

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3065

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2016

RE: H.B. No. 625
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 625, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to enhance protections against acts of gun violence committed by individuals with a history of dangerous behavior by including misdemeanor harassment by stalking and sexual assault among the offenses that disqualify a person from owning, possessing, or controlling any firearm or ammunition.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Police Department of the City and County of Honolulu, Domestic Violence Action Center, Center for American Progress, Americans for Responsible Solutions, Sex Abuse Treatment Center, and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the National Rifle Association, Valley Isle Sport Shooters, and more than sixty individuals.

Your Committee finds that sexual assault in the fourth degree and harassment by stalking can escalate into more violent conduct and eventually become lethal, particularly when firearms are involved. Research indicates a correlation between partner stalking, sexual assault, and the propensity for partner stalkers to use firearms against their victims. Restricting individuals with a history of these dangerous behaviors from owning or



possessing firearms contributes to the safety and security of the public.

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 H.B. No. 625, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 625, HD1	PSM, JDL	3/22/16		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	X			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	X			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
SLOM, Sam			X	
TOTAL	4		1	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Will Espero</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes