

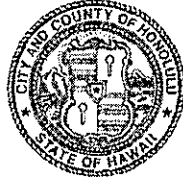
SB 2050

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

Provides that owners of previously registered firearms in this State shall not be subject to the existing permit waiting period when seeking a permit to allow for the acquisition of another firearm.

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February 4, 2014

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2050, 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.

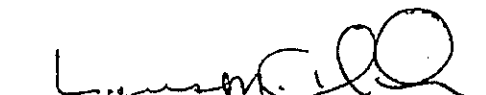
The HPD opposes Senate Bill No. 2050, Relating to Firearms. This bill seeks to amend Subsection (3), Section 134-2, of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to remove the waiting period for applicants who own a firearm previously registered under this section.

The waiting period is utilized for criminal background and mental health and physician checks for the potential applicant. The possession of a previously registered firearm does not preclude changes in the applicant's life that would make the person unable to possess a firearm.

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 1, 2014

Testimony on SB2050
Before PSM, Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 3:45 pm

IN SUPPORT

Hon. Chair, Vice Chair, and Members,

HRA supports this bill to exempt owners of firearms previously registered in Hawaii from the two week waiting period for a new permit.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of HRA

Dr. Maxwell Cooper,
HRA Legislative Liaison
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Submitted on: 2/1/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Ilo	Babooze Bowstrings	Support	No

Comments: As a firearms owner, lifetime shooting enthusiast and owner of a business that caters to the shooting sports I strongly support this bill!

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Daniel Reid	National Rifle Association	Support	No

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Submitted on: 1/29/2014

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

Comments: I support this bill. The waiting period for those already registered, already investigated, and already own firearms makes no sense. The cost of resubmitting for registration and waiting 14 days is an unnecessary waste of valuable resources and time. Waiting 14 days for acquisition of something new is not needed. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clinton Bodley	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
dennis martin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. It would greatly help the firearm community. It would also save me time when I already am a law abiding citizen with registered firearms.
Thank you

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

Comments: I strongly support this bill. The 14 day waiting period is designed as a "cooling off period" to minimize crimes of passion. The theory is that someone who intends ill to someone else may use this time to reconsider. However, once a person already has a gun, the waiting period serves no legitimate purpose in this situation. In fact, it serves no purpose at all. In the era of NICS checks, the subsequent background checks can be performed instantly with no loss of societal protection.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Forrest McDermott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Forrest McDermott, support this bill. Thank you, Forrest

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Phil Yoneshige	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Assuming that registration of firearms has any value at all (and historically, it doesn't) there shouldn't be any reason why someone who is in the system should have to reregister every time a firearm is acquired. Make a provision for a report in a change of status if there is a condition that should disqualify the individual acquiring the firearm. Disqualifying conditions should have been reported anyway, and proper action taken, if necessary. Having to register again and again when there has been no change in status is a huge waste of time for Hawaii's honest gun owners, and for the staff who have to process multiple sets of the same information, which seems dumb to everyone involved.

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	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Bedient	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. Any measure that that makes it easier for us to abide by the law and reduces the burden of same is a positive step.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Capt Jeff Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, And thank you for this bill which I support. Totally silly to have a 14 day waiting period when you already posses firearms. I would like that you amend the bill to cover individuals who take a licensed firearm to a ffl dealer for consignment sale. If the firearm does not sell, the original owner must apply for a brand new permit to acquire their OWN firearm. That's four round trips to the dealer and police station for a pistol, 4 hours of lost pay from work if you are lucky. I would also like to see the pistol permits covered for 1 year as is the case with long guns if you already have a registered pistol. The dealers in Hawaii are experts on what the can sell, so asking a clerk at the Police Department to review the make, model of the to be acquired firearm is a waste of their valuable time as well as the public. All federal firearms dealers have direct access to ATF instant check (NCIC), so they can instant check any prospective buyer, or original owners who is picking up their consignment gun that did not sell. Save the police agencies time and manpower that should be used on criminals, not law abiding firearm owners who follow the rules. Sincerely, Capt. Jeff Brown
US Army, Ret.

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T. Merrill	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Fuchikami	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm writing in support of SB2050 which eliminates the 2 week waiting period for a permit to acquire another firearm if we have previously registered firearms in the state. This would be a great help to us as it relieves us of having to make multiple trips downtown over the 2 week period.

If an amendment can be tagged on relating to streamlining the registration process, it would be nice if both the Kapolei and Kaneohe police stations could also register firearms as it would greatly save time and money for those of us who live on the Windward side or Leeward side by not having to drive all the way downtown. Moreover, imagine the time and gas savings if we didn't have to drive from Waipahu or Kaneohe down to the Beretania station back and forth from the gun dealers in those areas.

Anyway, we'll take one step at a time and this elimination of the waiting period is a welcome move. Thank you very much!

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Tom Galli	Individual	Support	No

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Ken Tomita	Individual	Support	No

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Jan Schwarzenberg	Individual	Support	No

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

Comments: I'd like to express my support for SB2050. If you are already a firearms owner you have already gone through the background check and already own a firearm so to have the waiting period is something that doesn't really make a difference in terms of public safety. Please support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nathan Stickel	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: This bill will save time and money for both the Police and the Citizens of Hawaii.

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Gordon Fowler	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony on SB2050

I support whole heartedly.

Folks

The two week waiting period to purchase a firearm was instituted to keep somebody from going out, buying a gun in a fit of anger and doing something stupid with it.

This perhaps makes sense for a first time acquisition, MAYBE.

However it makes no sense whatsoever for folks that already own one or more firearms.

As an owner of several firearms, a Federally licensed collector, if I were to commit mischief with a firearm, a waiting period would not stop me as there are the implements readily available.

There have been only short times in the last twenty years that I have not held an active Permit to Acquire. My history of responsible gun ownership is well known. It makes no sense at all that I and the many others in my situation should be subjected to the two weeks wait. It should be done away with for those in our circumstance.

Aloha

Gordy Fowler

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George Pace	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in support of SB2050: Ending waiting period for previously registered firearm owners Dear Chair and Committee Members, Please support and advance SB2050. 1. There is no evidence that a "waiting period" decreases crime. This bill only addresses eliminating a waiting period for previously registered firearm owners. Since these people already have access to at least one other firearm, there is not even the possibility of any public safety benefit from requiring these firearm owners to undergo any waiting period. 2. The vast majority of states in the United States only require that the purchaser of a firearm undergo a background check through the National Instant Background Check System (NICS). There is no evidence that any other system of checking individuals backgrounds is superior or that use of this NICS check alone increases any kind of crime. If other states use the NICS system successfully without any untoward consequences upon public safety, then Hawaii ought to adapt the same system, as no benefit is gained by making previously registered owners wait any period of time, much less 14 to 20 days. 3. Hawaii currently has the longest waiting period (14 to 21 days) of any state having waiting periods. There is no evidence that any waiting period, much less one of two to three week duration has any positive effect on crime rates of any kind. 4. As stated in *Silvester v. Harris* (UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, CASE NO. 1:11CV-2137 AWI SAB

[<http://ia600803.us.archive.org/13/items/gov.uscourts.caed.233362/gov.uscourts.caed.233362.44.0.pdf>] by Judge Ishii, "[Therefore,] the Court concludes that the WPL [Waiting Period Law] burdens the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms." And "Additionally, as applied to individuals who already own a gun, the Court has great difficulty envisioning how the "cooling off" rationale could pass the appropriate level of scrutiny. If an individual already possess a firearm, then nothing about this rationale would prevent that individual from acting on a sudden impulse to commit gun violence with the gun already in his or her possession." Judge Ishii also ruled that the justification for the California 10 day waiting period in order to perform an adequate background check was likely unconstitutional. Thus, no public safety issue is served by the Hawaii waiting period to purchase a firearm, especially for prior registered owners, so the provision of SB2050 to eliminate this waiting period of 14 to 20 days for prior registered owners ought to be enacted as law. Other states have background checks that can be done instantly using the NICS system and have no public safety problems as a result. SB2050 is rational, logical, and has all the evidence on its side. The current law requiring already registered firearm owners to wait 2 to 3 weeks to purchase another firearm is irrational, illogical, and has no evidence to support any kind of public safety efficacy. Please do the law-abiding gun owners of Hawaii, and the Constitution(s) of the United States (and Hawaii) a service and move SB2050 out of committee for consideration by the full legislature. thank you, George Pace Mountain View, Hawaii

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Testimony in support of SB2050: Ending waiting period for previously registered firearm owners

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

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Mountain View, Hawaii

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Thus, no public safety issue is served by the Hawaii waiting period to purchase a firearm, especially for prior registered owners, so the provision of SB2050 to eliminate this waiting period of 14 to 20 days for prior registered owners ought to be enacted as law. Other states have background checks that can be done instantly using the NICS system and have no public safety problems as a result.

