

SB 69

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

Appropriates \$100,000 to the county police departments to initiate a gun buy-back program.



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

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:
S.B. NO. 69, RELATING TO FIREARMS.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS.

DATE: Thursday, January 31, 2013 **TIME:** 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 224
TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Debbie L. Tanakaya, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Espero and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate \$100,000 to the county police departments to initiate a gun buy-back program in the interest of public safety.

The gun buy-back program will provide an incentive for those with unwanted firearms to turn in those firearms to the police. Most importantly, it takes firearms off the streets. Instead of holding on to an unwanted firearm that may be stolen, misused, or picked up by a child, the possessor of the firearm will be able to voluntarily turn in the firearm with some compensation. One less firearm off the streets is one less firearm falling into the wrong hands.

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

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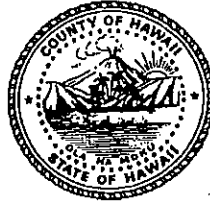
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 69

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO USE OF FORCE BY
PERSONS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARE,
DISCIPLINE, OR SAFETY OF OTHERS.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Thursday, January 31, 3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Chair Will Espero, Vice Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, and Members of
the Committees:

Senate Bill 69 appropriates \$100,000 to the county police departments to initiate a gun buy-back program. We support this bill as the goal is to reduce the number of firearms in the community.

Unfortunately gun violence has touched Hawaii as well as the rest of the United States. Firearms were used in nineteen per cent of Hawaii murders in 2011. On January 2, 2013, two officers were shot and injured by an unknown assailant when investigating noise complaints in Hilo. In addition, only ten percent of the \$201,179 worth of firearms stolen in Hawaii in 2011 have been recovered.

A gun buy-back program decreases the availability of guns in the community by providing cash incentives to gun possessors to forfeit their firearms. Fewer guns provide fewer avenues for gun violence and although it is difficult to measure how many lives are saved when individuals voluntarily forfeit their guns for cash, we believe saving one life is worth the expense.

For the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii supports the passage of S.B. 69. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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January 29, 2013

Testimony for Senate Bill 69
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hearing: Thursday, January 31, 2013, 3:00pm, Room 224

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL NO. 69, RELATING TO FIREARMS

Dear Chair Espero and Committee Members:

The Kauai Police Department is in **support** of Senate Bill No. 69, Relating to Firearms.

As stated, gun violence continues to be a challenge nation-wide, and here in Hawaii.

The proposed gun buy-back program will assist law enforcement in reducing the number of unwanted guns within our communities through forfeiture incentives.

The Kauai Police Department strongly supports the passage of this bill because the gun buy-back program will enhance officer and public safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

DARRYL D. PERRY
Chief of Police

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Greg Benjamin	Individual	Support	No



Hawaii Rifle Association

State Affiliate of the National Rifle Association

Founded in 1857

January 30, 2013

Testimony on SB69

Before: PBM Thursday January 31, 2013, 3pm, Rm 224

In Opposition

Hon. Chair, Co-Chair, Members,

HRA opposes this bill.

Buyback is a misnomer. Americans don't buy their guns from government.

Buybacks are a feel-good expenditure with virtually no public safety benefit. The Delaware Senate killed their buyback bill last summer for just those reasons. Many of the turn-ins are not potential crime guns. They are in poor condition, inoperable, or obsolete.

Buybacks take advantage of heirs who have no idea how to dispose of firearms left in their homes by a deceased loved one. Past buybacks offered about 1/10 or less of the market value of a firearm. A transfer to a licensed dealer is accomplished by simply furnishing a death certificate of the owner and results in registration of the firearm with the county police, which then only can be then sold in Hawaii to a permittee under IIRS134.

During a previous buyback, a WWII bring-back German Luger from a 442nd Regimental Combat Team veteran was destroyed (cut up and dumped into the ocean). It should have been offered to the Ft. DeRussy Army Museum or some similar museum so its historical significance could be preserved. There are still firearms out there from the Kingdom of Hawaii and Republic of Hawaii period. A mainland antique dealer is currently asking \$ 22,500 for a Winchester Model 1876 musket from that era. 300 were shipped to the Palace.

If you must pass this bill, we suggest amendments:

1. Persons turning in firearms shall be offered a list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of licensed Federal Firearms Dealers in the State of Hawaii and advised that recovering the actual value of the firearm by transferring to a dealer is or is not lawful. {The list is readily available from the Honolulu BATFE office. The county police firearms sections are required to check each turn-in against stolen firearms lists to avoid destroying evidence guns.}
2. The county police departments shall offer firearms of important historical significance to a museum before they are consigned to be destroyed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Hawaii Rifle Association.

Dr. Maxwell Cooper,
HRA Legislative Liaison



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January 28, 2013

Senator Espero
Chair, Senate Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Sent Via Email

Re: Senate Bill 69 – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Espero:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, we strongly oppose Senate Bill 69, as brought forward.

Gun buy-back programs across the nation are often pitched with high hopes but have historically proven to be not only significant failures, but a waste of tax payer dollars with no noticeable impact on crime.

Those with criminal intentions are unlikely to surrender a firearm for something as nominal as a gift card. Rather, the likely result, based on what we have seen in states that have gone down this road, are broken and cheap firearms that look nothing like the firearms the law enforcement community seizes from crime scenes or when a criminal is apprehended.

The end result are that taxpayers are left holding the bag on another failed experiment when those dollars could have been better utilized to put additional officers on the street.

Thank you for your attention and I ask that you oppose this bill.

Cordially,

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State Liaison

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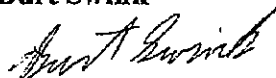
Please kill this bill.

This will cost a lot. The bad guys will still have guns.

Shoot sports are a great sport for all.

Thanks You,

Burt Swink



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

Comments: Respectfully to our elected officials, New restrictive firearm laws that have been introduced are not needed, and serve to empower criminals. **These laws are another attempt to dissolve the rights of the people to keep and bear arms.** Why is it that there is so many constant attacks of the RIGHTS of law abiding citizens?? I am very disturbed at these new bills that have been brought out. These bills serve as a great disservice to the people of Hawaii. Hawaii's Firearm Laws are already overly restrictive. Studies have shown over and over again, that restrictive gun laws only serve to oppress decent law abiding citizens. Furthermore, these laws have little to no effect on criminals and their ability to acquire illegal weapons. A quick look at the news and recent events show that violent crime is on the rise; criminals have no regard for the law, thus they will be exempt. New restrictive laws will give the criminals an even larger upper hand. Give the decent, hardworking, law abiding people a chance to defend themselves. Please oppose and stop these restrictive measures. This bill would serve as a precursor to gun confiscation if anti-gun bills are passed. Especially the "assault weapons" type ban. Please use common sense and DO NOT pass this bill. **SB69 Firearms; Ammunition Sales or Distribution RELATING TO FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.** Makes it unlawful to sell or distribute ammunition unless the purchaser provides proof that there is a firearm registered to the person with which the ammunition may be used. **HB426 Firearms Instructors; Exemption from Liability; Repeal RELATING TO FIREARMS.** Repeals exemption of 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. **SB219 Firearms; Assault Weapons; Machine Guns; Ban RELATING TO FIREARMS.** Prohibits the distribution, transport, importation into the State, keeping for sale, or offering or exposing for sale assault weapons, or giving to another person assault weapon. Defines assault weapon. Prohibits the possession, sale, transfer, or use of a machine gun in the perpetration or attempted perpetration of certain crimes. Defines machine gun. Makes use of an assault weapon or machine gun in the course of committing murder in the first degree or second degree, manslaughter, kidnapping, sexual assault, assault in the first or second degree, robbery, burglary, or theft subject to criteria for extended term of imprisonment. **SB36 Firearms; Permits; Registration; Storage; Education and Training RELATING TO FIREARMS Requires annual renewals** of firearm registrations. Establishes a firearm registration fee for deposit into a new special fund to pay for mandatory firearm education and training to be attended by firearm owners at least once every two years. Requires any member of a household where a firearm is stored, when applying for a firearm permit to possess a firearm owned by another, to undergo the same evaluation of fitness to acquire a firearm as

applicants for a firearm owner permit. Requires firearm owners who have a household member affected by substance abuse or mental disorder to provide annual proof to the police that the household member does not have access to the firearm. SB932 RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Prohibits any person who is a danger to self or danger to others from possessing, having custody or control of, receiving, purchasing, or attempting to receive or purchase firearms or other dangerous or deadly weapons. Creates a reporting system for persons who seriously threaten a readily identifiable person or persons to a mental health professional. Requires the department of public safety to create a database and list of persons prohibited from possessing, having custody or control of, receiving, purchasing, or attempting to receive or purchase firearms and other dangerous or deadly weapons, which will be accessible to law enforcement, mental health professionals, and sellers of firearms. Requires the department of public safety to make a list of persons whose license for firearms or other dangerous or deadly weapons has been revoked. Excepts any communication under the Act from applicable privileges. SB69 Guns Buy-back Program; Appropriation RELATING TO FIREARMS. Appropriates \$100,000 to the county police departments to initiate a gun buy-back program. I submit to you that any new and more restrictive laws are not needed and are an infringement of the rights of citizens of the United States of America and the citizens of the State of Hawaii. The laws we already have restrict our rights as it stands now. Any new restrictions will further harm the freedoms we have all fought and died for in the past. Further infringement will erode these freedoms, waste public funds and tax monies, and DO NOTHING TO PREVENT CRIMES AND TRAGEDIES. Use common sense and logic to look at statistics and reason. These will not make the public safer, it will only hurt the public. Thank you. Respectfully, Pastor Dennis Martin 808-960-2791 citizen & voter Voter and Citizen

