

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2265

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2938
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2938 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS REGISTRATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to create a more
efficient firearms registration process for firearm owners and
registration officials by requiring each county to establish an
online firearms registration process, to be implemented by July 1,
2015.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Rifle Association; Babooze Bowstrings; and twenty-
eight individuals. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Police Department;
County of Hawaii Police Department; and seven individuals. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the current firearms registration
process is inefficient, requiring several visits to county police
stations, wasting time and money. The establishment of an online
firearms registration process will streamline the registration
process. However, your Committee learned through testimony that
this measure would create the need for a separate system and
interface, as each county has its own individual system; require a
stand-alone system for the Honolulu Police Department; and require
funding.



Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Eliminating the requirement that each county establish an online firearms registration process;
- (2) Adding language to require the Department of the Attorney General, in collaboration with the county police departments, to establish a statewide online firearms registration process;
- (3) Adding language requiring the Department of the Attorney General and the county police departments to work together to create and implement a statewide online firearms registration process by July 1, 2015;
- (4) Appropriating funds to establish and implement a statewide online firearms registration system, to be expended by the Department of the Attorney General;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2014; and
- (6) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2938, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2938, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No. :* SB 2938	Committee Referral: PSM, WAM	Date: 2/4/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes