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**Testimony of
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**Before the House Committees on
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
and
WATER & LAND**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2528
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A SHOOTING FACILITY IN WEST HAWAII
ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII**

House Bill 2528 proposes to appropriate funds for public outreach, planning, and an environmental impact statement for a Hawaii Island public shooting facility. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure provided that this appropriation does not adversely impact appropriations for other priorities in the Executive Budget request or any existing Department appropriated funding.**

The Department affirms the need for a public shooting range facility on Hawaii Island. As such, the Department is actively engaged in shooting range development on Hawaii Island and recognizes that increased public outreach and an environmental impact statement are the immediate and necessary steps toward shooting range development on the island.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
State of Hawaii
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96809**

Testimony of
Piilani Kaawaloa
Aha Moku Advisory Committee - Hawaii

Before the House Committees on
Energy & Environmental Protection
Water & Land

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ISLAND OF HAWAII**

House Bill 2528 appropriates funds for public outreach, planning, and an environmental impact statement for a Hawaii Island public shooting facility. **The Aha Moku SUPPORTS this measure.**

The Aha Moku – Moku O Keawe, with its six moku and 197 ahupua'a, is the largest of the main Hawaiian Islands with strong rural communities with many of the residents engaging in hunting activities for game and subsistence. For years, the people have been supporting and asking for a public shooting facility where one can practice target shooting in safety, and where hunting protocols and safety issues can be taught if needed. As a site supported by communities in West Hawaii, Pu'uanahulu is considered to be a safe and isolated area away from residences and businesses. We support this measure which will continue the development of a Hawaii Island public shooting range.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony and we ask that this committee pass this measure.

The Society for Hawaii Heritage Animals

SUPPORTING HB2528

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Rep. Chris Lee, Chair
Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair
Committee Members

COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
Committee Members

DATE: Tuesday, February 16, 2016
TIME: 10:00a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 325

Description:

Appropriates funds for public outreach, planning, and an environmental impact statement for a Hawaii Island public shooting facility.

There currently exists no public shooting facility for rifles and pistols anywhere on the Island of Hawaii.

Funding through HB2528 will enable the Hawaii Island shooting facility development project to continue.

Advocating progress, change, and improvement, The Society of Hawaii Heritage Animals support a safely designed and professionally operated facility for citizens to engage in shooting sports and related activity.

Please pass HB2528.

Mahalo,
Tony Sylvester,
Executive Director
The Society for Hawaii Heritage Animals

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2528

Dear Chairs Lee and Yamane, and Members of the Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land Committees:

House Bill 2528 requests funding to continue a 12 year-long effort to provide a public shooting facility for the citizens of Hawaii Island. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our organization's testimony in support of that measure.

Whatever personal opinion one holds on firearms, the following facts are indisputable: Hawaii Island residents legally own a large number of firearms, currently estimated at a quarter million. Firearms acquisition has increased dramatically over the last decade. The State mirrors the national trend with Hawaii Island residents currently acquiring an additional 6,000 firearms annually. The vast majority (90 percent) of those legally acquired firearms are rifles and pistols. There currently exists no public shooting facility for rifles and pistols anywhere on the Island of Hawaii.

There is no available Island facility for hunters to sight-in their firearms; no facility for recreational target shooting – America's fastest growing participative sports activity; and no facility in which to provide safe and responsible gun handling instruction.

Since 2004, On Target, Inc. a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has led a community-based effort to develop a safe, supervised shooting facility that will accommodate the educational and recreational needs of responsible Island citizens. Thousands of hours of citizen volunteer effort and government agency cooperation have been invested in the project over the past 12 years. A Master Plan has been developed and the proposed site has been surveyed for issues of biological and cultural concern. An exhaustive series of sound test have been conducted to determine the proposed facility's impact on the surrounding community.

Approval of this funding measure will enable the Hawaii Island shooting facility development project to continue. Identified near term tasks include revision of the Master Plan to incorporate test-suggested sound mitigation improvements, completion of an Environmental Impact Statement, and development of an updated time-phased facility development cost analysis.

Just as vehicle owners drive them, so to firearms owners shoot them. So the basic issue is, do we as a community want the multitude of existing illegal makeshift "shooting ranges" that cover Hawaii Island to proliferate, trashing the landscape, and endangering human safety, or do we want to provide a safely designed and professionally operated facility for citizens to engage in their legitimate recreational activity?

We believe it is the latter, and respectfully request your approval of House Bill 2528.

Sincerely,

Richard Hoeflinger, President
On Target, Inc.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harvey Gerwig	Hawaii Rifle Association	Support	Yes

Comments: The Hawaii Rifle Association is in STRONG SUPPORT of this bill to move forward on the construction of a Shooting Complex on the Big Island. There are no legal ranges to shoot rifles and pistols on the State's largest island. With an estimated 250,000 firearms on the Big Island alone it is imperative that the State provide a quality facility in the interest of public safety and government supporting the needs of its citizens. We ask for your support in accomplishing this goal. Thank you, Harvey Gerwig, Hawaii Rifle Association President.