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George B Lisehora	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: The premise that taking back legally owned firearms will reduce gun violence is flawed. Other cities, states and counties have already performed this experiment over the last 30 years. The data exists and extensive analysis has been done. I will present in brief summary form, data and analysis that shows: 1. Over the last 30 years in the USA, the gun legislation that has resulted in the most dramatic reduction in gun violence and in the incidence of violent crimes has been the enactment of non-discretionary conceal and carry laws. Contrary to what many believed would happen in 1987 when Florida enacted non-discretionary conceal and carry legislation, their violent crime rate plummeted. Accidental shootings and suicides did not soar. Society as a whole was better off. As these changes were observed by other states, these states also decided to enact non-discretionary conceal and carry legislation. Each time similar results were observed. For example: From 1987 to 1999, states that had enacted non-discretionary conceal and carry laws, when compared to 1986, on average experienced a 60% drop in the incidence of mass public shootings and a 78% drop in death and injuries from mass public shootings. 2. Gun restrictive legislation results in increased violent crime. During the same period areas that restricted gun availability experienced increases in violent crime. Washington DC banned hand guns in 1976 to curb the high murder rate ranking it as 15th highest of the 50 most populated cities in the US. Over the next 30 years it spent 15 of the years as the city with the highest of second highest murder rate. The D.C. ban was found to be unconstitutional and some of the restrictions have been eased. Now Chicago with its gun ban has moved into first place. Chicago is currently charged with violating the 2nd Amendment and will likely end up in the US Supreme Court. Buying back guns wastes tax payers' money with no benefit. 3. Mass shootings and other violent crimes are most likely to occur in gun free zones. The public and private establishment of gun free zones has been associated with mass shootings in gun free zones. The introductory statements in SB69 notes the Aurora, Portland, Sandy Hook, the Pearl City Middle School and a Honolulu City street shootings. These were all in gun free zones. The Portland shooter however stopped after killing two people when seeing an off duty security guard that had drawn his concealed weapon for which he had a permit. The shooter saw the drawn weapon trained on him and immediately shot himself. Gun Free Zones appeal to violent criminals. To reduce gun violence you should repeal gun free zones. School districts in Texas and Pennsylvania have repealed their gun free status and adopted conceal and carry for competent, trained and certified teachers and administrators. Conversely my children attend school in gun free zones and are sitting ducks for the next copy cat criminal. There is no parent, teacher, coach or administrator that can be lawfully equipped to defend my children. Six adults and 20 children died at Sandy Hook. One father like me or a teacher like someone who will be attending this hearing could have changed that. Armed guards

would be better than nothing but should not be uniformed. That just tells the shooter who to shoot first. I implore you to help us to protect our children. Don't waste money on a gun buy back that will not reduce violent crime and may even increase it. Instead enact legislation to establish a non-discretionary conceal and carry program. Individuals that pass the background check and want to carry a concealed weapon for their own defense and also for the defense of the innocent would be required to take a course and pass the written exam. Similar to a driver's license, once the written is passed you must go to the range and demonstrate required safety and proficiency measures. If all passes then you can legally carry. The criminals won't know who is carrying and who isn't. Suddenly the pre-crime assessment of risk versus benefit has shifted and confrontational crime is no longer appealing. The statistics prove that this has worked in at least 39 states. I am pretty sure it would work in Hawaii as well. The best reference I have seen for summarizing that data and submitting it to exhaustive statistical analyses in the book by John R. Lott, Jr. entitled "More Guns Less Crime". It is published by the University of Chicago Press. It is a scholarly work and some of the math will be indecipherable by the casual reader. It is 450 pages long and very well done. It includes sections that discuss other studies that have come to opposing conclusions and points out the flaws in study designs, selection biases and non deductible deductions that have led authors astray. Please examine the information in this book before deciding how to best take action to reduce gun violence. P.S. Related topic: Defense weapons, more recently coined "Assault Weapons" are necessary for a functioning 2nd Amendment. The purpose of the Amendment was to arm the populace with weapons commensurate with those carried by the well regulated militia. Then the government more easily remembers that its true power flows from the consent of the governed and not from the power of its guns over the people's guns. It has been estimated that governments of the world over the last century have killed over 170 million over their own people. In each case they confiscated weapons first. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. Our founding fathers understood human nature well and wisely constructed the constitution and bill of rights with checks and balances. Freedom of speech and the right to bear arms commensurate with those of governments soldiers are essential to a durable freedom.

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kealoha martin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kory Ohly	Individual	Oppose	No

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SB69 (Gun buyback)

I oppose SB69 because it is an improper use of taxpayers' money and it hints at equating gun ownership with gun violence.

I am a strong supporter of the 2nd amendment. Any effort to reduce the number of guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens should be avoided.

I appreciate the honesty in the bill in the sentence, "Although it is difficult to estimate how many lives are saved when individuals voluntarily forfeit their guns for cash, fewer guns provide fewer avenues for gun violence."

Along with that honesty I would like to see an acknowledgment of the fact that fewer guns also provide fewer avenues for defense against crime. While recent tragedies are mentioned, there are no instances mentioned where the presence of a gun allowed a law-abiding citizen to defend herself or others.

Criminals are going to use whatever tools they have. They do not respect the law. Laws don't stop criminals. Capture, punishment, and armed citizens can stop criminals.

Thank-you for your consideration,

Kory Ohly

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Normand A Cote	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill unless the following unless amaended with the following:

1. Persons turning in firearms must be offered a list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of licensed Federal Firearms Dealers in the State of Hawaii and advised that recovering the actual value of the firearm(s) by transferring to a dealer is or is not lawful. 2. The county police departments shall offer firearms of historical significance to a museum before they are consigned to be destroyed.

28 Jan 2013

Dear Committee of Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

I oppose SB69 Gun Buy Back Program unless the bill includes the following amendments:

1. Persons turning in firearms must be offered a list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of licensed Federal Firearms Dealers in the State of Hawaii and advised that recovering the actual value of the firearm(s) by transferring to a dealer is or is not lawful. 2. The county police departments shall offer firearms of historical significance to a museum before they are consigned to be destroyed.

Thank you for your support.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Phil Ramil	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am against SB 69 because I believe it's a waste of money and will actually hinder Law Enforcement rather than help it. Gun buyback programs in other states haven't been successful at all, and there are better ways of curbing crime than the proven failure of a gun buyback program. Persons purchasing firearms at this point in time are paying as much as \$4,000.00 for an AR-15, and some costing even more. Offering even \$1,000 per AR-15 recovered will mean only 100 recovered AR-15's. Offering a minuscule \$200 or \$300 per AR-15 or AK-47 is laughably low post-election, as most people can easily get 1,000%-1,500% of that selling it on consignment or outright to a gun store. Gun buyback programs typically involve amnesty for those who turn in firearms. It's been shown that criminals would turn in "hot" guns, having committed crimes, and would now be off the hook for the crimes associated with those guns by turning it in during the amnesty. To top it off, they're given money to fund their next illegal gun purchase! As for the guns that aren't stolen, most gun buyback programs on the mainland have turned into miniature gun shows, as enterprising persons can offer more than the police can budget. Most of the time, these enterprising fellow recover more firearms than the police. Seattle is an excellent recent example. It's true as guns are being taken off the street, however, they're making their way into new owners' safes, which is not the intent of this bill. In conclusion, our taxpayer monies can be spent better in other was than funding silly notions such as a gun buyback program. It's a useless waste of money, hinders Law Enforcement investigations, funds criminals' new purchases, and many more guns will end up in firearm enthusiast safes.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Shaeffer	Individual	Oppose	No

Aloha,

I am writing to voice my opposition to Senate Bill 69.

I support the idea of voluntary gun buy back programs by which potential criminals with illegal guns can safely dispose of those weapons with no questions asked. I do not believe, however, that this bill will facilitate such a buy back program.

Of primary concern is that the bill does not specify any protections for people turning in illegal or illegally unregistered guns. By omitting such protections the resulting buy back programs will only encourage people who have legal avenues to sell their unwanted weapons to take advantage of this taxpayer funded buyback program. It is my opinion that people who can legally sell their firearms should do so via the various firearms dealers instead of via much the expenditure of much needed general funds.

Of secondary concern to me is Section 1 of the bill. While the first paragraph clearly represents the increase in gun ownership and even greater increase in gun registration, the remainder of the section is largely irrelevant. Atrocities in other parts of the country have no bearing on Hawaii's already restrictive, and effective, curbs on gun ownership and on gun violence.

In terms of gun violence, Hawaii is among the safest states in the Union according to FBI statistics. By comparing our increasing gun ownership to violent incidents in other parts of the country, Section 1 is implying that Hawaii has a gun violence problem that it doesn't have. It also implies that a gun buyback program will address that supposed problem. It will not for the reasons I explained above.

In short this bill is proposing to spend \$200,000 of our already over-extended taxpayer funds, over a 2 year period, to weakly address a problem that Hawaii doesn't have.

For these reasons I oppose SB69 and encourage others to do so, as well.

Maholo for you time and service,
Chris Shaeffer

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Submitted on: 1/30/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Ellorin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Sorry, am hijacking the SRGC Membership list again...No worries though, eventually this legislature will be over and I'll slink back into my hole!

_____ This is for the benefit of those busy folks out there who can't make it to testify. The second gun bill of the year is up to bat Jan. 31st in the State Senate. You need to get your on-line testimony in today if it is going to do any good. Please follow the below link and at the very least click on 'OPPOSE'. Narrative is optional. Click on 'Submit Testimony' and follow the simple prompts. The important thing to busy legislators that may or may not personally care about the subject, but who are trying to get through their complicated day--is to show the correct numbers in a manner that they can understand and appreciate the brevity of. My 'testimony' is shown below. I personally break ranks with the party line to some extent, and believe it's a private property issue in which it's none of anyone's business if someone wants to have their own guns destroyed. Little different from it's none of anyone's business what I lawfully do with my own guns. I do however believe that the scheme is disingenous and a waste of taxpayer money (especially in this era of tight budgets), because it deviously comes across as a measure that will magically reduce crime. And since it's obviously something put out by anti-gun folks, they need to be slapped down at every possible opportunity. But however you feel on the issue, please submit your 'on-line testimony' so it's available by the 31st.

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=69&year=2013

13 Thank you! T. Merrill SRGC Membership Director SB69 Submitted on: 1/28/2013
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Organization Testifier Position Present at Hearing T. Merrill Individual Oppose No
Please don't waste taxpayer money on this scheme. It doesn't remove illegal guns from the hands of criminals. Use that money for something else (schools, roads, etc.). People can turn in their own guns if they don't want them--because it is their property and if they believe it's the right thing to do. Why do the rest of us have to pay for their civic act? What other civic acts will we be paying people for next? Thank you!

