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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: With all the gun laws here in Hawaii, among all states, we have very strict gun laws as is. We already have to do background checks which we have to wait 10 days to clear, we also do finger printing and picture taking. I oppose on SB 69! I don't think this will do anything to prevent criminals from hurting innocent law abiding citizens. Criminals don't follow the law! Why make more laws for law abiding citizens? Aloha!

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Brandon Kang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The current bill includes this language stating that the fingerprinting process "May" be waived at the chief of police's discretion. This language needs to be changed, "Shall be waived" is what it ought say. Fingerprints do not change. It is a waste of money and especially manpower at the already overtaxed HPD firearms department to require individuals who already have prints on file to pay the fee and have prints taken a second time. In addition the bill does not explicitly provide for expansion of registration and permitting locations. The sole Oahu location at HPD HQ in Honolulu is far beyond it's capability to handle the demand, and there is little reason permits and registrations cannot be carried out in other police stations throughout the state. Current waiting times on not only acquiring permits, but registering firearms, both in and from out of state take 5 hours or more. People are essentially being forced to camp out in front of the station overnight with their firearms, simply so they get the opportunity to register their firearms, to avoid being in violation of the law. This is not only unnecessary, but it also puts these individuals at risk as they are forced to wait at 4:30 in the morning for a chance at registering their firearms.

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Pastor Dennis Martin	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. 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. In summary, what is known is that SB 69 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. Please do not pass this bill. and please stop the attacks on law abiding gun owners !!!

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DARRYL MACHA	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Honorable Chair Aquino and Members of the Public Safety Committee, I would like to state my **STRONG OPPOSITION** for Bill SB 69 SD2. I believe that the current laws in place at this time are more than enough and feel that this Bill will be total redundancy. Furthermore, if any individuals seek to circumnavigate the current procedures and laws already in place, it is most likely that they have criminal intent and will not adhere to any new laws. Please offer **NO** amendments and vote **NO** on this Bill. I appreciate the opportunity to testify. Thank you, Darryl Macha

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Noa Kalanihuia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a law abiding gun enthusiast and hunter. A resident of Molokai and a fire fighter. I feel we already have excellent gun acquisition laws. Perhaps we should focus on education of proper and safe gun use/storage to keep them out of the wrong hands. This law, like almost any other gun law, will only apply to the already law abiding citizens like myself. Thank you for your time, Noa Kalanihuia

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bart Canada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly oppose. This bill is a gross overreaction to isolated cases of gun violence on the U.S. Mainland by irresponsible people that were unauthorized to own or possess firearms. The Bill unfairly and harshly penalizes honest, legal, responsible gun owners and puts an undue burden on tourists/visitors and law enforcement to register firearms, considering the recent processes by Honolulu Police Department alone required residents to wait several hours in long lines and make multiple trips to comply with the current laws. Considering current budget constraints and reductions in future Federal monies to Hawaii, taxpayer revenues could be better spent on reduction of bureaucratic wastes and redundancy.

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Denver Valdez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George Acosta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hi I oppose this Bill because it affects only legal gun owners. It does not affect a person who acquired a firearm illegally.

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Bowen Dickinson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Everything is already in place for registering guns in Hawai....other than having some way to get the criminals to register their guns. Dangerous crlminals don't sign up for safety classes Why waste cops time using them to teach honest people how to shoot unless you let honest people carry guns. criminals don't sell their guns back to the Police so it is a dumb waste of my taxpayer dollars..Don't

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Jonathan Kaya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a citizen of Hawaii and a serving enlisted member of the United States Armed Forces, I find Hawaii's firearm laws to be restrictive but acceptable at this time. I see no need to expand firearm registration beyond where it already is. I see it as a way to waste the State and Counties government's time and money tracking law abiding citizens when there are better uses for both. Hawaii's firearm related crimes are not on a level to compete with any other state, county, parish or what have you anywhere else in the United States. History has shown how effective it is to restrict the ownership of firearms and it is not on legislation's side. There are more automotive, alcohol and smoking related deaths every year then there are firearm related deaths. Will we also be submitting laws advocating the restriction and registration on public and private sales and ownership of every vehicle, every bottle or can and every cigarette as well? Are the Counties and State are willing and ready to waste the same time and money fingerprinting, photographing and background checking each individual that lives in or visits our shores for these same purchases? Sincerely, Corporal Jonathan Kaya Unites States Marine Corps