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February 14, 2016

Testimony in Opposition to HB2528

Members of the Hawaii Legislature:

We are writing to express sincere opposition to HB2528, and the proposed public shooting range, which is currently being considered at a location in close proximity to the resort, condo, timeshare and residential communities of the Kohala Coast on the Island of Hawaii.

We have some concerns about specific language contained within this bill. The Kohala Coast Resort Association (KCRA), residential property associations within Mauna Lani and Waikoloa Resorts, and individual residential property owners within our resorts also participated in the shooting range working group. We were active stakeholders and even invited our State Legislative representatives, Senator Lorraine Inouye and Representative Cindy Evans, to join us during the December 2014 sound assessment to determine if gunfire was audible from affiliated KCRA member properties - it was. However, to our knowledge, none of the entities or individuals opposed to the location of the shooting range received copies of that sound assessment at the same time as those entities in favor of the shooting range. This was despite monthly requests for status updates, over a period of nearly a year, to the contractor hired to conduct the shooting range sound assessments. We realize that there was a change in leadership within the DLNR during this time, and that is why we specifically convened a meeting with the new leadership of DLNR in June of 2015, to express our opposition to the location of the shooting range and address our concerns about the outcome of the sound assessment. Unfortunately, despite our repeated attempts, KCRA did not receive a copy of the sound assessment until February 1, 2016, when the contractor at PBR Hawaii finally explained that this project had been turned back over to DLNR, and then provided the name and contact information for the engineer responsible for moving the project forward. That was seven months after the sound assessment date (July 2015). We have since shared the sound assessment with other members of the working group, representing residential associations, private businesses as well as with our local and state government officials for their independent evaluation.

The bill also states that in addition to the three sound assessments during the period between 2012 and 2015 that there were two other public hearings on the bill where there was "unanimous public support" for a shooting range. While that is technically true, please note that both of those public hearings took place prior to the third sound assessment. Many members of the working group and our affiliated properties were waiting to receive the report on that assessment before offering official comments on the results, despite requests by our local media to do so.

But to infer that there has been unanimous public support for the shooting range overall is incorrect. We have in our files copies of letters addressed to the DLNR, PBR Hawaii, and the former Governor, during the period of 2007-2014, detailing our concerns. We have specifically tried to address those comments directly to the appropriate government agencies and their designees. That is why we've attended meetings with our elected officials at both the state and county levels on this issue, and why we've hosted meetings with DLNR leadership on this issue.

This coastal area is a major draw for tourists, condo owners, and residents, and sustains the employment of thousands of other Hawaii Island residents. Visitors to Hawaii Island come in search of peace and tranquility and to experience a culture like no other in the world. To have this disturbed by sounds of gunshots and the threat of stray bullets would have a profoundly negative impact on the community at large.

We believe that having this shooting range in such close proximity to a place where many thousands of people come to work, live, and play will have damaging effects on surrounding businesses, future developments, employment opportunities, and the reputation we have worked for more than 50 years to develop along the Kohala Coast.

The comfort and safety of residents, visitors and employees should be paramount. There is a place for a shooting range on the island, but the proposed Pu'uanahulu location is not appropriate. Given all the other available land, a large-scale public shooting range should not be developed in such close proximity to one of the Island's most sought after resort destinations.

We have recently shared with our state representatives and DLNR officials, comments that Commander Jacobson from Pohakuloa Training Area made at a community meeting in Waimea in January 2016, indicating that the Training Area is interested in exploring development of a public shooting range at their property, located on the Daniel K. Inouye Highway, that would be accessible to gun owners from both sides of Hawaii Island. That location is much more ideally situated for this type of development because of minimal residential and commercial use in close proximity.

We urge you not to pass this bill, and ask that you continue to work with the DLNR to select a more appropriate location.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Donoho
Administrative Director

Patrick Fitzgerald, Hualalai Resort
Kelley Cosgrove, The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i
Debi Bishop, Hilton Waikoloa Village
Rodney Ito, Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows
Steve Yannarell, Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa
Craig Anderson, Mauna Kea Resort

Takashi Yamakawa, Mauna Lani Resort
Scott Head, Waikoloa Land Company
Denise Hill, Hualalai Resort
Robert Whitfield, Four Seasons Resort Hualalai
Peter Thoene, Mauna Kea Beach Hotel
and Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel

Testimony Submittal Date: February 14, 2016

Testifier Name: Richard H. Schaefer

Position and Organization: Director, Waikoloa Resort Association
Homeowner & Full-time Resident, Waikoloa Colony Villas

House Committees: EEP (House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection)
WAL (House Committee on Water and Land)
FIN (House Committee on Finance)

Hearing Date and Time: February 16, 2016 at 10:00 AM

Measure Number: HB2528

Members of the House Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection, Water & Land, and Finance:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to HB2528. I do so as a homeowner and full-time resident on the Island of Hawai'i, as a member of the Board of Directors of Waikoloa Resort Association (in which capacity I represent over 1,000 homeowners), and as a member of the Pu'u Anahulu Sound Assessment Working Group (which Working Group was tasked by the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop a recommended scope of work for additional sound assessments regarding a proposed shooting facility adjacent to the Pu'u Anahulu landfill in West Hawai'i on the Island of Hawai'i).

HB2528 states that a site for the proposed public shooting range has been selected, which site is adjacent to the Pu'u Anahulu landfill, the same site for which I served on the Sound Assessment Working Group. Regarding this proposed site, I unequivocally render my opinion that a shooting range at this location would have a devastating effect on the economy of the Island of Hawai'i.

My opinion is based on: (i) a review conducted by me and an independent acoustical engineer of the three sound assessment reports that have been prepared; (ii) my being able to hear gunshots within the Waikoloa Beach Resort from the proposed Pu'u Anahulu site during the most recent sound assessment; and (iii) my educational and professional background as an economist and statistician. Further support for my opinion is summarized as follows:

- (i) Upon reviewing the first two sound assessment reports, myself, other members of the Pu'uAnahulu Sound Assessment Working Group, and an independent acoustical engineer identified a number of flaws in the assessments. Unfortunately the third sound assessment report, dated July 2015, still had numerous flaws which biased the study toward minimizing the impact of the sound of gunfire on surrounding communities. However, even with these flaws, the July 2015 "*Sound Modeling and Prediction Report, Hawai'i Public Shooting Range at Pu'uAnahulu*" (the "Report") states "The sound prediction results show that sounds from the shotgun will be audible in the Waikoloa Resort Area ...". The Report further states "The sound level predictions for the shotgun indicate that the sound levels observed at the Waikoloa Resort may exceed 60 dBA ...". This sound level is an important benchmark since, according to the Report, *Hawai'i Administrative Rules, Title 11 – Department of Health, Chapter 46 – Community Noise Control* state that the maximum permissible noise level for a Class B zone district is 60 dBA. (A Class B zone district is multi-family dwellings, apartment,

business, commercial, hotel, resort, or similar). If the shooting range is located at the proposed site, awareness of such health and welfare issues will quickly adversely affect the Waikoloa Beach Resort and therefore the economy of the Island of Hawai'i.

- (ii) During the sound assessment summarized in the July 2015 Report, myself and others positioned ourselves within the Waikoloa Resort Association. We were able to clearly hear both shotgun and rifle gunfire within the Resort. Whether above or below the aforementioned 60 dBA health criteria, audible gunfire is not what residents or guests at a Resort in Hawai'i will find acceptable, and this too will quickly have an adverse impact on the Waikoloa Beach Resort and therefore the economy of the Island of Hawai'i.

- (iii) The July 2015 Report only addresses the health and welfare effects of gunfire sounds on Waikoloa Beach Resort residents, guests, and employees. It does not address the economic impact. The proposed site is located within just 1 to 2.5 miles of all of the developments within Waikoloa Beach Resort, which is comprised of over 1,000 private residences, the Hilton Waikoloa Village, the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, three Hilton Grand Vacations properties, and over 185,000 square feet of retail space at the Queens' Marketplace and the Kings' Shops. Locating a shooting range within such close proximity to the economic engine of the West Coast of the Island of Hawai'i would be a serious mistake, with long-lasting adverse effects on the economy of the Island of Hawai'i. For example:
 - a. Think of the adverse effect on the occupancy of the Hilton and Marriott hotels at Waikoloa Beach Resort when they are competing with other venues for tourist and convention business, when it is disclosed that gunfire can be heard at their hotels. In addition to adverse health and welfare effects, audible gunshots are not what guests expect or will find acceptable when staying at a resort in Hawai'i. Even low-level gunfire sounds are recognizable to most people, and typically lead to a conscious or subconscious fear reaction;
 - b. Think of the adverse effect on residential property values within the Resort when it is disclosed that gunfire can be heard on the lanais of residences, with the commensurate health and safety concerns;
 - c. Think of the adverse economic impact on the hotels, timeshares, retailers, and homeowners within the Resort if a stray bullet were to injure or kill someone; and
 - d. Think of the effect of the above-noted adverse economic impacts on the thousands of workers whose livelihoods depend on the Waikoloa Beach Resort economy.

I respectfully ask you to oppose HB2528 and to work with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to identify a location for a shooting range on the Island of Hawai'i which will not so significantly adversely affect the economy of the Island of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Schaefer

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Dr. Charles Campbell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Legislator: Please pass Bill HB 2528, We need a safe shooting range on this island. Sincerely, Charles Campbell, DVM

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**JOINT HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WATER
& LAND**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016; 10:00 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

RE: SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL NO. 2528, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A SHOOTING FACILITY IN WEST HAWAII ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

Chair Lee, Chair Yamane, and Members of the Joint Committee:

My name is Kenji Shiba and I am a resident of the Island of Hawaii and a member of the Board of Directors of On Target, Inc., a nonprofit organization established to support safe shooting sports in Hawaii. I am submitting written testimony on SUPPORT of HOUSE BILL NO. 2528, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A SHOOTING FACILITY IN WEST HAWAII ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

Specifically, the bill would appropriate 800,000 in general funds for fiscal year 2016-2017 for public outreach, planning, and an environmental impact statement for a public shooting facility in West Hawaii of the Island of Hawaii.