TO: Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs

FROM: Barry Aoki, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii

SUBJECT: Oppose SB69

To the Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Barry Aoki and I am a life long resident of Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. I would like to voice my opposition to SB69.

This bill will use up funds that could be more useful in other areas for our police departments such as enforcement and education of the current laws and gun safety.

Gun buybacks make for a good story in the media but does nothing for safety. Currently, police departments will take in unwanted guns for destruction at no cost to the taxpayers.

Please oppose SB69 and use the funding for enforcement and education.

Sincerely,
Barry Aoki
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barry.aoki@yahoo.com

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Submitted on: 1/29/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vladimir Cabias	Individual	Oppose	No

TESTIMONY

In regards to the appropriation of \$100,000.00 for a gun buyback program;

As a taxpayer in the state of Hawaii I see this as a waste of funds that could be better put to use elsewhere. I can point to several locations on Oahu that suffer from flood damage due to heavy rain and yet we have lawmakers directing funds for an overzealous and misinformed campaign against the 2nd Amendment.

In an October 12, 2012 article, Hawaii's debt stands at 79.21% of its entire private sector GSP, the highest percentage of the 50 states. Hawaii has the largest debt per private sector worker at \$83,815

Source:

<http://www.hawaiifreepress.com/ArticlesMain/tabid/56/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/7871/Hawaii-State-Debt-Tops-Nation-83815-per-Private-Sector-Worker.aspx>

This shows how out of touch Hawaii lawmakers and politicians are. Rather than act responsibly to ensure fiscal stability and help the hardworking families of Hawaii, they instead embark on an anti-gun crusade as a means of “patting themselves on the back” for supposedly fighting crime and saving lives.

Hawaii has some of the strictest gun control laws in the nation but we also have some of the highest percentages of drug users of any state. Again, rather than focusing on a more prominent issue such as drugs, Hawaii lawmakers and politicians target responsible, law-abiding, taxpaying citizens who use their firearms in a safe manner, whether it be to hunt, engage in firearm competitions or enjoy time at the range with friends and family.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bradford Davis	Individual	Oppose	No

To the Hawaii Judiciary Committee:

Spending \$100,000 on a gun buy- back program is a deplorable misappropriation of funds that would not increase the safety of the public. Please do not pursue further legislation for Senate Bill (SB69). In addition, please do not support the following Bills: HB30, SB36, SB219, and SB932. I feel that these Bills will not increase the safety of our state and only increase the burden of firearm ownership for law abiding citizens. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bradford Davis

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin M. Schleicher	Individual	Oppose	No

1/31/2013, 3:00pm, Conference Room #224

To: Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Kevin M. Schleicher

Re: Guns Buy-back Program; Appropriation (\$)

In Opposition

Chairs:

I oppose SB69 for the following reasons:

1. Buyback campaigns more often than not end up with hunting rifles or old revolvers from someone's attic than with automatic weapons that criminals might use, analysts say.
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/01/12/gun-buybacks-popular-but-ineffective/1829165/>
2. The people most likely to commit crimes are also the people least likely to be turn in their weapons, research has found.
<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2012/12/29/gun-buybacks-mostly-a-waste-of-time-and-money-experts-say.html>
3. "But critics say buybacks are a fruitless exercise - more political theater than effective policy. "It's like trying to drain the Pacific with a bucket,"
<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/12/27/16178236-guns-flood-into-police-buyback-programs-though-critics-have-doubts-about-the-idea?lite>

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Kevin M. Schleicher

SB69

Submitted on: 1/29/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Herman Ancheta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a law abiding gun owner and I strongly disagree with this bill. This bill if passed will do nothing to curb a nonexsitant gun violence problem in the state. The money being requested for this program is better spent on real problems like the public education system, the homeless and or even potholes. The continuing increase of gun sales to law abiding gun owners should be proof enough that law abiding gun owners will not participate in this buy back program. Only criminals will.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Gordon Fowler	Individual	Oppose	No

Gordon Fowler
99-040 Kaupili Pl.
Aiea, HI 96701

29 January, 2013

Senator Espero and the members
Senate Public safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Sir:

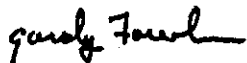
Thank you and the Committee for the opportunity to testify on the merits of this proposed legislation. For several reasons, I urge all of you to vote against it. Gun buy backs have never accomplished what they are proposed to do, that is taking firearms off the street and out of the hands of the criminal element.

Criminals don't sell or turn in their arms to the Police. It by definition is not their way. What will be turned in instead are old, inoperable junk. The gun that Grandpa kept in his drawer for his entire life. Now that he is gone what do we do with it and the like. Most of what will be brought in will have little value and taxpayer dollars will be wasted.

Additionally if all the firearms turned in go under the torch, old and historically significant firearms may be lost. The option of the right destination for these such as a museum is not offered.

I urge that this bill be shelved and the \$100,000 be used for something more worthwhile and effective against crime.

Thank you in advance



Gordon Fowler

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Archer	Individual	Oppose	Yes

OPPOSE SB69

I strongly oppose SB69 for the following reasons and offer other choices.

None of the logic laid out in the proposal deals with the real issue of curbing violent criminals, mentally ill and the gun illiterate.

The issue is why your current laws allow repeat offenders to wander the streets and perpetrate violent on a society of unarmed citizens whose second amendment rights are violated by state and county laws.

It's offensive to legal gun owners who take the time to follow our already overburdened gun registration laws to be clumped together with the unlawful acts of illegal gun possessors who are the criminals, mentally ill and gun illiterates.

Spend this money on educating the public about gun safety.

Institute a gun amnesty program.

- 1) Guns owners who have not registered their guns after 1994, could take the guns to a FFL dealer and turn it in until the proper background checks and permit application are done. A fee could be paid to the FFL dealers for services rendered.

- 2) Turn in guns without legal ramifications or fear of prosecution. The FFL dealers could take these guns as well as the police department. A fee paid to the FFL dealer for their participation.

I also would suggest that we save this money for our schools and bring our education back to where it was before the state went into a recession. Bring our teachers back from furlough.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonagustine Lim	Individual	Oppose	No

Date: January 29, 2013

Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB69

Dear members of the Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs committee:

I am writing in **OPPOSITION** to SB69, RELATING TO FIREARMS, Appropriates \$100,000 to the county police departments to initiate a gun buy-back program.

First of all, I'd like to say thank you for the good intentions of wanting to appropriate tax money to assist firearm owners in getting compensation for firearms that they no longer want. However, such a gun buyback program is unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer money.

Since gun owners can always consign or sell their firearms at a local gun store, a gun buyback program will provide no additional benefit to anyone and instead will only impose an additional tax burden to Hawaii's already over-burdened taxpayers.

Additionally, this program would just be open for abuse. For example, unfamiliar firearm owners who have no idea of the value of firearms they may have inherited from their parents may be getting rid of valuable, collector item or historical firearms for a fraction of their real value. Alternatively, unscrupulous owners might turn in and get a lot of taxpayer money for junk firearms that have little or no value.

As an alternative to a gun buyback program, letting gun owners sell their firearms through a local gun store supports local businesses and helps our state economy. It also lets the market forces determine the proper value and compensation to owners for their unwanted firearms.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony. I respectfully ask that you vote NO on this bill.

Sincerely,

Jonagustine Lim
4348 Waialae Ave Suite 124
Honolulu, HI 96816

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Submitted on: 1/30/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Reva Hamilton	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I request the committee members read my testimony in full.

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HAWAII SB69
Hawaii State Capitol - January 31, 2013**

STOP! Please repave the streets instead! \$200,000 would go a long way. Please do not waste Hawaii taxpayers' hard-earned money, with which you are entrusted, on a useless gun buy-back program.

SB69 states "*Although it is difficult to estimate how many lives are saved when individuals voluntarily forfeit their guns for cash, fewer guns provide fewer avenues for gun violence.*" Actually, there have been numerous collegiate and other authoritative studies that confirm gun buy-back programs consistently show no significant changes in gun-related crimes, injuries, and deaths. Such references are easy to find on the Internet. One such comprehensive study is "*The Effectiveness of Policies and Programs That Attempt to Reduce Firearm Violence: A Meta-Analysis*" in 2008 by Matthew Makarios (et al.), current faculty member of University of Wisconsin Department of Criminal Justice. The authors analyzed all empirical research studies to that date on various attempts to reduce gun violence. There is an extensive list of reference citations attached.

These studies consistently have shown that gun buy-back programs simply don't reduce gun violence on the streets. The guns collected are generally old, broken, or inoperable, from some law-abiding citizen's basement. Criminals just don't seem to participate in these buy-back programs. And legal gun owners who need to sell a working gun will sell it to a knowledgeable buyer who will pay what it's worth – which is considerably more now, as the Second Amendment joins the First in the dustbin of history. But alas, I digress.

There are enough Internet blogs to show that the majority of citizens understand the buy-back programs don't reduce gun crime, but are just a political 'feel-good' measure to show some type of government action is taking place. With the current frustration with government overspending issues, I doubt this program will impress too many Hawaii citizens, unless they have grandpappy's old broken 6-shooter in the attic and need a little spending money.

Besides, just wait a little longer and Washington will soon decree a national buy-back program and give us LOTS of FEDERAL taxpayers' hard-earned money, with which Washington is entrusted (ha, ha). And then you can buy back all our old guns; and rusty old kitchen knives, too, so we can all go buy a new set.

Potholes? Or money pit? I urge you to do some serious homework before voting on this wasteful spending bill.

