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February 25, 2014

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair and Members Committee on Ways and Means State Senate Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2938, SD 1 (SSCR 2265), Relating to Firearms Registration

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. 2938, SD 1 (SSCR 2265), Relating to Firearms Registration. The registration of firearms is a State function regulated by the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS); the registration forms are prescribed by the Attorney General.

The current registration process requires three visits to the respective county police station, as determined by the HRS. The applicant may choose to bring a postal-certified, self- addressed envelope to have the permit mailed and decrease his or her required visits to two.

The HPD concurs with the idea of a single, statewide firearms registration system operated by the Department of the Attorney General. The HPD does not receive any form of compensation from the State nor is any form of reparation made in the registration process. All fees collected for fingerprint checks are charged by and turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Thomas T. Nitta, Major

Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:

Louis M. Kealoha Chief of Police

TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAI'I POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENATE BILL 2938, SD 1 (SSCR 2265)

RELATING TO FIREARMS REGISTRATION

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2014

TIME : 9:25 A.M.

PLACE: Conference Room 211

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

PERSON TESTIFYING:

Deputy Police Chief Paul K. Ferreira Hawai`i Police Department County of Hawai`i

(Written Testimony Only)



Paul K. Ferreira
Deputy Police Chief

County of Hawai'i

February 24, 2014

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Senator David Y. Ige (808) 935-3 Chairperson and Committee Members Committee on Ways and Means 415 South Beretania Street, Room 224 Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

RE: SENATE BILL 2938, (SSCR 2265) SD 1 RELATING TO FIREARMS REGISTRATION

Dear Senator Ige:

The Hawai'i Police Department opposes Senate Bill 2938, SD 1, with its purpose being to require the Department of the Attorney General to establish an online firearms registration process to be fully implemented by July 1, 2015.

First of all, while we believe this legislation has good intentions, it fails to recognize the enormity of the process involved in following the procurement code to identify, purchase and implement such a system. The need to research, procure and implement a statewide system would in all probability require far more time than that being established by this proposal. By establishing a deadline at this point in time without prior study may be a portent towards a system that is inadequate to serve the needs of the law enforcement community tasked with overseeing the firearms registration process.

This legislation as written, seeks to have "any funds received from county firearms registration fees shall be used to pay for online registration processing costs". Our county does not charge fees for firearms registration so in effect this would amount to an unfunded mandate or require the levying of additional fees upon our populace.

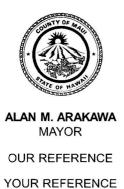
With respect to the portion of the draft dealing with "generally requires no more than two visits to the respective county police station per registration," in Hawai`i County, a person is only required to make one visit to the police station for registration purposes.

For these reasons, we must oppose this legislation.

Thank you for allowing the Hawai`i Police Department to provide comments relating to Senate Bill 2938 (SSCR 2265), SD 1.

Sincerely,

PAUL K. FERREIRA
DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF



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February 24, 2014

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair And Members of the Committee on Ways and Means The Senate State Capitol Honolulu, HI 96813



RE: Senate Bill No. 2938, SD1 – Relating to Firearms Registration

Dear Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Maui Police Department is in opposition of SB No. 2938, SD1. This bill requires the Department of the Attorney General, in collaboration with the county police departments, to establish a statewide online firearms registration process, to be fully implemented by July 1, 2015. It also appropriates funds for the establishment and implementation of a statewide online firearms registration process.

The Maui Police Department is concerned with the costs of a new system and the security issues associated with implementing a data base that the public will access for firearm registration information. This proposed system will also prevent the verification of serial numbers of firearms inputted online.

The Maui Police Department asks your committee to oppose S.B. No. 2938, SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

GARY A. YABUTA

Chief of Police



Hawaii Rifle Association

State Affiliate of the National Rifle Association Founded in 1857 February 23, 2014

Testimony on SB 2938, SD1 Before WAM, Tuesday, February25, 2014, 9:25 am, Rm 211

IN STRONG SUPPORT

Hon. Chair, Vice Chair, and Members,

HRA supports this bill to ameliorate the burdensome permit process for firearm registration.