There are 1.2 million firearms in the State of Hawaii, with over 250,000 of those firearms registered in the County of Hawaii. That equates to 1.3 guns for each resident. An average of 6,000 firearms are acquired by Hawaii County residents every year, and more than 30,000 firearms were acquired by Hawaii County residents in the past ten (10) years. However, there is NO legal publicly-accessible rifle or pistol shooting facility on the Island of Hawaii.

To practice, many firearms owners practice shooting on uninhabited locations of the island, much of which is owned by the State. However, oftentimes, these firearms owners learn that they are prohibited from doing this and are subsequently cited and prosecuted.

Because of this, over the past twelve years, members of the shooting community have worked with Hawaii County and State law enforcement, government officials, and lawmakers to identify a suitable site for a shooting facility, and to devise partnerships that would facilitate adequate funding to construct and operate the facility.

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In 2007, the Board of Land and Natural Resources approved the use of the Puuanahulu site for a shooting facility – a barren lava field situated within a public hunting area containing no biological nor cultural concerns. Adjacent to an active landfill with an existing access road, the Puuanahulu site is located near utility sources and has consistent and predictable weather conditions making it an ideal location to safely discharge handguns and rifles.

In 2012, a facility master plan and environmental assessment contract was awarded to PBR Hawaii, two shooting range public information meetings were conducted, and a curatorship agreement was approved in principle between On Target, Inc., and the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

However, during the course of these activities, concerns were raised by the Waikoloa Resort situated nearly 1.5 miles away from the shooting facility site on the anticipated noise generated from the facility. As the result, two additional noise tests was conducted to determine whether there was a need to take further steps to mitigate noise. Among other things, large caliber and bore rifles as well as shotguns were used and various sound mitigation devices were demonstrated. These evaluations found that the anticipated noise from the site were within noise standards so long as resort-directed shotgun fire is minimized. Accordingly, steps are being taken to position the facility so that most if not all of the shooting will be directed away from the resort.

The appropriation contained in this bill will ensure that the supporters of the shooting facility will continue to work with the Waikoloa Resort and other interested parties to find a suitable compromise. It will also facilitate the continued partnership between federal, county and State governments with the private sector to meet this community need.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of House Bill No. 2528.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my written testimony. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 775-9474.

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Kory Ohly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We should definitely develop a public shooting facility on the Big Island. Responsible citizens who are proficient with firearms make our state and country safer.

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David Bateman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Sorely needed. Please approve and pass out of committee. Thank you.

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

Comments: Our community needs a safe public shooting range and I strongly urge all necessary legislative provision to enable such a range at Hawaii Island. Respectfully,
Brian Burk979-451-1596

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Arman Wiggins	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. Please let's get this built and in operation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Carlton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The community here on the Big Island is in dire need of a well maintained and safe facility to teach and practice shooting for both hunters and sport shooters. It would be prudent of our legislators to approve such a facility thus leaving a positive legacy for upcoming and current generations.

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To Whom It May Concern Regarding HB2528:

I am a resident of Oahu, but I am also a native of the Big Island, specifically from Waimea in South Kohala District. My family still lives in Waimea. I fully support this measure and applaud the members of the legislature and the community for making this effort a possibility. The Hawaii is in serious need of public shooting facilities.

For many years most recreational shooters and hunters, especially on the Big Island were relegated to using private land or hunting areas to conduct formal instruction, pre-hunting season zeroing, and target practice. Given that hunting is a time honored tradition in Hawaii, and given the growth of shooting sports in the state, a public shooting range in Puuanahulu would allow citizens to shoot their firearms in a safe, easy to access, well managed location. Hawaii is becoming an increasingly crowded state; a public range promotes public safety by allowing citizens to shoot in safe conditions. Furthermore, the right to keep and bear arms is a constitutional right; a public range allows citizens to express their rights as free citizens in a free society in safe and controlled manner.

Puuanahulu is an ideal location because it is a barren lava field that has gone undeveloped for many years. It is far from the mountain road and from the hotels. Despite what the corporate special interests in the Hotel and Resort industry will say, it is more than far enough from the main highway, the resorts to be safe, and not a noise nuisance. Good acoustic design and noise abatement practices can alleviate any concerns.

The range facility can serve as more than just a shooting range for the citizen-public. Federal, State, and County Law Enforcement on the island also badly need range facilities on the island in order to train, qualify, and maintain proficiency. Law Enforcement training promotes public safety and the greater good. This same problem exists on every island. This range can facilitate public safety in many ways.

As Hawaii becomes more developed, as foreign money and rich mainlanders purchase multi-million dollar properties, Hawaii is in danger of becoming a playground

House of Representatives

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only for the rich. Local people are being priced out of the market and are being reduced to a tenant class. Without public ranges and public spaces, there will be nowhere for local people to enjoy their traditions and rights, unless they are extraordinarily wealthy.

To my knowledge, there are no public ranges in Hawaii County, only one in Maui County, and none in Kauai. The state should pursue additional ranges on state land on the model of the effort in Hawaii County.