Thank you,
Reva Hamilton

SB69

Submitted on: 1/30/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Yamamoto	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Dear Chair Espero and Vice Chair Baker, I strongly oppose SB 69 for the following reasons: I believe this measure is a mis-allocation of tax-payer money, and will actually hinder Law Enforcement rather than help it. There are far better, and more cost-effective methods for curbing crime than the implementation of a gun buyback program. Historically speaking, the gun buyback programs implemented in other states have not achieved desired results. For example, gun buyback programs typically involve amnesty for those who turn in firearms. It has been shown that criminals frequently turn in firearms that have been used in the commission of crimes. Gun buyback programs theoretically permit an individual to illegally purchase a firearm on the black market, commit a crime using said firearm, then turn-in said firearm used during the commission of the crime, and receive not only amnesty, but also compensation, under the gun buyback program. Additionally, the question arises: What is to become of the firearms that are acquired through the gun buyback program? Many of the gun buyback programs in other states have turned around and sold such firearms back to the general public. Guns may be taken off the streets, briefly, through a gun buyback program, but often times, those same firearms are being sold to new owners, thereby defeating the purpose and intent of the gun buyback program. In conclusion, our taxpayer money can, and should, be allocated to other issues. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Kellam	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
steven a kumasaka dds	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: waste of time and money guns turned in will likely be broken or very old in my opinion, the time and money should be spent on improving mental health in HI better mental health means less shootings

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sheldon Miyakado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To our legislators, 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. Sheldon Miyakado Voter and Citizen

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Tom Markson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The state is not so flush with cash that we should just throw money at non-existent problems. We have almost no gun violence here in Hawaii. Why spend money on this rather than our roads or schools?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Brendon Heal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The bill itself is a very emotional and not a well thought out bill. The price of freedom is much more than this. The buy back program will do nothing to stop or curb gun violence, which statistically shows, Hawaii has very few. This is a waste of tax dollars that the already overburdened taxpayer will have to support. This is not just a money issue, but also a moral issue. An open buy back will allow criminals to turn in weapons without fear of prosecution. This may even encourage more gun theft. This will more than likely increase crime and dangerous situations in which criminals are in possession of firearms. They turn in non-functional weapons and use the monies to buy working weapons. I implore you to use some common sense and logic to assess the firearm situation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Page	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
T. Merrill	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please don't waste taxpayer money on this scheme. It doesn't remove illegal guns from the hands of criminals. Use that money for something else (schools, roads, etc.). People can turn in their own guns if they don't want them--because it is their property and if they believe it's the right thing to do. Why do the rest of us have to pay for their civic act? What other civic acts will we be paying people for next? Thank you!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joel dela Cruz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill as this political stunt will do nothing to reduce crime in Hawaii. Buy backs only deal with law abiding citizens not criminals. This is "feel good" legislation that costs us tax payers precious money that can be used for essential programs and services. While the amount may seem small when compared to the overall budget all funds should be logically allocated with a measurable result.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James M. Miller	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
alana kay	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because it will create an expenditure of tax payer dollars with no tangible benefit. I don't believe that we are able to decrease the incidence of gun violence through such a program. Criminals will keep their guns, while law abiding citizens will turn them in.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alex kamau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill! That money should be used somewhere else such as Education for our children! Protect our second ammendment please! Thank you

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This legislation does nothing except spend tax payer money.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Masuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The past police buybacks have been ineffective in reducing gun related crimes because criminals do not surrender their guns. Its that simple. This money would be better spent on NRA safety classes and Koko Head shooting range improvements where people can learn gun safety. If we discuss fire safety, which would be more effective? Do we launch a \$100K buy back on matches and lighters? Or do we teach fire safety to kids or install fire extinguishers? Which logic makes sense?

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David Kaauamo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Quinn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Lau	Individual	Oppose	No

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Daniel Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Jared Abdul	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Gun buy back programs have been proven to be ineffective in lowering firearm related crimes. Typically, guns turned in are not the type of weapons that are used in crimes, and most are inoperable. In these times of wasteful government spending, furlough days, and the deplorable conditions and standards of the public school system in Hawaii, this money can be put to better use elsewhere. I strongly oppose this and all gun control bills, and my voting family and I will be watching your votes very closely. Please honor your oath and protect the Constitution.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Laughlin Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Even if the State had the money, I would oppose this bill unless amended:
1. Persons turning in firearms must be offered a list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of licensed Federal Firearms Dealers in the State of Hawaii and advised that recovering the actual value of the firearm(s) by transferring to a dealer is or is not lawful. 2. The county police departments shall offer firearms of historical significance to a museum before they are consigned to be destroyed.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Byon Nakasone	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Ronald Livingston	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: This is a waste money we don't have. And if it is available there are better uses for the money. The bad guys are going to be the ones turning in their guns.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
James Ibanez	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Trenton Ichimura	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Nimai Wong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is a misguided and irresponsible use of taxpayer money, it is poorly argued and written. Please kill it now.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
jim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: you have got to be kidding me. Its not like our state is in major debt or that we couldn't use this money for other much more important things like paying our teachers or fixing our roads right? jesus christ whoever submitted this bill needs to wake up and/or go back to the second grade! Seriously, what a complete waste of money. What do these buybacks accomplish other than make Liberals and anti-gunners feel like they're stopping crime?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
kurt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Gun buyback schemes have proven to be complete failures and an irresponsible waste of taxpayer dollars. The average person who voluntarily surrenders a firearm to police is not a criminal and the firearms surrendered are not those misused by criminals. That \$100,000 would be better used to house the homeless, or buy cancer drugs for a sick person, or pay for several full-scholarships.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Shane Correia	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Janessa Bonifacio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Per SB69: Although it is difficult to estimate how many lives are saved when individuals voluntarily forfeit their guns for cash, fewer guns provide fewer avenues for gun violence. - If the number of lives saved cannot be determined, why waste money on this. Better to spend money on programs that focus on rehabilitation, mental illness, drug abuse education/assistance, etc. - "fewer guns provide fewer avenues for gun violence" – This statement is based on what evidence? If funds are appropriated for this, then funds should also be appropriated to buy back any sharp and/or blunt objects that can be used to commit violent acts...knives, rocks, cars, golf clubs, etc. Just a few days ago, the news stated police reported that Washington Redskins tackle Trent Williams was hit in the head with a "dangerous instrument." A bottle perhaps? Then funds should also be appropriated to buy back bottles as well.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
solomon abdul	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i oppose this measure, time and history has shown us over and over that gun control laws ONLY affect law abiding citizens,the criminals will still have guns--always have,always will. and those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. just think, if EVERY SINGLE ADULT at sandy hook was armed,someone would have been able to stop this tragedy much much sooner--wouldnt you if you could have ? i know i would. thank you, and aloha.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Mark Plischke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Gun buyback programs are ineffective and a waste of critical money & resources. Criminals do not turn in their guns. This will not take firearms out of violent felons hands. Target your limited funds and resources to programs that will yield more than just a 'look good, feel good' tactic. Sincerely, Mark Plischke Aiea, HI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
David Cerny	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I think that the money allocated by this bill would be better spent on addressing mental health and societal issues relating to firearms. Maybe it would be better to spend this money doing more in depth background checks or doing more routine background checks so that the people that do have guns are better monitored. For example, if a person is sane today but has issues a few years down the road, maybe they shouldn't have guns. But because their background is not checked until they purchase another firearm, we don't know about their issues until then. If they never purchase another firearm legally, then we never know they have issues. This money would be public money I assume from taxes. I personally would want this money spent on something more directed at keeping firearms out of the hands of people who should not have them. Voluntary buyback is not a method I would consider to accomplish this. Criminals and mentally ill people will likely not participate.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Jeremy Dowling	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There needs to be an option for the owner to get fair market value of the firearm or have the option to have a FFL dealer sell the firearm at fair market value. There also needs to be a provision to have firearms turned in that are of significant interest or historical value be turned over to a museum. I also believe this bill would also put more financial burden on the state.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Ryan Bell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill as I believe it is a waste of taxpayers money. If a law abiding citizen has a gun that he or she wants to get rid of, they can take that firearm to HPD's firearms registration and forfeit their firearm. We don't need a "buy-back program" this would program would not help but waste again taxpayers money.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Jeff Ball	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Why use public money for gun buyback ? If it's a functioning firearm, they can sell it to legal, permitted and registered members of the public. Usually for more than the buyback allowance. Most guns turned in to buyback programs are non-functioning firearms anyway. There is absolutely no need to expend public taxpayer funds on this program.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Ryan Maeda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Brandon Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Terry D Moore	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Gun buy backs have never worked anywhere, and are a huge drain on resources that could be better spent. Criminals will not be turning in their weapons. This will only disarm legal, voting citizens and leave them at the mercy of armed criminals. I regret that my job will not allow me to be present. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kealoha martin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose this bill

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
deanna martin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taylor Sumida	Individual	Oppose	No

Aloha,

I am personally against a gun "buy back" program. You don't offer near what some of these guns are worth. What concerns me is that this will keep good guns out of good citizens hands. Like many other states, Hawaii is on the attack on the fire arms that law abiding citizens posses. While like the rest of True America your opposition is great. None of these gun control laws work. And for many people who do not know what to do with their old guns. What should be done for them is a radio commercial explaining that people can sell them at local gun stores to get their true market value out of them. You would be surprised how much some of these are worth! If you really want to help the people of Hawaii in the current economic failure, why not let them get a fair amount for their guns. Instead of a measly \$100 they could be entitled to over \$1000.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jovencio Luga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We can utilize this money to more important projects.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arnold G Brocksen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee: Please do not waste taxpayer money on this useless proposal. Gun buybacks have never worked well anywhere in the US. History shows that only junk guns are turned in by honest citizens. Valuable guns will be sold on the open market for lots more money than you are prepared to offer. Do you honestly think a bad guy will turn in a perfectly good gun for a small amount of cash? Please do something useful like keeping crazy people from buying guns.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Langevin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Gun owners are going to want to keep their guns. Criminals aren't going to want to give up their guns either. This bill is just going to waste tax dollars. This bill would only be effective if citizens are afraid that their guns will be taken away from them by force if not given up freely. That would be Tyranny. Guns keep law abiding citizens safe from criminals.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Douglas Moose	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Use of our taxes to acquire personal property (guns) for the express purpose of destruction is a waste of public funds. Our taxes should not be used for this type of program. Private funds should be used for these buy-back programs, and the property (guns) should then be recycled or resold as appropriate based on each firearm's value. Statistics around the nation for decades have shown gun buy-backs do not impact crime or accidental shooting rates.

