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February 12, 2014

The Honorable K. Mark Takai, Chair
and Members
Committee on Veterans, Military, and
International Affairs, and Culture and the Arts
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 312
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takai and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2148, Relating to Firearms

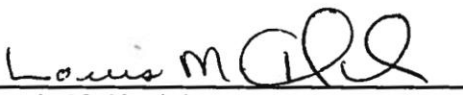
I am Major Thomas Nitta of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes House Bill No. 2148, Relating to Firearms. The proposed amendments to Section 134-2 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes will allow a United States Department of Defense Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214 or 215) be deemed as evidence to be in full compliance with the requirement of Subsection (B). The Honolulu Police Department does not agree that such a certificate or form will show education on the firearm laws of the State of Hawaii nor is there a limit placed upon the validity of such certificate or form.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,


Louis M. Kealoha
Chief of Police


Thomas T. Nitta, Major
Records and Identification Division



Hawaii Rifle Association

State Affiliate of the National Rifle Association
Founded in 1857

February 10, 2014

Testimony on HB 2148
Before VMI, February 12, 2014, 8:30 am, Rm 312

IN SUPPORT

Hon. Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members,

HRA supports this bill to clarify the circumstances whereby U.S. military training with a handgun will satisfy the training requirements under HRS 134-2 for a permit to acquire a handgun.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of HRA.

Dr. Maxwell Cooper,
HRA Legislative Liaison
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February 6, 2014

To: Chairperson K. Mark Takai
Vice Chairperson Ken Ito
Members of the House Veterans, Military & International Affairs, & Culture
and the Arts Committee

From: Alicia Nawatani-Dias
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

Subject: Support for HB2148, Relating to Firearms

My name is Alicia Nawatani-Dias and I am currently a student at Kalaheo High School. I submit this testimony in **agreement** to this measure on my own behalf, and not on the behalf of any fellow student at Kalaheo High School.

In the military, “regardless of the branch, a recruit can’t graduate from military basic combat training/boot camp without proving that he/she can handle a military weapon” (without shooting themselves, their classmates, or the instructors) responsibly. With this in mind, an honorably discharged veteran has already received the needed education and experience for using a firearm through the training offered while in the military. Therefore they should be eligible to receive a permit for the use of a concealed pistol or revolver and should be able to do so by showing a record of an honorable discharge from the military.

While those military personal who have received a dishonorable discharge should not be eligible to receive a firearm permit and in fact should not be able to receive a firearm at all due to their failure to obtain an honorable discharge from the U.S. armed forces. This is stated due to the fact that “dishonorable discharges can only be adjudged by a general court-martial and is a separation under dishonorable conditions” – a sentence pursuant to a conviction for a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. A dishonorable discharge in itself is a felon and should be considered, as any felony would be, to make one ineligible to receive a firearm or firearm permit.

Most firearms incidents are caused by people with poor self-control (Hawaii Concealed Carry Protecting Paradise) and lack of knowledge or experience in handling a weapon. That being said, the appropriate thing would be to make the application process more stringent. Permit applicants should be required to take educational courses on firearms as well as courses that teach through hands-on experience. The enforcement of educational requirements and experience regarding firearms before receiving a permit would help to stop incidents and accidents with firearms and would make it much easier to regulate firearms and safer for those in the community.

Thank you for your time and I hope you consider my testimony in support of HB2148.

Roxanne Kamalu

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| Elizabeth Kellam | Individual | Support | No |

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| Todd Hairgrove | Individual | Support | No |

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| Daniel Reid | National Rifle Association | Support | No |

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| Clinton Bodley | Individual | Support | No |

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| dennis martin | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Please pass HB2148. This would greatly help the second amendment community at large. It would also relieve our veterans of the onerous requirement of handgun qualifications and ownership. Thank You Pastor Dennis Martin

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