Sincerely,

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Charles L Moss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill as it furthers the development of a facility that will enhance Hawaii residents firearm safety and skills. Such a facility will support our tourism appeal, especially for those potential visitors from areas that do not offer shooting sports opportunities.

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Cecil E. Haverty	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandon Blaisdell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: By opening this gun range, it will allow the shooting community a safe atmosphere to continue to enjoy the sport we love. In addition, we will be able to teach our young generation the proper operation and safety procedures in operating a wide range of firearms and calipers (to include pistols) since you are only allowed to shoot specific type of firearms and calipers in certain hunting areas. In my opinion, it will only be beneficial to all those who enjoy and love this sport.

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February 15, 2016

To Whom it May Concern,

I am testifying in support of Bill HB2528 for helping to fund a public shooting range on Hawaii Island. I find that numerous shooting enthusiasts cannot exercise their second amendment rights legally and safely on Hawaii Island. It is in the best interest of the public that this bill be passed.

Thank you,

David Brilliant

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a very good idea. We need more ranges in the State of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LARRY SVIHLIK	Individual	Support	No

Comments: GUN SAFETY/EDUCATION IN A PROFESSIONAL FACILITY IS IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN/SOCIETY.

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Before EEP, Rm 325, Feb 16, 2016, 10am

IN STRONG SUPPORT

Hawaii need a world class range. Shooters from colder areas will flock to Hawaii and fill the Kona resort hotels when their home ranges are covered with snow. Noise abatement is practical. The Big Island has no public rifle range.

Mahalo,

Dr. Maxwell Cooper

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David Soon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Philip Tong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aye - Support! This is a fantastic idea! The Big Island needs facilities such as this. Imagine a world class layout replete with classrooms and instructional areas. It would be a destination vacation and business spot immediately bringing in additional revenues to Hawaii. Please get this done!

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Jason Ayers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha-as a lifelong resident, with 19 years in West hawaii I deeply support a public range facility in West Hawaii

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William R Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT this bill for appropriation. Local shooters need this range, and possible visiting sportsman may bring much needed monies into the state.

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Russell Takata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT this measure which will provide a place for the safe and legal use of firearms on the Big Island.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2528

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Aloha Chairs Ryan Yamane & Chris Lee, and the Members of the Water & Land Committees and Energy & Environmental Protection Committees

Aloha Pumehana

My name is Glennon Gingo

I'm a resident of the Big Island and live in the Holualoa community. I have been a hunter and firearms owner for most of my youth and adult life. I have participated in shooting sports throughout the state as well as the mainland. I continue to provide educational courses for firearm safety. Over the past four years the majority of the students attending my programs are woman and families.

As a resident of the Big Island, I feel compelled to express the need for a Public Shooting Facility here on the Big Island.

Hunters and firearms owners need a safe place to practice their skills as well as residents desiring to participate in shooting sports. Without a safe and supervised area to enjoy these activities, we fall short of taking responsibility for firearm safety.

Approval of this funding measure will enable the Hawaii Island shooting facility development project to continue. Identified near term tasks include revision of the Master Plan to incorporate test-suggested sound mitigation improvements, completion of an Environmental Impact Statement, and development of an updated time-phased facility development cost analysis.

Thousands of hours of citizen volunteer effort and government agency cooperation have been invested in the project over the past 12 years. A Master Plan has been developed and the proposed site has been surveyed for issues of biological and cultural concern. An exhaustive series of sound test have been conducted to determine the proposed facility's impact on the surrounding community.

I respectfully request your consideration and hope you will join our many residents in supporting the passing of this bill.

Aloha,

Glennon T. Gingo

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Stephen T Hazam	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB2528 which will enhance public safety in the exercise of Second Amendment rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

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Dear Chairs Ryan Yamane & Chris Lee, and the Members of the Water & Land Committees and Energy & Environmental Protection Committees:

When I came of age in 1972 and purchased my first firearm here at the Kona Gunsmith in Kailua-Kona, the owner told me that there was no public shooting facility, but that there was talk of a possible public shooting range at Pu'u Wa'awa'a. Here we are, forty-four years later, and it's still not a reality. In the forty-four years since then, I've watched as one after another of our, often unofficial, shooting venues has been put off-limits due to encroaching populations and increased liability exposure concerns of property owners.

My name is James "Jim" O'Keefe. I am a National Rifle Association Chief Range Safety Officer and Training Counselor. Among my many duties is the training of candidates to become certified NRA Firearms Instructors and Range Safety Officers. The chief focus of those programs is to teach new and existing firearms owners the knowledge, skills and (most importantly) attitude to become safe and responsible gun owners.

I have trained numerous Dept. of Land and Natural Resources, University of Hawaii, US Fish and Wildlife, Nature Conservancy, and other government, NGO, and affiliated contractors' staff as part of their job training. I have certified a number of County of Hawaii's Parks and Rec employees as Range Safety Officers, in keeping with their responsibility for the Hawaii County Trap & Skeet Range. I have taught NRA Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Home Firearm Safety and Refuse to be a Victim classes to innumerable civilians, Law Enforcement, Corrections Officers, and Military members, and have donated countless hours of my time to promoting firearms safety in Hawaii.

A publicly accessible outdoor shooting facility that is designed to meet or exceed current and anticipated future safety, environmental, and noise reduction criteria is a critical need for the ***tens-of-thousands firearm-owning voters, residents of, and visitors*** to, Hawaii County. The proposed facility at Pu'u Anahulu has been designed to fill that need and to address those issues proactively. I have been part of that effort officially for most of the last ten years, now as a director of On Target, Inc., an all-volunteer IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit group. In addition, I serve as the Past-President on the Board of Directors of the Big Island Gun Club, Inc., a IRS 501(c)(7) non-profit club.

House Bill 2528 requests funding to continue a 12 year-long effort to provide a public shooting facility for the citizens of Hawaii Island. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our organization's testimony in support of that measure.

Approval of this funding measure will enable the Hawaii Island shooting facility development project to continue. Identified near term tasks include revision of the Master Plan to incorporate test-suggested sound mitigation improvements, completion of an Environmental Impact Statement, and development of an updated time-phased facility development cost analysis.

Respectfully submitted,

James D. O'Keefe
Hilo, Hawaii

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Jocqueline Kowrach	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes...this opportunity for gun owners to safely practice is needed. Please do what you can to expedite the funding of this shooting range.

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Ronald G Livingston	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha,

I support HB 2528. A safe, legal, and well maintained shooting range on the Big Island would be a boon to the local recreational sports population. As a frequent visitor to the Koko Head Shooting Complex on Oahu, I know how beneficial a well-regulated range can be to the sporting community.

The good people of Hawaii have long deserved this facility. The studies are complete. The time to act is now.

Please support this Bill.

Mahalo,

Kevin J. Cole, Colonel USAF Ret

Mililani HI

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George Pace	Individual	Support	No

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

Comments: While I no longer reside on the Big Island, I did for many years and can attest to the lack of safe places for shooting enthusiasts to practice their sport. There is currently no facility available for the public to go to and shoot recreationally anywhere on the island. The options are few. Get permission from a private land owner to shoot on his or her property, not viable in today's litigious society. Take off into the woods as far as you can and find a good spot to shoot. Not legal I don't think, but widely practiced. One is subject to arrest and prosecution if in possession of a handgun for sure. Obtain a hunting license and go to a hunting area, claim to be "zeroing your rifle for hunting" Only good if your particular firearm is "suitable for hunting" which basically means a high powered rifle, no handguns, or small caliber rifles such as .22's which are very popular for sport and plinking. This is an idea whose time has come, and the area being discussed is perfect. I urge that it be strongly supported Thank you and Aloha

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Elizabeth Kellam	Individual	Support	No

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Heiko Sacher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Hawaii county resident I can testify that a shooting and archery range on the Big Island is urgently needed. The obvious point has been made many times, that in a place with significant gun ownership, the lack of safe facilities to learn and practice firearms skills creates problems down the road. I also want to stress that target shooting and archery - both olympic disciplines - are serious, competitive sports. It is sad, especially for our keiki, that such talents cannot be nurtured on this island.

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

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Brian Ley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii needs a safe and legal place to shoot guns

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Tom Lodge	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in Strong Support of this funding. There is no place to sight in for hunters, no place to learn how to shoot for the rest on the Big Island. This valuable area and activity are sorely needed and need your help. Much Aloha, Tom Lodge

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96850

Re: HR 2528-- Public Shooting Complex Pu'uanahulu -Hawaii Island

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing you concerning issues surrounding the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources plan for a public sport shooting complex on the Big Island. A strong legislative push needs to be exerted in order to move this important sport shooting complex project from its never ending planning phase to a place where it can become a reality. The scope of the project at issue that has been diligently pursued for almost 2 decades now is a public sport shooting complex much like what Arizona and Nevada have constructed in their respective communities of Phoenix and Las Vegas. Those 5-Star facilities which include classroom accommodations serve thousands of users annually: police departments, youth groups, bird hunters, archers, big game enthusiasts, as well as all the target shooting disciplines enjoyed by sportsman of all types. Respectfully, the public facility planned here will be first class unlike anything else on the Pacific Rim --far more than a mere 'shoot range' as opponents mischaracterize it.

Most importantly, the Pu'uanahulu complex is intended to be an educational facility where classroom and field safety training is introduced, reinforced, and then implemented for all kinds of firearm owners, sportsmen, and recreational shooting participants. As you know, the importance of this kind of firearm education and safety training cannot be overstated. Presently, this kind of resource is long overdue and badly needed here in Hawaii and especially on the Big Island. Not long ago, I read in *West Hawaii Today* of the tragic accidental death of a 32-year-old Big Island resident who accidentally shot himself in the chest while removing a loaded rifle from his pickup while on a pig hunt. Exposure to safety training and instruction would likely have eliminated a foolish practice and saved this man's life. Hawaii's citizens and especially its youth need and deserve a public facility like the one proposed here so that safe firearm training can be made available to all.

