

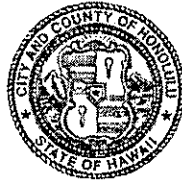
# **SB 2938**

RELATING TO FIREARMS REGISTRATION.

Requires each county to establish an online firearms registration process to be fully implemented by July 1, 2015.

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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. 2938, 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, Relating to Firearms Registration. The registration of firearms is a State function regulated by the Hawaii Revised Statutes; the registration forms are prescribed by the Attorney General.

None of Hawaii's respective counties receive any form of compensation from the State nor is any form of reparation made in the firearms registration process. All fees collected for fingerprint checks are charged by and turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The creation of an online registration process will:

Cost a large amount of money for which there is no source of revenue;

Create the need for a separate system and interface, as each county has its own individual systems;

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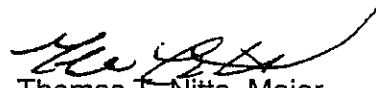
Require a stand-alone system for the HPD due to the security of the City's system; and

Prevent the HPD from viewing the firearm to verify the serial number, etc.

We urge the Legislature to consider a single, statewide firearms registration system operated by the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety.


Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Thomas T. Nitta, Major  
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:



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Chief of Police

William P. Kenoi  
*Mayor*



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*Police Chief*

Paul K. Ferreira  
*Deputy Police Chief*

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February 3, 2014

Senator Will Espero  
Chairperson and Committee Members  
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415 South Beretania Street, Room 224  
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**RE: SENATE BILL 2938, RELATING TO FIREARMS REGISTRATION**

Dear Senator Espero:

The Hawai'i Police Department opposes Senate Bill 2938 with its purpose being to require each county 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. This legislation as written, seeks to have "any funds received from county firearm 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. Further, there has been a continuous effort on the part of the four counties to standardize the process statewide and each county developing its own individual system would defeat that particular purpose.

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.

Sincerely,

  
PAUL K. FERREIRA  
ACTING POLICE CHIEF



# Hawaii Rifle Association

State Affiliate of the National Rifle Association  
Founded in 1857

February 1, 2014

Testimony on SB 2938  
Before PSM, Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 3:45pm, Rm 224

## **IN SUPPORT**

Hon. Chair, Vice Chair, and Members,

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of HRA

Dr. Maxwell Cooper,  
HRA Legislative Liaison  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Reid	National Rifle Association	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jerry Ilo	Babooze Bowstrings	Support	No

Comments: As a life time Shooting and Hunting Enthusiast I strongly support this bill!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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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Clinton Bodley	Individual	Support	No

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dennis martin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. It would greatly help the firearm community. Thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James Bedient	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill - anything that makes it easier for law-abiding citizens to comply with the law is a positive step.

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

Comments: Aloha, thank you so much for this bill. I can't tell you how many vacation hours I've lost from my work place going back and forth to register firearms. It absolutely silly that a person who already has rifles , shotguns and pistols has to make 4 round trips to register a handgun. I would recommend that you advent the 134-32 section 2' line 1 page 6 and section 3 concerning dealers and seizures in a national emergency (amend, when declared by the governor of Hawaii) I would say only upon the direct and written order of the chief law enforcement officer when it appears that the dealer is unable to maintain proper security for their stores to preclude the unauthorized removal of firearms. A complete written inventory will be taken by a LEO and signed by another LE officer as witness. You do not want some patrol officer thinking he has the authority to break into gun shops and remove firearms with no witness and no inventory. Thank you so much for this bill, I've been standing in line with registered sex offenders, criminals, and similar nice folks waiting to register my guns at the police department. Sincerely, Captain Jeff Brown Us Army ret.

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T. Merrill	Individual	Support	No

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Tom Galli	Individual	Support	No

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Ken Tomita	Individual	Support	No

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Jan Schwearzenberg	Individual	Support	No

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

Comments: Here on Oahu especially there is only one location at which LEGAL Fire arms may be registered. The main Police station on Beretania. That and the fact that they are open only when most law abiding folks are working creates a major hardship on those of us who wish to follow the law whether we agree or not. Of course to those who choose not to follow the law, having to take time from work to register means nothing. I feel anything which streamlines the registration of Fire arms if we must have it is a good thing. Please support!