SB2050 is rational, logical, and has all the evidence on its side. The current law requiring already registered firearm owners to wait 2 to 3 weeks to purchase another firearm is irrational, illogical, and has no evidence to support any kind of public safety efficacy. Please do the law-abiding gun owners of Hawaii, and the Constitution of the United States (and Hawaii) a service and move SB2050 out of committee for consideration by the full legislature.

thank you,

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Frank D Deknis	Individual	Support	No

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I support SB 2050 that stipulates that owners of previously registered firearms in this State shall not be subject to the existing permit waiting period when seeking a permit to allow for the acquisition of another firearm. As an existing firearm owner, I do not see the need for a waiting period for any additional firearm that I would want to purchase. The waiting period as I understand it is there to have time for investigation if the person requesting the firearm should be allowed to possess a firearm. Already having a firearm, it makes no sense to wait to acquire another firearm. Mahalo nui.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin J. Cole	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Subject: SB2050 Aloha, If I understand the purpose of SB2050 correctly, the Bill provides that if you own and have registered firearms in Hawaii previously, you are excused from the waiting period for subsequent permits. I believe that this would be helpful to members of the shooting sports community. It is my hope that applications and registration can be less arduous for those of us who have already passed background checks and have long owned firearms in this state. For instance, if someone finds an item at a gun show but they do not have a current "permit to acquire" then they cannot purchase the item. This is a hurdle for all involved. The time require to get permits often means that I would have to take off from work. This is an inefficient use of my time. Any law that can streamline the acquisition and ownership process would be welcome. Shooting sports are something my family has enjoyed for years. By working with the shooting sports community, the State & Counties can collaborate to meet our shared goals of safety and convenience. Mahalo, Kevin J. Cole, Col USAF Ret. Mililani, HI

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Ryan Maeda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a responsible firearms owner as are other members of my family. The 2 week waiting period for each handgun purchase, as well as the 2 week waiting period for annual long gun permit renewals really fail to serve any purpose other than creating unneeded burden on responsible firearms owners. If the original purpose for the waiting period was a "cool down period" as I've been told, how does that apply to someone who already legally owns firearms? The national background check should suffice for current firearms owners. Thank you for your time in considering my view.

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Jared Muyco	Individual	Support	No

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To whom it may concern,

Aloha, My name is Jared MUYCO and I'm a gun owner. I'm submitting my testimony regarding the Bill SB2050, Provides that owners of previously registered firearms in this State shall not be subject to the existing permit waiting period when seeking a permit to allow for the acquisition of another firearm.

This bill really make sense, why subject a firearm owner to a waiting day period if he owns not one but for example 5 or 10 guns already, Would it make a difference putting him on a waiting period that he has already a lot of guns in his possession? Waiting periods should apply to those first time applicants only so that they can be background check. Applying for a pistol permit each time, it takes 3 trips to the police station which means I have to take off from work without pay specially buying a \$250 pistol and losing \$600 worth of wages in 3 days, the gun is not worth the the money i lost working but I have to do it for my passion of collecting/shooting firearms. Not only that but each time i don't get paid at work the state also loses money from my daily taxable wage. we are not talking about 1 individual only but a lot of those gun loving working people who take off from work aside from me to apply permits. We do have computers now that can do background check just like in the mainland it only takes them less than 30 minutes to find out if you have outstanding warrant, criminal record. I give credit to the person/persons who proposes this bill but we all do know Hawaii is an antigun state before its even read this bill has already been decided not to pass just my 2 cents. I would like to be in this hearing just like the rest of my fellow gun owners but i already told my boss that im talking off wednesday half day to pick up my permit and take off also friday to register my pistol(this is all the trouble every gun owner goes through). I do hope HPD firearms registration opens their office on a saturday so that all the gun owners have the option to register their firearms on a saturday instead of losing pay on a workday because this bill won't be passed.

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Bowen Dickinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a responsible citizen I urge Passage of this bill....if someone already has guns and has registered them then they are already in the system...stop wasting the taxpayers money and the County's time and vote yes.

