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**HB2629**

Submitted on: 2/8/2016

Testimony for PBS on Feb 11, 2016 10:00AM in Conference Room 309

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Harvey Gerwig	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	Yes

Comments: The Hawaii Rifle Association OPPOSES this measure for the following reasons: (1) It enters law abiding gun owners in a criminal data base. (2) Positive hits in this system are not necessarily adjudicated when placed in the system. (3) If hits are properly indicated as "held over", "arraigned", or "convicted" and the crime is a disqualifier under HRS 134, then and ONLY THEN should the persons Second Amendment Rights be withheld (4) We highly recommend that there be a DEFERRED status added to this bill to accommodate a questionable entry in the system. This would prevent the confiscation of a law abiding citizens firearms for an error in the new system or a questionable situation. This will also avoid unnecessary lawsuits. (5) NO FEES should be charged to applicants for Permits to Acquire. This is a core constitutional right and fees charged to exercise those rights should not be allowed. Thank you

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Reid	NRA	Oppose	No

Comments: The NRA opposes this measure because it expands upon the existing registration requirements to implement a federal biometric registry of Hawaii gun owners. Positive hits in this system have not necessarily been adjudicated and could cause issues with the an individual's ability to exercise their constitutional rights

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacob Han	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chair Takayama and members of the Committee on Public Safety, I am strongly opposed to this measure and am honestly quite tired of being treated like a criminal simply for owning firearms. This bill does nothing to increase safety in this State, and only serves to create a false sense of increased security. Let criminals be part of a criminal database, not law-abiding citizens who have done nothing wrong but exercise their second amendment rights. Please do not pass this bill. Mahalo for your consideration, Jacob Han

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Testimony on HB2629

Before PBS 10am, Rm 309, Feb 11, 2016

IN OPPOSITION

FBI description of the rap back system indicates it report arrests for misdemeanors and even some civil charges. Bill language should be added prohibiting use of reports unless an arrest is made for a disqualifying charge under HRS and the person has been arraigned, bound over for trial, or convicted.

The firearms community agreed in the past to fingerprinting charges, but asking law-abiding gun owners to pay a fee to be registered is this system is an additional burden, for a system not normally used for background checks on firearms applicants, which should be covered by the requesting agency.

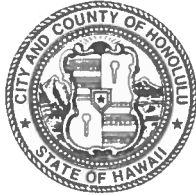
Mahalo,

Dr. Maxwell Cooper

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February 11, 2016

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 309  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama and Members:

**SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2629, Relating to Criminal History Record Checks**

I am Richard C. Robinson, Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD strongly supports House Bill No. 2629, Relating to Criminal History Record Checks.

Currently, a thorough background check is conducted on all applicants to acquire a firearm. However, once the initial background check has been completed and the permit has been issued, no further checks are conducted on the firearm owner. As a result, the county police departments have no way of knowing if a current Hawaii firearm owner has been convicted of a crime in another state that would prohibit him or her from owning a firearm.

We suggest that an amendment be made on page 11, line 18, to read as follows: "Firearms pursuant to section 134-2 and section 134-3." The proposed change would allow county police departments to enroll new firearm applicants into the Rap Back program administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Rap Back program will provide a mechanism to alert the county police departments when the owner of a firearm is arrested for a criminal offense anywhere in the country. In essence, the change will provide an ongoing background check on firearm owners to determine their continued eligibility to own and possess a firearm in our state.

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety  
February 11, 2016  
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The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 2629, Relating to Criminal History Record Checks.

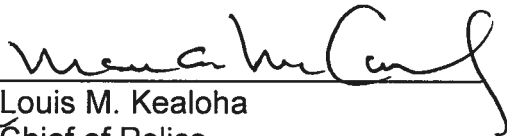
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Robinson, Major  
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:



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Michael Orr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE this measure for the following reasons: (1) It enters law abiding gun owners in a criminal data base. (2) Positive hits in this system are not necessarily adjudicated when placed in the system. (3) If hits are properly indicated as "held over", "arraigned", or "convicted" and the crime is a disqualifier under HRS 134, then and ONLY THEN should the persons Second Amendment Rights be withheld (4) We highly recommend that there be a DEFERRED status added to this bill to accommodate a questionable entry in the system. This would prevent the confiscation of a law abiding citizens firearms for an error in the new system or a questionable situation. This will also avoid unnecessary lawsuits. (5) NO FEES should be charged to applicants for Permits to Acquire. This is a core constitutional right and fees charged to exercise those rights should not be allowed. Thank you, Michael Orr

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