to obtain and possess a firearm illegally compared to the legal process of doing so.

I propose the bill be voted against and turned down by the Senate, House of Representatives and at last resort, the Governor of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Kyle Sleppy

James Bedient  
1464 Molehu Dr.  
Honolulu, HI 96818

March 12, 2013

To: Hawaii State House Committee on Public Safety

Re: Testimony opposing SB 69

Aloha! SB 69 proposes to increase the requirements on an individual transporting a firearm into the state. The law already requires registration, this law provides no benefit either to the state or to those law abiding citizens that comply with the law. It only adds a layer of bureaucracy in a fiscal environment in which we cannot afford more bureaucracy. It will also act as a disincentive to comply with the existing registration law – and thus have a net negative effect.

Individuals coming into the state and registering firearms are already law-abiding firearm owners. There is no need to make them jump through further hoops. In addition, this bill will unfairly impact military personnel that are transferred into the state. Why make them go through a hassle that doesn't help anything?

This bill is a solution looking for a problem, and I oppose it in its entirety.

Very respectfully,

James Bedient

I oppose SB69 for several reasons as articulated below.

1. This bill is a waste of taxpayer money. How many violent crimes in the state involve firearms, and more importantly, how many of these do you suppose this bill will prevent?
2. By your own estimation, there are roughly one million firearms estimated to be in Hawaii (legally). How many of legally owned firearms are used to commit violent crimes each year? How many illegally possessed firearms are used likewise, and will this bill either increase the first category or decrease the second? I do not believe so.
3. This bill is also a burden on visitors to this state, as the average wait time to register a firearm (at least on Oahu) ranges from 2-4 hours currently. This means a law abiding visitor to our state for the purpose of a five-day hunting trip would have to plan an extra day to comply with this legislation.
4. It is of at least equal, if not even greater importance, that passage of this bill is sure to call Hawaii's current firearms registration/permit to purchase law into a legal challenge. How can the police department comply with the requirements of this bill and issue registrations to visitors, while requiring residents to wait 14 days from the date of application to issue permits to purchase (since the justification for that wait time is the background check)?

Please do not waste my taxes with this proposed bill or infringe on the rights of residents and visitors of our great state.

Very Respectfully,

Joseph Marcotte

201 N. Circle Mauka St

Wahiawa, HI 96786

To the legislature:

SB69 spends money the state doesn't have, to do things the residents of Hawaii do not want. Specifically will fund the police departments to provide gun safety education that is already provided by private citizens. In effect this bill would be an attack on those citizens' incomes and livelihoods. I have taken such a course taught by an NRA certified instructor and the government has no business spending such money to put people out of work when they have such huge unfunded liabilities.

Registration of guns from out of state is already required in Hawaii. More evidence this bill is a farce. If one commits a criminal act with a gun, then that person should be punished - for the criminal act. Law-abiding people who use guns for hunting, sport and self defense cannot have their rights infringed when they have committed no crime.

The gun buyback program is even more ridiculous. Again, this state is broke and has no business allocating money to purchase guns. By way of comparison, drunk driving fatalities in this state are approximately 40 times that of gun-related fatalities. Moreover, cancer fatalities related to alcohol (liver, breast) are well over 100 times that of gun-related fatalities in the state! These facts cannot be disputed. If the legislature wants to reduce the number of deaths I insist they instead allocate money for an alcohol buyback program, a far more injurious to the state of Hawaii than guns. To not do so would be blatant hypocrisy.

Sincerely,  
A. Bradley

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Nick Zimecki	Individual	Oppose	No

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Pastor Dennis Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please DO NOT pass this bill. It would only serve to encumber legal gun owners. STOP the attack on law abiding citizens. Enforce the law that already exists.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelly Wakayama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to this - there are already measures in place for people legally acquiring guns to register them. People doing so legally are not the problem - it is those who have no regard for the law that are the problem and this will not stop them.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
leona martin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do Not pass this bill. Individuals who bring firearms into Hawaii from another state, even on a temporary basis, are already required to register their firearms within 72 hours. SB 69 now adds a fingerprinting, photographing, AND a background check requirement on the gun owner in addition to the already burdensome registration requirement on such legally possessed firearms. These requirements are so onerous that if one acquired an antique firearm or an unusable or unserviceable firearm, they would still have to undergo the entire background check, registration and fingerprinting process. It will not solve crimes. Stop the attack on legal gun owners.

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I oppose S.B. 69, S.D. 1. This proposed legislation places additional regulatory burdens on honest, law-abiding citizens and will not reduce gun violence by criminals and mentally disturbed individuals. Such programs in other jurisdictions have never been proven to prevent violent crime. The proposed fingerprinting and photographing of individuals wishing to register firearms is not only a burden but an absolute insult to law-abiding citizens. I expect the tourists I've seen arriving on Lanai with their shotguns for skeet shooting will abandon Hawaii in favor of other locales with more Aloha. I respectfully request that you not approve this bill.

-Dr. J. W. Morrow

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Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	No

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Additional Gun Laws won't change the criminal behavior in people. Criminals will remain criminal and will access guns as they always have and commit crimes, while law-abiding people will follow the rule of the law(s) and find themselves unable to protect themselves. If the true objective is public safety, we should reach logical conclusions after careful consideration of facts and data. A position, nowhere rooted in fact, and based only upon emotions and personal bias, is an irrational response.

This irrational response, is to try to take away the bad guns, as if a villain couldn't fix a couple of nails to a bat and go to town. Because of personal fears, some people can't distinguish between law-abiding and criminal, and they can't see the sense in accepting that criminals don't follow laws, therefore gun laws only affect the law-abiding.

We must all be looking for ways to prevent senseless acts of violence and the taking of innocent life but the best place to start would be enforcing the laws that have already been enacted.

The recognition that we all really have shared goals: we want our communities to be safer, and we will do anything to protect our Keiki.

Start focusing on that and stop trying to convince people that all law-abiding gun owners are criminals in waiting.

Self-defense is a God given right, protected by our Constitution, those that limit our right to self defense, do so with nothing more than their own personal bias as justification.

At a time when crime is rampant and people are becoming more and more desperate due to the struggling economy, it is imperative that state and local governments support the people's right to defend themselves from would-be attackers. The police have nothing to fear from law-abiding citizens with guns.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
Michael Riley