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

Comments: Subject: SB2938 Aloha, SB2938 is a good idea that supports the mutual efforts of the State/County law enforcement agencies, firearm owners, and firearm dealers. The current registration program is inefficient and arcane. I have often had to take a day off from work to register newly purchased firearms. It would be a far better measure for individuals who have already passed a background check (as with SB2050) to be able to register new firearms at the dealer or if bringing in firearms from out of state should be able to comply with the spirit of the law thru a dealer or licensed broker. This measure would provide for people to complete this task after the work day is over or on weekends thus avoiding the issue of missing work days. 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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Subject: SB2938

Aloha,

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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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Frank D Deknis	Individual	Support	No

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I support SB 2938 that requires each county to establish an online firearms registration process to be fully implemented by July 1, 2015. I see no need to make numerous trips to the police station to register a firearm. The initial request and subsequent approval should be done online with the only need to visit the police station is when you have the actual firearm so the serial numbers can be verified. Mahalo nui.

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Ryan Maeda	Individual	Support	No

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Bowen Dickinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a responsible citizen and taxpayer who votes, I would like this bill to pass, there will be a tremendous savings in the County's time and expenses, as well as my own, with no effect on public safety

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Pat	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha committee members,

As a firearms owner on the island of Oahu, I fully support measure SB2938, requiring the counties to set up online registration of firearms.

Although a member of the NRA, I support registration and the process by which Hawaii regulates firearms ownership. However, maintaining a single point of registration for the entire island at the HPD building located at 601 Beretania St in downtown Honolulu has created a severe bottleneck in the registration process. Current regulation procedures involve for purchasing a handgun involve no less than three trips to HPD – (1) Submission of Application to Purchase, (2) Picking up approved Application to Purchase, and (3) Registering the firearm. All steps need to be completed in person – HPD does not mail approved applications.

The journey to HPD involves a full one hour round trip from Makakilo in perfect traffic – something kama’aina know is a very remote possibility. I would estimate my personal best is roughly an hour and a half. Although HPD firearms registration is open from 0730-0430 Mon-Fri, residents will have to take time off of work to complete this registration.

The personnel at the station are the utmost professionals and are prompt, polite, and very proficient at their jobs. However, this professional staff is confined by a constrictive building design. The firearms registration unit is limited to one window with a shared waiting area. The process is slow due to the setup: the window serves only one person at a time due to its physical size, there is no discerning from customers who are applying for a permit, picking up a permit or registering a firearm. During periods of high activity, the wait time can be up to 45 minutes.

I am aware of similar legislation to open up satellite registration sites in Kapolei and Mililani, but those have not come to fruition. In this age of internet and digital information processing, where many transactions are conducted online, I question why Hawaii insists on maintaining an antiquated centralized system for firearms. This system is costing taxpayers’ personal time, essentially forcing people to drive downtown to one location multiple times, all to obey state laws. It also limits the scope and locations of weapons dealers, as the majority are located in or near Honolulu.

Allowing firearms owners the option of registering online will not decrease accountability and control of firearms. It is a viable and sensible piece of legislation HPD, firearms owners, and taxpayers alike deserve to make the Hawaii registration process more cost effective, efficient, and reduce strain on HPD services.

V/R,

Pat Morrissey

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Shelton Yamashiro	Individual	Support	No

**Comments:**

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Dear committee members,

Please consider supporting SB2938 establishing an online firearm registration system. This effort would lessen the burden and expense of complying with firearms registration on the citizens of Hawaii and reduce costs associated with staffing.