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William Quinn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Myron Wong	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stan Mull	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: this type of program has failed in other states that have tried it, Canada tried it as well and it failed there as well. There is a better way to spend tax dollars especially in this economy and with our school systems in bad shape and the furloughs and cut backs and the rail. we can do a much better job fiscally with that money.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Oshima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not approve this bill. The money set aside for gun buyback programs are wastes of taxpayers money. The feelgood intention of such a program would never catch the true career criminal, as they would not turn in their firearms. Thank you for your time, Daniel

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Don Davis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The only thing sillier than gun-buyback publicity stunts are the people who actually show up to take pennies on the dollar for what most firearms are worth. The most recent such stunts in Seattle and L.A. have been ridiculed in social media. The L.A. buyback local media coverage picked up by the A.P. used obviously-staged photos of police-confiscated weapons, and the Seattle event turned into an impromptu gun show for collectors who stopped by with cash in hand, ready to easily beat the paltry compensation offered by the state. Now, I would not even bother to submit testimony if it was just silly, but unfortunately, it's also wasteful. This very same money could be better spent to fund free access to the only shooting range and acceptable training facility on the island to promote safe firearms handling and responsible firearms ownership.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Bradley N Chung	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I think this is ridiculous.

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Philip Tong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha: I oppose this bill. The money should be spent more wisely elsewhere! Criminals most likely won't be turning in their tools of the trade, or will use it as a gun laundering scheme, with evidence then lost forever. An amnesty Box, like at the airport, or amnesty period would accomplish the same as this bill ultimately and cost the taxpayers next to nothing. We are lucky that Hawai'i people are for the most part honest and law abiding citizens. If you want them to turn in old or unwanted guns just try asking them first. Just like hazmat or old prescriptions. Try that first! Mahalo, Philip Tong

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Neal Iha	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Russell Takata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: A gun buy-back program sounds good but is in actuality a waste of limited state funding that will not prevent violence. Funding should be directed to supporting law enforcement on the streets, incarcerating criminals, and mental health services.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Domingo V. Layugan Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To the Committee on Public Safety, I am opposed to this bill. Where will the money come from? I would like to stress that the legislators have a fiscal responsibility to use what little money the state has with more pressing issues. If the committee would like to pass the amendment, I propose adding the following amendments: 1. Persons turning in firearms must be offered a list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of licensed Federal Firearms Dealers in the State of Hawaii and advised that recovering the actual value of the firearm(s) by transferring to a dealer is or is not lawful. 2. The county police departments shall offer firearms of historical significance to a museum before they are consigned to be destroyed. Thank You, Domingo V. Layugan Jr.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Jan Schwarzenberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: A) This is a VERY inappropriate waste of my tax dollar. B) NO, as in NONE, buy-back programs have ever done anything to reduce crime. C) Criminals do NOT turn in their guns, they re-sell them on the street, or rent them to other criminals. D) Only law-abiding persons submit guns they no longer wish to keep, which are not the source of problems. E) In light of that, the proposed bill has no clause to allow firearms of historical significance to be diverted to museums preserving American heritage. F) The proposed bill also has no provision to capture the identity of persons submitting guns for destruction, thereby closing out past criminal cases in which the guns may have been used. Leading one to question, is it really more important to get rid of guns instead of criminals? That's like saying we should get rid of cars instead of drunk drivers!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Brandon Boyl	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in opposition to the proposed gun buyback program. The money that would be allotted for this program would be better used to improve gun safety education, or put towards building public ranges so that people can practice and become proficient in the operation of firearms. The big island currently has not one public range, yet thousands of gun owners and a huge abundance of suitable lands for such use. Hawaii state has very low gun related violence due to its increasingly strict gun laws. We do not need a gun buyback. If people want to relinquish their firearms they can already take them to the police station to be destroyed with minimal hassle. I am a citizen, and I vote. We do not want or need a gun buyback. Sincerely, Brandon Boyl

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Edward M. Hampton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill accomplishes nothing and is a waste of taxpayer monies. The net effect will be collection for destruction some old, and probably non functional, guns. It's highly doubtful that criminals will be motivated to turn in any illegal weapons. These funds would be better used for filling potholes in our roads.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Alan T. Nakayama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SB69, taking firearms out of the hands of law biding citizens will not help in preventing crimes.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Lyle Hiromoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because I believe that the money could be put to better use in our schools. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
David Soon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is a waste of MY tax dollars. And I pay a lot of taxes!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Sheri Mochizuki	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Oppose. The money could be put to better use in our schools.

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Jeanette Tam	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Robert Okuda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Eric Farris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I wish that someone would explain to me why we are using Taxpayer dollars to obtain guns, to destroy them. I oppose this as I have never seen a gun get up on its own and shoot someone. We have every right to own guns, and to have the ability to protect ourselves if the need arises.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Kim Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in opposition to the proposed gun buyback program. The money that would be allotted for this program would be better used to improve gun safety education, or put towards building public ranges so that people can practice and become proficient in the operation of firearms. Hawaii state has very low gun related violence due to its increasingly strict gun laws. We do not need a gun buyback. If people want to relinquish their firearms they can already take them to the police station to be destroyed with minimal hassle. I am a citizen, and I vote. We do not want or need a gun buyback.

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Keith Hirata	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Michelle Lokelani Yee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: PLEASE don't waste tax payers money on this program. IF people want to turn in their guns, FINE! Tax payers should NOT have to pay for that. This proposal will have NO effect on public safety. NONE whatsoever!!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
K. Hawkins	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Dan Goo	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I am against this bill, there is better ways to spend out tax payers money. You can make an announcement that people can turn in their unwanted guns but there is no need to pay them for it. Waste of tax payers money. \$100,000 is \$400,000 dollar total for the four counties, you are spending money that we do not have.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Charles Ziegenfuss	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: These schemes to little, if anything, to effectively stop gun-related crime or violence. The \$100k would be better spent in our schools, on our police, and on our myriad other problems in the state, or perhaps as a measure to just not spend tax dollars.

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Jonah TK Yee	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Clint Stuart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Buy backs waste tax dollars by buying guns that are usually broken anyway.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Jacob Han	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chairman Espero and Committee Members, I am testifying in opposition of SB 69. Although I understand the intent of the bill, I don't believe it will have any impact. Similar programs on the mainland are hardly successful as they typically only net firearms that are in horrible condition and are essentially inoperable. Given the lack of funding the State continually claims, I feel this money can and should be used elsewhere. I would suggest the first place to start would be providing the Police Departments with additional funding to more efficiently process current firearms registration. Hawai'i has some of the strictest firearm laws in the country, and wait times at HPD to obtain a permit or register a firearm average 3-4 hours. Before we spend money on a gun buyback program, we should invest in running our current programs more smoothly. Thank you for your consideration, Jacob Han Lifelong Hawai'i Resident and Voter

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Tim K. Yee	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Joe Arceneaux	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Laurie Pang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Money could be put to better use in our schools.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Paul Brumble	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe it's a private property issue in which it's none of anyone's business if someone wants to have their own guns destroyed. Little different from it's none of anyone's business what I lawfully do with my own guns. I do however believe that the scheme is disingenous and a waste of taxpayer money (especially in this era of tight budgets), because it deviously comes across as a measure that will magically reduce crime. And since it's obviously something put out by anti-gun folks, they need to be slapped down at every possible opportunity.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Adam Lipka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: While I agree that any form of violence is abhorrent I can not see how a buy back program would help in anyway to deter further violence in Hawaii. The statistics listed in this bill show that there has been instances of firearms used in violent crimes in Hawaii however it offers no proof that any such program has ever worked to stop or curb violent crime anywhere. In a time when budgets accross the State and counties are being cut due to finacal woes at all levels of governments here should we really be looking into something that would only serve as a waste of our limited resources? There is already in effect a system set up accross the State for those who wish to surrender their firearms to law enforcement for destruction if they so choose. If we really want to spend money properly to stop violent crime we should spend it on help for the mentally ill or our prisons so that the overcrowding excuse can stop the repeated early release of our convicted criminals and offer them a real chance for rehabilitation. Or perhaps provide a better budget for our law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to help remove criminals from our neighborhoods. No matter how I look at this bill I only see a waste of taxpayer money and resources and that is why I as a taxpayer and registered voter oppose this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Philip Sedenio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. It will have no effect on someone who is determined to inflict harm on another person. Please find another way to use the money effectively.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Chris Arnold	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Such gun buyback schemes across the country have proven to be complete failures and a waste of taxpayer dollars. The average person who voluntarily surrenders a firearm to police is not a criminal and the firearms surrendered are not those misused by criminals.

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

Comments: I am for getting weapons out of the hands of criminals. This measure seems to me that it will not work getting guns off the street but further disarm law abiding citizens who would comply with such a voluntary program. These allocated funds would better serve the public toward education of our children, improvement of our deteriorating infrastructure or toward resources to apprehend and levy justice on repeat offenders and felons in our state.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Melvin Baradi	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Richard Frey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Ross	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill will not reduce crime. Criminals will not turn in their guns. These programs have never been shown to reduce crime. In this era of tight budgets the money can be better spent elsewhere.

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Fred Doerrige	Individual	Oppose	No

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M Ramiscal-Phillips	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sonia Lipka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am strongly opposed to this bill. This bill contains no factual statistics to show that any gun buy back program has prevented any crime. This is just a big waste of taxpayers' money. As a constituent, I want to see my taxes spent prudently on programs that benefit the community. We already have current laws that are under enforced.