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Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii firearm laws impose too many restrictions on law-abiding citizens. Many of these restrictions do not make anyone except criminals safe. SB2050 is a step in the right direction, removing one of many restrictions and helping to streamline the firearm-acquisition process.

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Robin Canape	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. If an individual already legally possesses firearms and has passed all necessary background checks and the initial waiting period then any additional waiting incurs undue burden when purchasing or acquiring additional firearms.

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Subject: Support of SB2050

Testimony in support of SB2050: Ending waiting period for previously registered firearm owners

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

Please support and advance SB2050.

1. There is no evidence that a “waiting period” decreases crime. This bill only addresses eliminating a waiting period for previously registered firearm owners. Since these people already have access to at least one other firearm, there is not even the possibility of any public safety benefit from requiring these firearm owners to undergo any waiting period.
2. The vast majority of states in the United States only require that the purchaser of a firearm undergo a background check through the National Instant Background Check System (NICS). There is no evidence that any other system of checking individuals backgrounds is superior or that use of this NICS check alone increases any kind of crime. If other states use the NICS system successfully without any untoward consequences upon public safety, then Hawaii ought to adapt the same system, as no benefit is gained by making previously registered owners wait any period of time, much less 14 to 20 days.
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We also make unnecessary trips to and from police stations to take this un-needed step - Costing lives; time, fuel and polluting environment- (Most us an automobile)

thank you,

Doug Henbest
Kailua-Kona Hawaii

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Robert Okuda	Individual	Support	No

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Shelton Yamashiro	Individual	Support	No

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Dear committee members,

Please support SB2050 removing the 14 day waiting period for firearms "Permit to Acquire" for owners of previously registered firearms. This measure would greatly lessen the burden and expense to firearms owners seeking to comply with requirements of HRS 134-2.

The current requirement of waiting 14 days makes no sense when the person seeking to acquire a firearm already owns one or more firearms in compliance with chapter 134 of the HRS. In many cases, that person may have a current, valid "long gun" permit which is good for one year, yet they are still burdened with the requirement to wait 14 days to acquire a permit for a handgun(s) transaction even though they own one or more handguns already.

The current process only adds to the burden of our citizens who are already required to seek a permit and register firearms in a timely manner.

Shelton Yamashiro

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Richard Hacker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Excellent amendment, long overdue!

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

Comments: Please pass SB2050. Firearm owners are generally law-abiding and have to pass stringent background checks in order to have a permit to acquire a firearm. Removing the 14-day waiting period will remove an unnecessary burden on everyone and will make the process more efficient. Thank you.

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Dan Goo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a retired Honolulu Police Officer, the waiting period when instituted when Chief Michael Nakamura was Chief of Police was mainly for the cooling off period in hopes that (3 Days) a person who wanted to use a firearm illegally or against someone would think about it twice and reconsidered. There is no other reason for a 10 day waiting period, if I own firearms already. If I wanted to hurt someone, I would just use what I have to do it. I am not advocating no current criminal history checks, mental checks etc. but if it takes less than 10 days to clear, we should be afforded to register our firearms sooner than the 10 days.

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Edward Abbot	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a resident owner of firearms, the current waiting period serves no useful purpose. Having, like many other lawful owners of registered firearms, been vetted by HPD on multiple occasions, being forced to return to Central Police over and over is merely an inconvenience to your constituents. Please support this bill. Thank you, Edward Abbot

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Paul Bueltmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB2050 A person who has already gone through the process of obtaining their firearms should not have to wait another 2 weeks for a permit. It is just a waste of time and resources for everyone.

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nsimeon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill.

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josh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! I support SB2050. I believe that a person who already owns firearms, and has gone through the FBI background check should not have to wait 2 weeks for a permit to acquire. In reality, the two week wait is a "cool down" period, intended to discourage someone from wanting to purchase a firearm to use in the commission of a crime. It makes no sense to force someone who already owns firearms to wait two weeks for every permit to acquire. I am in favor of SB2050. Thank you

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Tony Sylvester	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this Bill for an Act. Thank you.

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Willie-Joe Camara	Individual	Support	No

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Tom Lodge	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This Bill only makes sense if you are a previously registered firearms owner! Much Aloha, Tom Lodge

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