The system is intentionally administered to make it "humbug" to acquire a firearm in Hawaii, especially on Oahu where there is only one service point, HPD Headquarters, on Beretania.

The Criminal Justice Data Center, part of the AG's Department, is reporting an approximately 20% increase statewide for firearms registration for 2013, another record high increase. Registrations have increased steadily annually since 2008.

The current system requires a minimum of three in-person visits for a handgun. Lines of more than 6 hours *per visit* are the rule during peak activity. Much of the registration requirement, required for every firearm brought into the state and for every in-state acquisition, with very limited exceptions, can be done on-line, just as Hawaii residents can select, pay for, and print out a state hunting license on-line. Dealers can do I.D. verification and submit NICS background checks for those who already have fingerprints on file and submit make, model, serial number, etc. Physician information releases and notices to caregivers can be conducted on-line.

Highly trained Patrol Officers would be released from secretarial duties. Records would originate in electronic form instead of requiring data input from paper sources. Accuracy and speed of data searches would be improved. Credit cards online would simplify payment for FBI fingerprints. Registrants would no longer have to have exact change in cash, and the variable fee amount could be updated simply whenever the FBI charge changes. The only visits needed in person to a police station would be to register private transfers and for fingerprints for those registrants who have never acquired a firearm in Hawaii, and every police station has that capacity.

We urge you to lesson this burden placed on the law-abiding. Any felon who has done time in a Hawaii prison is connected to a black market that can supply most any firearm, with the right ammunition, at approximately 1/3 retail price, with no need to register. Per a 1968 US Supreme Court decision, Haynes vs. US, it violates 5th Amendment rights to prosecute a felon for failure to register a firearm.

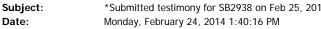
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of HRA

Dr. Maxwell Cooper,

HRA Legislative Liaison

WAM Testimony To: dreid@nrahq.org Cc:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2014

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

Comments:

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February 24, 2014

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair Senate Committee of Ways and Means

RE: SB2938, SD1 Relating to Firearms Registration

The Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (IPAC) strongly opposes SB 2938, SD1. Established in 1990, IPAC is an advocacy group committed to preventing and reducing injuries in Hawai`i. The current gun registration law helps ensure that people who apply for guns are legally entitled to own them. In person registration ensures a better level of protection than the on-line registration proposed in this bill where there are many opportunities to circumvent the system. Hawaii has one of the one of the lowest violent crime rates and gun firearm homicide rates in the nation because there are evidence based laws in place, including a current gun registration system that works effectively. Why take the risk of changing it and risking the safety of Hawaii 's people.

Sincerely,

Chair Emeritus of IPAC

Bruce MESwan

To: WAM Testimony

Cc: <u>hawaiihuntingassociation@hawaiiantel.net</u>

Subject: Submitted testimony for SB2938 on Feb 25, 2014 09:25AM

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SB2938

Submitted on: 2/23/2014

Testimony for WAM on Feb 25, 2014 09:25AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Tom Lodge	hawaii hunting association	Support	No	

Comments: Support! Much Aloha, Tom Lodge

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To: WAM Testimony
Cc: bisaacso@hawaii.edu

Subject: Submitted testimony for SB2938 on Feb 25, 2014 09:25AM

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SB2938

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

Comments: Assuming that firearms registration is useful (and history shows that it isn't) there should be no reason why Hawaii citizens shouldn't be able to register electronically. Given that this will lessen the costs of the process, no increase in fees should be imposed. After all, this is a modern electronic world and almost anything else can be accomplished via the net, so why not firearms registration? The big savings will be in the elimination of travel time to the registration site, which is a huge waste of time that honest gun owners can ill afford.

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To: WAM Testimony
Cc: laub008@hawaii.rr.com

Subject: *Submitted testimony for SB2938 on Feb 25, 2014 09:25AM*

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SB2938

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

Comments:

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To: WAM Testimony
Cc: dgoo@djspec.com

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SB2938

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Testimony for WAM on Feb 25, 2014 09:25AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dan Goo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a retired Honolulu Police Officer, the registration process has been like this for over 25 years!. It is about time we use technology to improve the process. We have to go the the station 3 times in order to register, purchase or transfer a firearm. Everything up to the actual registration can be on line and the final registration where the firearm is presented for registration can be in person.

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To: WAM Testimony
Cc: kaneohegs@aol.com

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SB2938

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
daniel oshima	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable committee members, please support online registration as it will make the registration process more efficient and help alleviate excess workload of Firearms Unit personnel. Efficient progress in firearms registration procedures would also be sensible with current technology and provide smoother operation in future years for HPD's Firearms Unit. Thank you, Daniel Oshima

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To: WAM Testimony
Cc: edabbot1@gmail.com

Subject: Submitted testimony for SB2938 on Feb 25, 2014 09:25AM

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SB2938

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Abbot	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This will streamline and greatly improve the firearms registration process which is currently archaic, clunky, and extraordinarily time consuming for both owners and police personnel.

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To: WAM Testimony
Cc: bizkellam@gmail.com

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

Comments:

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To: WAM Testimony
Cc: ehkaneshiro@gmail.com

Subject: Submitted testimony for SB2938 on Feb 25, 2014 09:25AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the modernization of the current firearms registration process. Online registration can reduce the number of times and the number of hours citizens are currently spending in line.

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To: WAM Testimony

Cc: <u>micronpcowner@yahoo.com</u>

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SB2938

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

Comments: I'm generally in favor of the online registration of firearms as anything that can make it more convenient to register is always welcome. It would be even better if you could establish Kapolei and Kaneohe police stations to be able to handle walk-in registration/permitting as well as it would make it more convenient and economical for applicants. Please consider this addition as well. Thank you very much!

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To: WAM Testimony
Cc: jbedient@gmail.com

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

Comments: Anything that makes it easier for law-abiding citizens to comply with the law deserves support.

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To: WAM Testimony

Cc: <u>jan.schwarzenberg01@gmail.com</u>

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan Schwearzenberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Once a firearm has been registered in HI by its original owner any subsequent transfers between licensed persons should not require the presently mandated 3rd visit to police HQ. This is a waste of taxpayer funded police time and bureaucracy, all of which does NOTHING to combat crime. So long as parties to a firearms transfer are not otherwise prohibited persons, transferring a firearm should be no more difficult than transferring ownership of a motor vehicle. Online transfers save time and especially money for the police, tax payers and the individuals who do not have to take time off from work.

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To: WAM Testimony

Cc: <u>tomitak001@hawaii.rr.com</u>

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Tomita	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support. Please make this into law. The trend in government is to NOT have people continually return to a crowded government building in person, in order to conduct routine business. In this instance, once a firearm is first registered in person by a dealer or individual, the record for that firearm is PERMANENTLY created (similar to the first registration of a motor vehicle). Bringing the firearm in for physical inspection by subsequent owners to register its transfer (the 'third trip' to the Police Station) is ludicrous and a waste of time. Thank you for your consideration.

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To: WAM Testimony
Cc: jack@pop-hawaii.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pelham Shirland	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This measure is long overdue. Routine renewals of long-gun permits should not require 2 trips to the Main Station with long waits in line and very limited parking. Transfers of previously registered and inspected firearms should not require in-person inspection of said firearm. HPD can improve the "serve" portion of its' motto, "protect and serve" by implementing online registration and permitting of firearms.