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Michael Savard	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Christopher Mahoney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Guns are personal property, the state legislature should not tell us what do with personal property!!! Instead you need to focus on balancing the state budget. Its odd how the gun issue takes everyone off azimuth of what is really important like not raising taxes and fees and limiting spending!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Kerry Nagai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the measure as buyback programs have historically proven to be ineffective. Criminals, are not likely to walk into a police station to collect the small bounty offered on firearms, and although many crime guns are stolen, the small number of guns turned in at buybacks will not affect the black market at all. Actually, 3 Honolulu police officers have been caught selling buyback and turn-in guns. Two were prosecuted, and one was disciplined internally. The Delaware State Senate killed its \$200,000 buyback program bill last year for those very reasons. Buyback programs also take advantage of heirs who have no idea how to dispose of firearms left in their homes by a deceased loved one. Imagine for a moment an 82 year-old widow who is moving from her home to assisted living. She remembers the collection of fine hunting and target rifles her husband had, still stored in her home. If she sells them to a dealer, she may get enough money to pay her rent for a month or two at the assisted living residence. If she turns them in at the usual buyback rates she gets maybe \$200. The buyback is taking value from her, value that her late husband and she worked for. In addition, the police department and other agencies are already overburdened and adding this to their responsibilities will only add to the already overtaxed staff. The government cannot afford to fund this ineffectual program. Please kill this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Grant Tom	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Senators, I am in opposition to this bill due to the inheirent fact that it will not remove guns from criminal hands. There is already a process for people to turn in unwanted firearms. This money can be better used elsewhere instead of wasted buying back guns that can be turned in for free. It is well meanted, but again not likely to remove guns from people who shouldn't have them in the first place. Respectfully, Grant Tom

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Dr. Michael Leineweber, AIA	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is a wrong headed and wasteful use of taxpayer money. Please don't waste taxpayer money on this scheme. Let people sell or give their guns to a FFL licensed person. Gun "buyback" doesn't remove illegal guns from the hands of criminals. Please use taxpayer money for something else (schools, roads, etc.).

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Miles Medrano	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Sharon Williams	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Alexander Kamau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill! This does nothing to remove guns out of the hands of criminals; it just strips the protection out of the hands of law abiding citizens! Use that money elsewhere wisely! Thank you

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Chad Dias	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Greg Mescan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is nonsense. Focus on enforcing the existing law and do not mess with the 2nd Ammendment. The firearms laws are some of the most strict in the nation and do not need to be made even stricter. You energy should be focused on ensuring repeat offenders are sent away to the mainland for a very long time and perhaps instituing a mandatory 15 year sentence for firearms crimes that is non-negotiable and the crime time is added on top of that. That will have some teeth and will accomplish the desired objective of reducing gun violence.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
CAROL THOMAS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Save our taxes. Hawaii has some of the strictest laws in the U.S. with Hawaii and Vermont having the least gun-related murders. Emotion, not reason, is driving this and all gun-related Bills this session. If 19% of murders were by guns, what are the statistics for the other 81%? Blunt force weapons, knives? do we buy them back and prohibit them also? Do we provide yet another window of opportunity for an officer to confiscate the guns and then re-sell them? How many did he sell on the black market?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Marvin Dryden	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to SB69, the gun buyback program. Gun buyback efforts have been unsuccessfully attempted across the nation and have proven to be a waste of taxpayer dollars. The average person who surrenders a firearm is not a criminal, and the firearms surrendered are not those misused by criminals. The bill does nothing to remove the criminals' guns, while punishing the taxpayers in the process.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Renny Chee	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Robert Lillie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please don't waste taxpayer money on this scheme. It doesn't remove illegal guns from the hands of criminals. Use that money for something else (schools, roads, etc.). People can turn in their own guns if they don't want them--because it is their property and if they believe it's the right thing to do. Why do the rest of us have to pay for their civic act? What other civic acts will we be paying people for next? Thank you!

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D morohashi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please use the money for other purposes , like repairing schools and use it for school supplies also sewer and road repairs. Thank you,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Darin Haituka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. Having seen how ineffective this kind of program can be, I do not see how our community will benefit from the program. In these tough economic times, money spent on this program would be better spent on more pressing issues. I've even seen cases where folks turned in unserviceable "junk" firearms to get the gift card or whatever form of payment being offered. Consider the possibility of guns used in crimes being destroyed through this program because of the "no questions asked" aspect. To top that off, the criminal turning in the gun will get some sort of compensation. I urge you to kill this piece of legislation and move on to more pressing issues. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Jonathan Cox	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
richard hacker	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Dayton Fraim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The money would be better spend for other purposes, like education or infrastructure (Have you driven on Kam Hwy in front of Pearl Kai shopping center recently??). Criminals would most likely get more money for their illegal guns on the street than from a buy back program; and, hence, be more likely to sell them on the street than to the cops in a buy back.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Gary Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This will not reduce gun crimes. If anything, this will only serve to increase firearm related crimes since the CRIMINALS, who won't turn in their illegal guns, will feel more secure while committing crimes knowing that the other person can't defend himself/herself. Aside from that, who is paying for this? I refuse to pay increased taxes, just for it to come back to me, in order to fund this

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Vernon Okamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: NO Questions asked? Guns turned may have been used in unsolved crimes. The criminal is FREE, SAFE and gets Taxpayer \$\$ on top of it all. Commit a crime, turn in your gun and get Paid for it. I am Opposed to gun buy backs. Especially with tax dollars. Vernon Okamura

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Federico Waikiki	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
RL Thomson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Over-reaction. We are not the Mainland ! If you want an extra \$100,000 for a buyback program that will probably not do anything, instead give it to a task force that will focus on gun theft. The premise that a recent theft of guns valued at \$200,000 tell us nothing about how many or type of guns. A single collector's piece can be worth that much.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Allan K. Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hawaii already has one of the strictest guns laws along with Vermont in the U.S. We don't need to spend \$100,000 on a gun buy back program. That money could be used in other areas to fund programs that could use it. I say "no" to SB69.

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Mark Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynnette F Schaper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE SB69. The State does not need to be spending money on items like this when Schools, Teacher's pay, roads and other basic State services need to be supplied to it's citizens. Hawaii already has very stict gun laws. To pass this law would just be jumping on the bandwagon of the recent Sandy Hook tragedy and not really a well thought out idea for the State of Hawaii. I OPPOSE SB69.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosemary Aldridge	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SB69 for 2 main reasons. First, many cities have initiated such programs without any positive effect on crimes committed with guns. This is just a way for the state to distribute monies to people who will turn in guns they no longer want or are inoperable. In city after city studies have shown these gun buybacks to be ineffective at best. You should have done the research and you would know this. Look at Australia where crime is soaring after gun buybacks. Second, in addition to having no impact on decreasing crime, we should not be allotting \$200,000 to this program when we have many real needs that will be deprived by this expenditure. It seems to be political theater and a reaction to the Sandy Hook shooting by a mentally disturbed individual who would not have participated in such a gun buy back program.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
John Seebart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. Gun Buy backs have been tried in many places, and tend to be a waste of taxpayer money. Criminals and crazies do not turn in their weapons. Guns in the hands of sane, law abiding citizens pose little or no threat. Most of the weapons turned in, tend to be obsolete junk. Therefore the dangers of criminals and crazy people with modern weapons will not be affected. To me this bill seems like a political feel good squandering of our money. Please defeat this bill, it is a waste of taxpayer money. Mahalo, John Seebart

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
howard komatsu	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Carl Thorstad	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	No

January 29, 2013

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI

Re: SB69 RELATING TO FIREARMS – OPPOSITION
Thursday, January 31, 2013, 3:00 p.m. Conference Room 224, State Capitol,
Conference Room 224
Appropriates \$100,000 to the county police departments to initiate a gun buy-back
program.

Dear Senator Espero,

I oppose this bill.

Our state budget is already over taxed due to the slow economy, and we can't afford
it.

The bill language is vague, and does not provide a procedure for historic arms that
should be offered to museums rather than destroyed.

Also, there is no provision for the Honolulu Police Dept to inform owners they may
not be getting market value.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Mulkern
Honolulu, HI
808-396-6595

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas P.	Individual	Oppose	No

To The Hawaii legislature,

As a Voter who lives in senate district 21, I oppose SB69 due to the fact that this is just a waste of our taxpayer money. Not many Legal gun owners will sell back their firearms for a fraction of what they paid or what they can get by selling them to another legal firearm owner. this also, presents the problem of criminals who have used an illegal firearm in the commission of a violent crime to safely get rid of crucial evidence and get paid to do so!! I oppose this bill d I urge you to do the same.

Thank you
Thomas Palpallatoc

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Russell Price	Individual	Oppose	No

Russell Price
1707 Bertram St.
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Testimony on Bill SB69 (Firearms Buyback Act)

I OPPOSE this Bill as written, unless the following changes/clarifications are made:

- 1) Persons turning in firearms should be offered a contact list of licensed firearms dealers in Hawaii as an alternative to the token sum that would be provided by the State (\$100,000 would not suffice buy back the firearms stolen in the State of Hawaii in a single year, so clearly there is no possibility of offering fair market value for the firearms).
- 2) Said persons should be advised as to the legality of seeking to recover the actual market value of the firearms via the means of sale through a licensed firearms dealer.
- 3) Provisions should be made for expert inspection of firearms turned over to the authorities, so that firearms of historical significance might be turned over to a museum rather than simply being destroyed.

I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Russell Price

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should be offered to museums rather than destroyed.

There are private venues for owners to sell their guns that would be more
appropriate than having our already overburdened police department handle this.

Respectfully submitted,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shelton Yamashiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Attn: Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Re: SB69

Please do not waste taxpayer money on this project as it will do nothing to reduce crime by removing firearms from the hands of criminals. This would be money better spent on schools, libraries and other programs benefiting children. If people desire to dispose of property (firearms) in their possession, they may do so easily by turning them in to a police station, but it is not the responsibility of the government to spend taxpayer money to purchase their unwanted property.

