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## **HB888**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peter Thoenen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is a unnecessary law change and one that only continues to contribute overcriminalization and selective enforcement. Given that it's a victimless crime, and I'm generally against making those illegal, I'm trying to see a scenario where this law would come into action in-into itself and I just can't. Firing ranges won't allow you to shoot drunk and you already can't wonder around the island with a weapon anyways (no open or concealed carry in practice in Hawaii) and if you are doing it in your own home, well loading a gun and pointing it at families member is also illegal already. So the only time I can see this law coming into play is if the Prosecutors are trying to pile yet more irrelevant charges to force a plea or an extra charge to tact onto somebody who is drunk and suicidal, like "Hey man, you are under arrest for having a loaded gun in the privacy of your own home while drinking, now you can't kill yourself since I'm taking you to jail". This law change simply makes no sense to me nor do I see any benefit from it.

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Karin Nomura	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: While I support the ownership/use of firearms, in recent years (the past 7), I've either seen or experienced a number of items that lead me to believe that abuse of that license should be in question, especially the occurrences leading up to the end result. For example the news coverage over the federal agent who used his firearm at a local McDonalds, with both party's possibly intoxicated to party's conducted in my neighborhood – where I've had a male say "we're trying to scare you" from the dividing wall, which led to one night having a red laser light on my dog, which when I covered with my hand (so the dot was on my hand) than disappeared. (Which it could have been just a laser pointer, but considering I have smelled gun smoke from next door – this after them overhearing that I had been taken to a gun range, and tried firing a gun, find it highly unlikely. Along with other items). Then several incidents where there were no alcohol involved, guns drawn, and in one case fired. (One which also received media coverage as it occurred at a Target store, the other incident as no shot fired, was probably only captured on security footage) So, maybe like a car/bike or any other item, a competency test should be also instituted – as it seems we've had a number of incidents where alcohol may or may not have been a factor.

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