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To: WAM Testimony
Cc: refrey2001@yahoo.com

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Richard Frey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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To: WAM Testimony
Cc: robert@okudametal.com

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Robert Okuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Dear Committee Members,

Please SUPPORT passage of SB 2938, SD1.

The trend in government is to NOT have people continually return to a crowded government building in person, in order to conduct routine business. In this instance, once a firearm is first registered in person by a dealer or individual, the record for that firearm is PERMANENTLY created (similar to the first registration of a motor vehicle). Bringing the firearm in for physical inspection by subsequent owners to register its transfer (the 'third trip' to the Police Station) is ludicrous and a waste of time.

Aloha, Shelton Yamashiro
 From:
 Stephen T. Hazam

 To:
 WAM Testimony

Subject: SB2938, SD1: Please Support

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2014 2:25:51 PM

Please support SB2938, SD1. Online registration of firearms is a WIN - WIN for the state and its citizens. Online registration will require fewer resources for state government which means state agencies and taxpayers will be happy. Citizens wishing to exercise their Second Amendment rights, will have to spend fewer resources in time and money: therefore, voters are happy. Please support SB22938, SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo,

Stephen T Hazam

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

Comments: Support. Please make this into law. The trend in government is to NOT have people continually return to a crowded government building in person, in order to conduct routine business. In this instance, once a firearm is first registered in person by a dealer or individual, the record for that firearm is permanently created (similar to the first registration of a motor vehicle). Bringing the firearm in for physical inspection by subsequent owners to register its transfer (the 'third trip' to the Police Station) is ludicrous and a waste of time.

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To: WAM Testimony

Cc: <u>hawaiihuntingassociation@hawaiiantel.net</u>

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

Comments: Streamlining registration is definitely a benefit. Much Aloha, Tom Lodge

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23 February 2014

The Honorable Chair and Members Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs State Senate, Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Dear Chair and Members:

SUBJECT: SB2938

On this Bill - SB2938 I join in opposition to SB2938 with Chief of Police Louis M. Kealoha and Major Thomas T. Nitta of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department, and PAUL K. FERREIRA, ACTING POLICE CHIEF of The Hawai' i Police Department, with its purpose being to require each county to establish an online firearms registration process to be fully implemented by July 1, 2015.

I also oppose SB2938 as amended, now requiring the Department of the Attorney General in collaboration with the county policy departments to create and implement a statewide online firearms registration; SB2939 does not address critical issues and creates other unnecessary issues and costs as follows; SB2938 as amended:

- Fails to identify to the public the enormity and cost of the process involved in following
 procurement code to identify, purchase and implement such a system; to correctly analyze and
 evaluate the bidding process to have an outside contractor complete this project; as well as the
 security precautions necessary to allow this information to be accessed by an outside company for
 contract being put out to bid.
- Increases the burden and expense of complying with firearms registration on the citizens of Hawaii and especially firearms owners. The amended language of 134-3(c)...<u>Any funds received from county firearm registration fees shall be used to pay for costs incurred by the registering county and online registration processing costs incurred by the department of attorney general, is clearly admitting that firearm registration fees for firearms owners will be significantly increased to pay for the online system.</u>
- Increases costs associated with staffing in implementing such a system, maintaining security and paying for continual upgrades to the system software to maintain secure access.
- Increases the potential to expose confidential and personal data of firearm owners to online hackers and computer breaches.
- There is no acceptable assurance possible that firearm owner's online registration data is protected and input with security implemented properly and maintained for the long term. (Witness the many new cases of data breaches of many thought-to-be-secure companies including Federal Government databases).

In summary, expanding the current system of firearm registration, which continually is shown in past and recent peer reviewed studies to have no positive effect on crime reduction or prevention nor increase in public safety, will come at a significantly increased cost and a significant reduction in the security of firearms owners in Hawaii. A statewide online firearms registration database is an unnecessary endeavor and will decrease efficiency and security of the current record keeping systems.

Sincerely, William Folk