Shelton Yamashiro

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Hacker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Excellent provision, long overdue.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dan Goo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is about time we have at least two firearm registration locations. We wait for hours to sign up, pick up and register firearms. Is is not so bad if you need to go only once, but you have to go 3 TIMES to register a firearm. If not for the local residence at least do it for the military personnel who have to take off from serving our country. Common sense solutions need to be passed.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edward Abbot	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Anything to reduce the congestion, lack of parking, and time wasted at Central Police while registering firearms will be a benefit to your constituents. Thank you, Edward Abbot

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Willie-Joe Camara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jonagustine Lim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not pass SB2938. While online registration sounds good, the need show up in person anyway negates the benefits of online registration. Furthermore, implementing such a system securely is not only costly; It also has a potential to exposes confidential and personal data of firearm owners to online hackers and computer breaches. what assurances do firearm owners have that the online registration data is protected and implemented properly?

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

Comments: I do not support this bill. It will cost a lot of funds to implement correctly and ensure data is not compromised. Registration of personal firearms is not needed in any case, as this serves only to locate presently legal firearm owners in the case of confiscation, it has shown not to have any real effect on crime or prevention of crime. I do not trust the city/state to keep my personal/medical/vital information safe anywhere online, especially in the many new cases of data breaches many, thought to be secure, companies. Registration online might make the process a little easier, but registering firearms with the state is an unnecessary standard that we must comply with. Vetting of individuals for the purpose of determining if they are fit to possess a firearm is needed, this process ought to be owned by the firearm dealer/seller in the first place, as it is already illegal to sell a firearm to those not permitted to own, and criminals do not care about any law, consequently are not be effected in the registration and permitting process. Therefore, I cannot support making a process, in which I do not believe in, easier. My suggestion is to abolish the registration process altogether, and beef up the vetting and permitting process to ensure unfit persons do not acquire firearms. This would save vital tax funds and HPD resources for more important functions. Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tyler Summers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To state that firearm registration is necessary for public safety is a completely baseless claim. What is the full cost of this registration process and how much is that money really doing for public safety? How much has firearm related crime dropped since the registry began? How many people are dying each year from firearm related incidents compared to others, such as drowning, or motor vehicle related? How many cumulative hours of the police department's time and the average citizen's time are being needlessly wasted each year on this pointless endeavor? SB2938 states that the registration should "generally require no more than two visits to the county police station per registration." Only two visits! I would implore you to look at the amount of registrations taking place every year and do some rough math on how many man hours are being wasted by the police and the citizens both in this pointless process. This problem is especially apparent on sister islands, such as Maui, where there is only one location on the island to register firearms. These "only two visits" for some of us equate to 4 hours of driving or more! The amount of fossil fuel wasted every year just so people can drive needlessly back and forth to the police station with their rifles is absolutely staggering. Take a step back and really evaluate what you are doing with your constituent's time and money. Registration is not only a needless affront on the citizen's constitutional rights to be able to keep and bear arms, but it is a truly horrendous example of government waste in action. Cease registration entirely and spend that money on something worthwhile. Imagine what all that money could do for mental health programs and facilities on the islands? For domestic violence? For the poor, for charity, for our highways? I can scarcely think of anything that would NOT be better served with this money allocated to it rather than firearm registration.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joel dela Cruz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not pass this bill.

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I'd like to express my opposition for SB2938.

With recent publication of registered firearms owners through various new media and publications in other states I do not trust such database being available on the internet. While the intention maybe good it could result in thousands of firearms owners personal information information being compromised. The ACA is a prime example of this kind of security. This information has no need to be outside of a intranet.

Thank you.

**Marlene Uesugi**

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Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB2938 as it is written in its current form is incomplete because it does not provide for sufficient error correction. Databases are notorious for containing incorrect information. I recommend amending the bill to provide a method for the person with registered firearms to inspect the records and correct errors found therein. This will help to make the database more accurate. Other than that, I have no objection to SB2938.

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Robin Canape	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to this bill because I do not believe that the state possesses the technical knowledge and skill to complete and maintain an online registration database. Or the ability to correctly analyze and evaluate the bidding process to have an outside contractor complete this project. As well as allowing this information to be accessed by an outside company if contract is put out to bid.

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