The proposed location of this public complex does not implicate safety for the proposed area in any manner whatsoever. Public sporting complexes such as this one are designed by the industry's best and most safety conscious experts available. The Clark County, Nevada complex is a perfect example of how such a facility can and does co-exist in immediate proximity to housing developments and businesses alike. The only persons in the West Hawaii community who purportedly have "concerns" to be addressed about the location of this public shooting complex are the protesting, '*Not In My Back Yard*' members of the Kohala Coast Resort Association and recently, albeit inexplicably, Blue Hawaiian Helicopters which employs a number of former members of our armed forces. The truth behind these supposed concerns is that these *NIMBY* complainants are unable to identify or articulate any rational, reasoned, or empirical justification for opposition to this facility in its presently proposed location. After all, it's to be located directly adjacent to the Island's landfill, within yards of the Blue Hawaiian Helicopter heliport, and across the busiest Highway on the Island. There is more noise generated from crashing surf and the Kona Airport than from any possible range noise. I know this to be true because I have requested opposition information from every one of the Association members with no response in

return. The reason for no response is simple. The opposition to this shooting complex by this business group is purely visceral and emotional with no regard to the overall safety, health, and welfare of the State's sporting community who desperately needs this public resource.

Building a major public sports shooting complex will generate construction jobs and permanent range-related and educational safety instructor positions as well, and significant tax and retail revenues for the State and County, and will also result in more sports shooting opportunities for citizens statewide with more visitors seeking this kind of vacation and sporting diversity, which means increased revenues for the shortsighted KCRA. Shooting, with all of its different disciplines is a sport, not unlike tennis, golf, kayaking, sailing, and a whole lot more for which Hawaii is proudly known. As sportsmen and women you can appreciate this. However, shooting as a sport supports a billion dollar industry which the State of Hawaii has either refused or failed to endorse, embrace, or pursue in any meaningful way. Shooting competitively is recognized in the Olympic Games, nationally, by colleges and high schools that offer educational grants and scholarships, and a host of youth groups such as the Boy Scouts and 4-H; but almost none of that happens in Hawaii in large part because there are no public sports shooting facilities to support it.

Committee Members, I as well as the other thousands of sportsmen and women and their families supporting this Pu'uanahulu project Statewide do appreciate that some of you have been at the center of Hawaii's efforts to diversify its economy. Development of this sport shooting complex project is consistent with your past efforts in that regard. However, this project is in real need of more legislative advocates who can and will do more than just monitor the situation. This planned public asset has become mired down in bureaucratic and political goo which is precisely what a handful of opposition gleefully have been allowed to orchestrate by way of mindless rants for far too long, at the expense of the majority of the citizens who embrace this resource. Your unique background, dedication to constituents and to the best interests of Hawaii, as well your experience and service to date underscores that many of you collectively have not been just politicians who give lip service to what's important. Therefore anything you can provide by way of more assertive influence, encouragement, or pointed direction to further the realization of a public sports shooting complex will prove to be valuable beyond measure. Your service is truly appreciated. Your assistance and fervent support is needed.

Very Truly Yours

Robert A. Dunn

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Edward Hampton	Individual	Support	No

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Quentin Kealoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The ability to practice safe operation of firearms in a controlled environment promotes a climate of safety not only among firearm owners, but the entire community. By having a designated range with the proper safety guidelines and observers in place, individuals with firearms may safely practice manipulating and utilizing their firearms. This ensures that individuals become familiar with the function of their firearms, and can operate the firearm in a safe manner that reduces risk to the public when storing and cleaning their firearms, as well as how to ensure safety for individual, neighbors and others in the community in those situations when a firearm must be utilized in self-defense. I support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: the big island does not have a shooting range for people to participate in safe shooting activities it will also promote tourism, as more people will travel from outer islands to hunt and shoot on the big island if a range is built there i know i will visit there a lot if it is built

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Matt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Jonagustine Lim	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's about time that a shooting range was set up for the Big Island! I fully support this bill and hope you do too. Thank you for your support.

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scott shimoda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please allow the law abiding citizens of the big island a safe place to discharge firearms.

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Timothy Soderholm	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I STRONGLY support this initiative. It is long past time for the law-abiding firearm owners of Hawaii Island to have a safe, legal place to practice marksmanship and enjoy their chosen sport.

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Brendon Heal	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A safe place to shoot and practice with a firearm is a key element in ensuring all law abiding citizens are safe and proficient in the use of said firearms. This proposed public shooting facility will provide that, a safe controlled environment for the public to use their firearms. There is NO public place currently, on the Big Island, for citizens to practice firearms handling. Firearm sport, hunters, the general public, and tourism will greatly benefit from this public facility. This range needs to be funded and built immediately. Thank you

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Robert McCarthy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hunting and target shooting are a large part of Hawaiian life for many citizens of the state. Most responsible firearm owners know and understand safe operation of arms requires knowledge in proper usage and a place to practice that. Children and others interested in learning about firearms need to be taught safe practices in a controlled environment designed for the purpose. Backyards and remote areas are not ideal but also possible illegal. With all the land contained in Hawaii county, there is not a single public shooting facility. Honolulu has the heavily used Koko Head Shooting Complex, a testimony to the popularity of shooting sports in Hawaii. Hawaii country has long needed a public shooting facility for hunters to practice for safe and humane taking of game. There is no such place as of now for sighting in firearms to insure proper shot placement and humane harvesting of game animals. Many such as myself are former military and take great pleasure in maintaining our shooting skills with paper target shooting. If a proper range such as this was available, it is a simple step up to competitive target shooting, a hugely popular sport on the mainland.

