

# **SB 197**

## **RELATING TO FIREARMS**

Prohibits police department officers and employees, department of public safety employees, department of land and natural resources employees, and department of transportation employees who are authorized to carry firearms from consuming alcohol or ingesting prescription medications that would impair the judgment or physical response of the employee while carrying a firearm; provided that employees who are taking part in an official criminal surveillance or undercover operation shall be exempt from this requirement. Prohibits these employees from consuming alcohol for an unspecified number of hours prior to carrying a firearm.

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Testimony for PSM on Feb 12, 2015 13:15PM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Max Cooper	Hawaii Rifle Association	Comments Only	No

Comments: Suggest amendments to specify reckless handling of the firearm, or significant degree of impairment, e.g. blood alcohol levels unlawful for operation of a motor vehicle or equivalent impairment.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Okawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support with reservation. It should not be making exemptions as cited in the bill. Should encompass all and any time these persons are carrying firearms. It should also include Judicial officials while on duty. For instance, judges, clerks and any other persons who are participating in judicial and/or criminal investigations and procedures.

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Greg Latosynski	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This measure is the solution to a non existent problem. We do not need the government to regulate the behavior of individual police officers. Matters of police conduct are covered by departmental policies and would serve no purpose in becoming state law other than to be used as a gateway to further restrictions in the future.