Thank you for your time,
Shelton Yamashiro

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George B Lisehora	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: The premise that taking back legally owned firearms will reduce gun violence is flawed. Other cities, states and counties have already performed this experiment over the last 30 years. The data exists and extensive analysis has been done. I will present in brief summary form, data and analysis that shows: 1. Over the last 30 years in the USA, the gun legislation that has resulted in the most dramatic reduction in gun violence and in the incidence of violent crimes has been the enactment of non-discretionary conceal and carry laws. Contrary to what many believed would happen in 1987 when Florida enacted non-discretionary conceal and carry legislation, their violent crime rate plummeted. Accidental shootings and suicides did not soar. Society as a whole was better off. As these changes were observed by other states, these states also decided to enact non-discretionary conceal and carry legislation. Each time similar results were observed. For example: From 1987 to 1999, states that had enacted non-discretionary conceal and carry laws, when compared to 1986, on average experienced a 60% drop in the incidence of mass public shootings and a 78% drop in death and injuries from mass public shootings. 2. Gun restrictive legislation results in increased violent crime. During the same period areas that restricted gun availability experienced increases in violent crime. Washington DC banned hand guns in 1976 to curb the high murder rate ranking it as 15th highest of the 50 most populated cities in the US. Over the next 30 years it spent 15 of the years as the city with the highest of second highest murder rate. The D.C. ban was found to be unconstitutional and some of the restrictions have been eased. Now Chicago with its gun ban has moved into first place. Chicago is currently charged with violating the 2nd Amendment and will likely end up in the US Supreme Court. Buying back guns wastes tax payers' money with no benefit. 3. Mass shootings and other violent crimes are most likely to occur in gun free zones. The public and private establishment of gun free zones has been associated with mass shootings in gun free zones. The introductory statements in SB69 notes the Aurora, Portland, Sandy Hook, the Pearl City Middle School and a Honolulu City street shootings. These were all in gun free zones. The Portland shooter however stopped after killing two people when seeing an off duty security guard that had drawn his concealed weapon for which he had a permit. The shooter saw the drawn weapon trained on him and immediately shot himself. Gun Free Zones appeal to violent criminals. To reduce gun violence you should repeal gun free zones. School districts in Texas and Pennsylvania have repealed their gun free status and adopted conceal and carry for competent, trained and certified teachers and administrators. Conversely my children attend school in gun free zones and are sitting ducks for the next copy cat criminal. There is no parent, teacher, coach or administrator that can be lawfully

equipped to defend my children. Six adults and 20 children died at Sandy Hook. One father like me or a teacher like someone who will be attending this hearing could have changed that. Armed guards would be better than nothing but should not be uniformed. That just tells the shooter who to shoot first. I implore you to help us to protect our children. Don't waste money on a gun buy back that will not reduce violent crime and may even increase it. Instead enact legislation to establish a non-discretionary conceal and carry program. Individuals that pass the background check and want to carry a concealed weapon for their own defense and also for the defense of the innocent would be required to take a course and pass the written exam. Similar to a driver's license, once the written is passed you must go to the range and demonstrate required safety and proficiency measures. If all passes then you can legally carry. The criminals won't know who is carrying and who isn't. Suddenly the pre-crime assessment of risk versus benefit has shifted and confrontational crime is no longer appealing. The statistics prove that this has worked in at least 39 states. I am pretty sure it would work in Hawaii as well. The best reference I have seen for summarizing that data and submitting it to exhaustive statistical analyses in the book by John R. Lott, Jr. entitled "More Guns Less Crime". It is published by the University of Chicago Press. It is a scholarly work and some of the math will be indecipherable by the casual reader. It is 450 pages long and very well done. It includes sections that discuss other studies that have come to opposing conclusions and points out the flaws in study designs, selection biases and non deductible deductions that have led authors astray. Please examine the information in this book before deciding how to best take action to reduce gun violence. P.S. Related topic: Defense weapons, more recently coined "Assault Weapons" are necessary for a functioning 2nd Amendment. The purpose of the Amendment was to arm the populace with weapons commensurate with those carried by the well regulated militia. Then the government more easily remembers that its true power flows from the consent of the governed and not from the power of its guns over the people's guns. It has been estimated that governments of the world over the last century have killed over 170 million over their own people. In each case they confiscated weapons first. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. Our founding fathers understood human nature well and wisely constructed the constitution and bill of rights with checks and balances. Freedom of speech and the right to bear arms commensurate with those of governments soldiers are essential to a durable freedom.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derek Scammon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to allocating funds for a gun buyback. The state budget is stretched thin enough as it is, without wasting funds on misguided programs that will not make us safer. If 90% of stolen firearms are not recovered in this state, it seems patently obvious that any money earmarked for reducing gun violence should be directed to finding citizens' stolen property and returning it to its lawful owner. Failing that, spending money on upgrades to our state's pathetically underfunded ranges would be of great utility in enhancing firearms safety statewide. This bill will not reduce crime in Hawaii, it will serve only as a means for criminals to dispose of incriminating property for a profit, and to rip off family members of gun owners who do not realize the actual market value of the firearm(s) they are turning in, which is almost invariably higher than the paltry sum offered by a buyback. Please oppose this foolish, wasteful initiative.
Respectfully, Derek Scammon

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ian Hunt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Criminals aren't going to turn in their guns.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joe GRAHAM	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this as I feel this is an inappropriate use of our tax dollars.

SB69

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
C. Koike	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill, because it is a ineffective and useless waste of tax payer money. It will do absolutely nothing to take illegal guns out of the hands of criminals. It will only disarm innocent law abiding citizens. Thanks

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Reid	National Rifle Association	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wade Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Nathan Stickel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brian Isaacson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Gun buy back programs are an all around bad deal. Most critical is that they provide an opportunity for the chain of evidence to be broken by someone turning in a gun that has been used in a crime, since the buy backs are usually "no questions asked". Moreover, the programs cheat everyone. Honest gun owners may not know the value of the "old gun" they are turning in and get less than what it is worth. Truly junky guns may be turned in for more than they are worth, cheating those who fund the program. Everyone who thinks that a buy back program will reduce crime and make the community safer gets cheated because the real problem guns, i.e. those that are going to be used by criminals, aren't going to be turned in. Spend the money on prosecuting criminals instead. That would give us much more value for the money spent.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Stephen T Hazam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SB69 unless amended: 1. so that all persons turning in firearms be offered a list of names addresses and telephone numbers of licensed Federal Firearms Dealers in the State of HI and advised that recovering the actual value of the firearm by transferring to a dealer is or is not legal. 2. The county police departments shall offer firearms of historical significance to a museum before they are consigned to be destroyed.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Jared law	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support this bill as it is a waste of funds in my opinion. The funds can be used for many other essential purposes.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Zon Sullenberger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please Oppose SB 69 - Gun Buyback Bill. Such gun buyback schemes across the country have proven to be complete failures and a waste of taxpayer dollars. The average person who voluntarily surrenders a firearm to police is not a criminal and the firearms surrendered are not those used by criminals. Additionally, some turned in firearms have historical significance and end up being destroyed. Thank you for your consideration.

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Elizabeth Sullenberger	Individual	Oppose	No

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Carlina McCue	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill!

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Scott Morita	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please don't waste taxpayer money on this scheme. It doesn't remove guns from the hands of criminals. Use that money for something else (schools, roads, etc.). People can turn in their own guns if they don't want them. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Kim Agena	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Gun buy backs do not help get guns back from criminals. Let us use this money for our schools!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
mike taketa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill will do nothing to get weapons out of the hands of criminals this money should be used for the greater good of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
phil branch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Kill this bill. This program already exists; it is called the Firearms Collector. They provide money for guns. This bill in no way removes firearms from a criminal's possession, nor will it reduce crime. Robberies, burglaries and home invasions will still happen. I can't say for sure, but it might even entice criminals to steal guns and sell them to the police, crime would then pay. Responsible firearms owners more than likely have a safe to keep their firearms safe, from criminals. If anyone wants to have their firearms, like any other property, destroyed, they can have that done anyway. This bill will waste money, time and use resources that could be used in crime reduction, and still not reduce crime. Kill this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacob Stewart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I would like to formally state that I am in HUGE opposition to this bill. I believe that this bill is not what is necessary or appropriate to accomplish what the aim and intent of this bill is. If the goal is to get guns "off our streets," I do not believe that this bill will be the cause of that outcome. In fact, I believe that it may cause a surge in illegal activities and an undue burden on taxpayers. As the language of the bill states, only approximately 10% of the value of stolen guns has been recovered. I believe that any guns turned in will be a direct result of thefts. Any gun owner and financially responsible person, would not be able to see how anyone that legally owns a firearm would turn in (for example) a \$3,500.00 firearm to get a \$200 return. That gun owner would try to sell it legally for the item's fair market value. As a direct result of the "no questions asked" policy associated with gun buybacks, I believe that gun thefts will increase and that those stolen guns will end up being traded "legally" for cash from (not really the government) taxpayers' hard earned money. Voila, we taxpayers are now funding criminal activity - I believe that would make us all accomplices to these types of crimes! Please do not consider enacting this kind of a bill on any level...it is not wise! Mahalo.

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D. Moriguchi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Funds allocated for a "Buy Back" program would be better spent on Mental Health issues and education, other programs such as Boys and Girls Clubs to raise the self-esteem of our youth and steer them away from criminal acts, or even deficit reduction. Buy Back programs do not reduce criminal actions since Criminals by nature would NOT be turning in firearms in the "Buy Back" program. Why would a criminal turn in a \$2,000 assault rifle for \$100 or \$200 Amazon gift card? If \$100,000 were allocated for a Buy Back program how much more would be spent "administratively" for cataloging, audit of funds spent, storage, work hours spent, paperwork associated with any government program, etc. \$100,000 may ultimately cost us \$1M in other costs! I wonder how much just this proposal already has cost us in paper, printing, scheduling, time spent on hearings, money better spent in other areas much needier areas.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Howard Kam Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly urge you to oppose SB69 since the bill appears to be more about sentiment than addressing the critical needs of our community. Our tax dollars should be sent on more critical lifesaving shortcomings in the State's infrastructure or other health and safety programs. Thank you.

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JAMES M. MILLER	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Lee Aldridge	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SB69 for 2 primary reasons. First: the program has 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. So what is the point of this program? Secondly, this is an absolute waste of taxpayers money when there is so many better ways that the state can utilize taxes from an already financially overburdened citizenry. It is political theater and of no use for its intended purpose.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Todd Fujimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position Present at Hearing	
Peggy Geddis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is not a good use of our money!

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Walter Braun	Individual	Oppose	No

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R. S. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

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Hng Hei Cheng	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill because it tax payer money that can be better used. Gun owners that are thinking about getting rid of their gun can approach any gun dealer and they can sell them to other qualified citizens and receive a fair price for their guns. Buying guns for the state and destroying them is a waste of money. And criminals are not going to sell their guns to you. So what good does this do? Start an ad campaign to educate gun owners and non-gun owners about proper ownership, safety and law awareness. Teach the children in school about gun safety. Contact the Hawaii Rifle Association and they can help you with ideas of gun safety and gun violence prevention.