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Henry Putek	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please approve that bill that will allow a shooting range on the Big Island. There is a great potential that we can actually hold various nationally sanctioned events, even worldwide shooting competitions here, which will be significantly financially beneficial to our State and County.

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joshua	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doug Thatcher	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I would like to ask you to please consider the people of the big Island that do not have a public shooting range . As a person who has lived on the big Island for 34 years its about time we have a safe place to shoot and compete. Please fund this work so it can be done. Thank you for your time Doug Thatcher

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Thomas Cowger	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please help create a safe location where us citizens with guns can practice. You know well (by the required firearms registrations we must comply with) that many of us have guns in our homes. It would be prudent to allow us to practice in a controlled environment, as opposed to our back yards in subdivisions full of people. Our state has some of the strictest gun control laws in the US, and only criminals seem to be the ones carrying firearms in their cars. The rest of us can only practice if we pretend to go "hunting" of animals. We need a place where non-hunters can practice safe firearms use. We do not need a multitude of citizens having guns in their homes and no idea how to safely use them. Think about it.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Normand A Cote	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear EEP & WAL Committees, Thank you for the service to our community. I am writing to show my support for appropriations to plan, provide outreach to community, and environmental impact of a public shooting range on the Big Island. The many law abiding gun owners of the Big Island require a safe and legal environment to practice the constitution right to keep and bear arms. Respectfully, Normand A Cote
Law Abiding Citizen

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Brian Powers	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please see to it that this bill passes.

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Stephen Yee	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This is in support of development of the range on State land adjacent to the Puuanahulu landfill on Hawaii Island. A safe and legal public facility for these sporting activities is critically important for public safety and the recreational well-being of this County. Mahalo.

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Gary Hackworth	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am asking you to carefully consider and to support HB2528.. The sportsmen and the community need a safe and sane area for rifle and pistol shooting, target practice, and training. Our local and state law enforcement officers and the NRA Shooter Safety Instructors do not have a legal nor safe area to train and teach. Shooter safety is paramount and our lack of a training facility is truly a liability that can be addressed with the passing of this bill. As a retired Peace Officer, NRA Instructor and Chief Range Safety Officer, I know how important it could be for our local community, and law enforcement. I again ask for your support in passing HB-2528. MAHALO, GARY HACKWORTH

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Vahan Chertavian	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support funding for a gun range in West Hawaii. Range is needed so that lawful gun owners may practice and hone their shooting skills.

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Aloha. I would like to SUPPORT HB2585 as a Big Island residence and an advocate of “plinking”. There is no place on the Island to legally target practice. Taking these measures and assuring that the community has little to no impact, will provide the residents of the Island a safe and secure place to practice and educate. Thank you for your consideration!

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Alan Nakagawa	Individual	Support	No

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nani pogline	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The DLNR hunter education class is always full. Please support shooting ranges, as they are important to develop the skills needed. It is a healthy activity for young and old alike.

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Ronald G Livingston	Individual	Support	No

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To Whom it may concern:

This is exactly what Hawaii needs in the area of shooting recreation. Spending half my time in Hawaii, where I was born and raised, and half my time on the mainland my perspective comes from someone who loves Hawaii and who has a deep connection to the Island but also who has lived on the mainland and has seen and utilized these facilities. Starting from the premise that you can't stop shooting in Hawaii it is far better to provide a controlled environment. Just visit the areas on the Island where people currently shoot and look at the trash and it will quickly become clear that providing a controlled environment, not to mention the tax revenue that will be increased, or is currently being lost depending on how you look at it and it will be clear that there is only an upside to this project. Further, there is the safety factor of controlling ricochets and idiots in general with a range officer that come along with providing a controlled environment for people to shoot. Just a couple of thoughts.

Regards, Travis

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Gregg Salter	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I fully support the idea of a shooting range. Law-abiding, responsible gun owners on the Big Island need a facility to practice their marksmanship where it is safe, and fully legal. The current situation of just finding somewhere unofficial to shoot is really unacceptable and less safe than a monitored shooting range where one can legitimately and responsibly carry out target shooting. Hunting is not just the only legitimate use of firearms. Target shooting is a much practiced sport through tout the US and other countries and is, in fact, an Olympic sport. Target shooters in Hawaii have no legitimate outlet for their sporting activity. This is discriminatory.

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Dan Goo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My family and I support this, it is about time a shooting facility should be built for the island of Hawaii. They do not have any safe area to practice, compete and learn in a proper environment for safe firearm use. I am a retired Police Officer, Hunter Educations Instructor and Firearm Instructor. Dan Goo

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Judy Goo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this facility. It is long overdue and for education and safety issues.

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Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	No

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Richard Merschdorf	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure. For too long, West Hawaii has not had a shooting range. Let's do it!

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