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Robert & Amanda Bennett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: First off I would like to say Thank You for taking your time in reading this. I am a Non Commissioned Officer in the United States Army that is currently stationed in the State of Hawaii. My wife and I have been married for 9 years and we have 2 children together, both of us have a concealed carry license in other states and we have taught our children about weapons safety to help them understand that weapons are not something that they can play with. We did not choose to be stationed here but rather I was ordered by the United States Army to live in the State of Hawaii. I have served honorably in the United States Army for the past 11 years and I have already had background investigations that are more in depth than the NICS background check that you would require to obtain my current Security clearance. I have received training on weapons ranging from the M9 Pistol, M16A2 Rifle, M4A1 Rifle, M249 Machine Gun, M240B Machine Gun, M2 50 Cal. Machine Gun, MK19 40mm Machine Gun, AT4 Rocket launcher, 155mm Howitzer, and Explosives that I have had to use over the course of my career. My wife as well has been trained on various weapons. Not to mention that we have both been investigated in order to obtain our concealed carry license. On a daily basis our rights are being infringed upon because we are not allowed by the State of Hawaii to carry our weapons for the sole purpose of protecting our family. We oppose SB 69 due to the fact that under current law the State of Hawaii already restricts us from practicing our constitutional rights guaranteed to us not only by the Constitution of the United States of America but the State of Hawaii's constitution as well. This law would add burdensome restrictions on those of us that serve in the United States Military and protect not only the United States of America but the State of Hawaii. You ask our service members to leave our families and go defend & protect the United States of America which we gladly do, but will not let our spouses have the right to carry the protection that they need in such uncertain times while we are gone. Once we get back after serving honorably you deny our service members the right to carry our weapon to defend & protect our families in the same manner that we defended & protected the United States of America and the State of Hawaii. Instead you tell us to call the police department when we need to be protected. It is a proven fact that when the seconds count the Police department is only minutes away. So unless you plan on assigning a police officer to protect our family while I serve our great country then I believe not only should you not pass this law but you should at least allow those of us who the United States Military has spent hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars training on how to use weapons to carry our weapons. We have been trained on how to handle situations that even your Police Officers have not been trained to handle. And just like your Police Officers we to have sworn to Protect and Defend the Constitution of the United States of America. This means that just like Police Officers most of us will be more than

glad to help protect the innocent civilians when and if the need arrives if we are in the area. It is a proven fact that states that allow the citizens to carry their weapons have lower violent crime rates. Please do not infringe our rights even more than you already do. Even if you do pass this law it will not help in anyway because unlike all of us law abiding citizens the criminals will not register their weapons. Once Again Thank You for your time.

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Jonagustine Lim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. While the bill initially writes about registration of firearms being brought from out of state, it then includes provision to make the already burdensome registration process in the State more burdensome and intrusive for law-abiding gun owners in Hawaii. The new requirement of taking photographs of law abiding gun owners is synonymous to requiring a mug shot be taken of someone who has committed no crime. This is very intrusive of someone's privacy and treats law abiding gun owners who have committed no crime like a criminal. We are not criminals or felons. Please do not treat us as such. I urge you to kill this horrible bill. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

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Ewa Beach

Vote NO on SB69. Hawaii's gun laws are already unconstitutional and ludicrous enough. Do committee members really understand what is required for a law-abiding citizen to purchase a firearm? The process is as follows:

1. Take a two-day gun safety class to receive certification.
2. Take certificate to HPD and file paperwork to receive license to buy a gun.
3. Return to HPD in two weeks to pick up license.
4. Go to gun store to select gun. Fill out paperwork and pay for gun, but leave gun at store.
5. Return to HPD to file paperwork to purchase gun.
6. Return to HPD in two weeks to pick up permit to purchase gun.
7. Take permit to gun store to take possession of gun.
8. Take permit, gun, and gun-store paperwork to HPD to register gun.
9. Take gun home, but do not bother to go to the one and only public range on Oahu. It is only open three hours per day on Wednesday-Friday and six hours a day on weekends. It is so crowded that people are lining up at about 3:00 am to get a spot.

Note each visit to HPD requires citizens stand in line 2-3 hours to obtain license, permit, and registration. A criminal, on the other hand, merely buys a gun on the black market, no permits, license, or training is required.

If you really want to make citizens safer, restore their right to protect themselves:

1. Eliminate the need to register firearms. Criminals do not register their firearms and in the 70+ years that Hawaii has required registration, not one crime has been solved using this data collected from law-abiding citizens.
2. Allow the gun stores to perform background checks ala Arizona. Eliminating registration and transferring background checks to the private sector will save enough money to put more police on the streets. We can stop monitoring the activities of law-abiding citizens and focus on the criminals; criminals, out-of- state or otherwise, will not bring their firearms in for registration.
3. Eliminate the need to obtain a concealed carry permit. If you can legally buy a firearm, you can carry it. What use is a firearm for self-defense, if you must leave it in a locked safe at home? In practice, HPD does not even grant carry permits to anyone other than LE personnel. The real law-breaker is the government that denies citizens their constitutionally-recognized right to bear arms.