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Jon Abbott	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Aloha,

I am writing in opposition to SB69 as gun buyback programs are not effective in targeting guns used to commit violence. These feel good measures do nothing more than waste tax payer money that could otherwise be used to educate young people and provide them a way out of the cycles of violence many children in the US live with on a daily basis. The Center for Problem-Oriented Policing recognizes that, "Unfortunately, evaluations have shown that gun buyback programs have no observable effect on either gun crime or gun-related injury rates".

(SO-http://www.popcenter.org/problems/gun_violence/3/#endref52)

It is shameful in a time when we cannot even pay our teachers and police the salaries that they deserve that this bill would be even introduced.

Best Regards, Jon Abbott

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clyde Yoshimura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There are far better uses for the \$100K if and when the State can come up with the money. Lets take care of our other priority programs instead of jumping on the band wagon just because its a high profile issue.

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Jonathan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sean	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: There is better use of taxpayer money to better our island than buying back lawfully owned firearms. Our streets are full of pot holes and our schools are among the lowest ranked in the country. Put our resources where it is needed! Not toward this!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Fujimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jaysen Carico	Individual	Oppose	No

Regarding Gun Buy Back Program

First of all, your Honor, thank you for commitment and service to the people of Hawaii. Gun buy back programs have been done for years in the mainland, mainly Chicago and Los Angeles. Most people agree the program does little in the way of stopping or slowing crime, the reason why is criminals do not sell their weapons to the government they sell them to other criminals. The Department of Justice weighed in on the gun buy back program in Chicago in 2010 saying: "According to the DOJ, these kinds of programs have a moderate cost for their cities, and little benefit other than generating an atmosphere of trust between police and the community. " Also in 2010 Chicago melted over 4,000 weapons and still led the nation in firearm homicides. The only people who will use the program are decent, law-abiding citizens who need some extra cash, but please remember "criminals will not give up their guns, and neither should we".

Thank You All and God Bless,

Jaysen M. Carico

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Joseph Marcotte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Thank you for your time.

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I oppose SB69 for several reasons as articulated below.

1. This bill is a waste of taxpayer money. You propose to spend \$100,000 divided amongst four counties. As a contracting specialist for the U.S. Government, I believe that the cost to operate such a program will create an administrative cost equal to or exceeding 50% of the total program cost. Whether the counties (since each must determine their chosen course of action) contract the program or staff it internally, the administrative burden does not meet fiscal prudence review for the funds allocated.
2. You note in your bill that the value of firearms stolen in 2011 alone exceeded 200% of the amount you are willing to allocate to this program. I will note that other states buyback programs have generally placed an approximately \$200 payout on guns surrendered through their programs. Assuming only a 25% administrative cost of the program (which in my estimation will never be met), at \$100-\$200 per firearm, you will exhaust the fund after only 375-750 are bought back. (The Los Angeles 2012 buyback offered up to \$100 for handguns, rifles, and shotguns, and up to \$200 for assault rifles. Keep in mind this comes in the form of grocery coupons and NOT cash money.) 375 firearms is less than 2.5% of the number of new firearms permits processed in 2011 and does nothing to reduce the roughly one million firearms estimated in your bill to be in Hawaii.
3. Firearms and Violence: A Critical Review (Available at the National Academies Press http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=10881) cites The Police Executive Research Forum (1996) in stating that guns turned in through buybacks are typically either of less resale value than the buyback amount, or of little to no use to the owner (inherited, or gifted the firearms).

Please do not waste my taxes with this proposed bill.

Very Respectfully,

Joseph Marcotte

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Sean	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: There is better use of taxpayer money to better our island than buying back lawfully owned firearms. Our streets are full of pot holes and our schools are among the lowest ranked in the country. Put our resources where it is needed! Not toward this!

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Matt Mandzik	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If someone is willing to voluntarily turn in a gun to be destroyed by the state of Hawaii that's fine. It seems like too much money to spend on something like that. Instead take the money and hire another police officer for my neighborhood. Yesterday I witnessed a criminal pulling a knife on a respectable gentleman. Police arrived in 5 minutes, quick but the gentleman could have been stabbed many times over in that time.

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Dennis Nakamura	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Enforce existing laws. Go after the black market/illegal guns sales not the legitimate sales. Firearms don't kill people, people kill people. After all a firearm is an inanimate object just like a motor vehicle. When there is a motor vehicle accident & whether a life is lost or not, police look at things like drugs, alcohol, medical condition, etc. Why not do a similar investigation for firearms? Was the firearm registered, not registered, stolen, etc. If the individual is a convicted felon, where and how did he/she acquire the firearm? There has been very little information released when a firearm is involved in an incident as compared to a motor vehicle incident.

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DARRYL MACHA	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Espero, Vice-Chair Baker, and PSM Committee Members: I am in OPPOSITION of this measure, SB69. Please offer no amendments and strictly vote NO on this. Thank you, Darryl Macha

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Devin Sasai	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I don't believe that tax dollars should be used to remove legally owned firearms out of the hands of law abiding citizens. Programs like these around the country have proven to be fruitless in the pursuit of curbing violent crime. I would instead like you to kill this bill and to appropriate the funds that will educate the public about safe firearms handling and promote logical, common sense legislation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
reuben a. waters	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: my name is reuben a. waters an i oppose the gun buy back. it is my opinion that this bill is only a way to control us americans and take away our rights to protect and defend ourselves.

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Keoki Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

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B. Willauer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joshua Shaughnessy	Individual	Oppose	No

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Alexander Schwarzenberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill only for fear of it being the tip of a slippery slope. I hold no qualms with willing individuals relinquishing their privately owned property for a monetary exchange. In fact, is a great idea! The people that own those guns but hold no sentimental value to them and are willing to part from them, are most likely the same people that do not take the time to train or even store their firearms correctly, increasing the chances of an accident to occur. What I am most disappointed about is the 'lumping' together of firearms owners. I grow weary from being treated as a wanna-be gangster tucking his weapon into his sweatpants. Ridiculous. Anyway, if this bill passes I will not be upset, just wanted to share my thoughts. Thank you

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George	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This idea is worse than the Cash for Clunkers program that was a pathetic waste of taxpayer money. George Wessberg

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lance Larsen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Kill this bill. Buy backs generally do nothing to take working weapons or illegally possessed weapons off the street. Instead, buy backs encourage people to bring in old non-working firearms, that are not capable of be used, for cash. Thus, wasting a \$100,000 without achieving the intended benefit. I assure you droves of felons, middle school students who are illegally possessing a firearm, and those who have stolen firearms are not going to turn them in for a Safeway food card or a little bit of cash. People who no longer want firearms are already allowed to turn them into the police and do so quite regularly. Let's put some money towards enforcing the current laws on the books. People who shoot at others on a highway/roadway shouldn't get 5 years probation.

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Mary Wessberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This program will not do anything to promote gun safety. It will merely waste taxpayer money.

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Sandra Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Gun buyback programs across the country have proven to be complete failures and a waste of taxpayer dollars. Average people who voluntarily turn in firearms to police aren't criminals. Firearms surrendered are not those misused by criminals.

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Nolan Dorado	Individual	Oppose	No

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J. DUKE	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: \$100,000 for a gun buyback program is waste of taxpayers money and will provide no return on investment.

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Rodrigo Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
chester daoang	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in opposition to the proposed gun buyback program. The money that would be allotted for this program would be better used to improve gun safety education, or put towards building public ranges so that people can practice and become proficient in the operation of firearms. The big island currently has not one public range, yet thousands of gun owners and a huge abundance of suitable lands for such use. Hawaii state has very low gun related violence due to its increasingly strict gun laws. We do not need a gun buyback. If people want to relinquish their firearms they can already take them to the police station to be destroyed with minimal hassle. I am a citizen, and I vote. We do not want or need a gun buyback. unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer money. Gun owners can always sell or consign with a LGS if they have something they no longer want to keep. - rife for abuse. Collector or historical items being sold at a pittance. Junk items being overpaid with taxpayer money. - selling via gun shops support local businesses and generate positive tax revenues. Market forces are a better determinant of the worth of the items.

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Jacob Chip	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Im from the big island and our family uses our firearms to hunt game/food with on a regular basis. Taking away our rifles would really hurt our way of life and sustainment during these rough times. And yes, i do own a assault style rifle that is used for hunting due to its dependability, lightness, and ease of use. I am also in the military and am comfortable with a rifle we already use at work.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cyrus chun	Individual	Oppose	No

Honorable Senators,

I oppose SB69 "Gun Buy-back" Bill. There is overwhelming evidence that a program like this is not successful and does not take guns out of the hands of people who cannot have guns in Hawaii, i.e., criminals, convicts, juvenile delinquents and the mentally unstable or mentally ill. Another problem with this bill is the no question asked provision. This will encourage criminals, convicts, juvenile delinquents to steal firearms and turn them in for cash. If people want to turn in unwanted firearms, they can do so now by going down to HPD gun registration section and turn they in for "free". Or they can go to a gunshop or federal firearm licensed dealer and sell it through them. We do not need another bill on guns. We in Hawaii already have a system and it is not broken. In this time of economic strife in Hawaii, the people of Hawaii cannot dish out \$100,000 to fund this bill. It is not economically sound.

Sincerely,

Cyrus Chun

NRA Life Member

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john baker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: These provisions you are proposing do not stop the criminals from using guns . You are wasting good tax money in the wrong area. Also why is it necessary for backround checks on family members who don't use guns this is a blatant attack on their civil rights and infringes on our constitutional rights to bear arms, we are not the enemy.

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Allan Los Banos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing to you in opposition of S.B. 69. As a former State of Hawaii DOE teacher and a gun owner I think the appropriation of funds to initiate a gun buy back program is superfluous. This money would be better off going towards education and the support of mental health services. The buying up of guns from honest law abiding citizens does nothing to better Hawaii or protects its people. The betterment of Hawaii's mental health care services does. The betterment of how we educate of our keiki does. Teaching students to be upright and productive citizens capable of making informed decisions in regards to matters such as firearms and other tough issues will go further than any buy back program will. I humbly thank you for your time and consideration.