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HB459

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Testimony for JUD on Feb 3, 2017 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marci Lopes	Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cate Waidyatilleka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I want this bill to pass! It's a no-brainer. Thanks!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Elliott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Kathleen Elliott and I live in Honolulu. I have been a health care provider here for 30 years. I strongly urge you to pass this bill to keep Hawai'i safe from gun violence. Thank you. aloha~

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Brandon Young
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Phone: (808) 351-6676

My name is Brandon Young and I am a blind resident on the island of Oahu and I am concerned about our community's public safety. I am writing to testify in support of House Bill 459 (HB 459) and its Senate companion bill. I am a strong supporter of public safety. This bill is similar to others that have been enacted in other states and counties across the country. Its history begins with Mayor Michael Bloomberg in New York City. The intent of the bill is to limit felons, who have committed crimes in the past, to gain access to firearms. Numerical data shows that most often criminals show recidivist behavior and will commit more crimes in the future. The crime starts with a less harmful offense and then grows into a much harmful offense. I believe that this bill will help to lessen the amount of murders that we have here in Hawaii and on the island of Oahu. I believe that the Police Department and the Prosecuting office will support this bill.

I would hope that the committee on Justice would support this measure. I believe that it is important to keep weapons out of the hands of known felons and dangerous persons. These people will just commit more crimes if they had these weapons and so we need to keep them out of the hands of these people. Let's help to make the streets of Hawaii safer and keep weapons out of the hands of these people and to support and pass forward this measure. Thank you for your time and support.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Yamauchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in strong support of this bill. My name is Erica Yamauchi and I reside in Honolulu (Wilhelmina Rise/Maunalani Heights). I strongly urge you to support and vote for HB 459. Criminal background checks stop thousands of convicted felons, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people from buying guns each year. It is illegal for a person who is prohibited from buying firearms to apply for a permit to acquire a firearm by lying about his prohibited status on the application form. But these “lie-and-try” offenses are rarely prosecuted - even though evidence shows prohibited people are more dangerous after failing a background check. Requiring firearm permit issuers to notify all relevant law enforcement when a prohibited person fails a background check protects communities by enabling law enforcement on the ground to stop dangerous people before they obtain guns.

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Ashley de Coligny	Individual	Support	No

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 459

Submitted by Deborah G. Nehmad
February 2, 2017

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My name is Deborah G. Nehmad and I live in Hawaii Kai on Oahu. I am an artist, an attorney, a wife and a mother and have researched the issue of gun violence in America extensively.

I am writing in strong support of HB 459 and urge passage of the bill. Statistics have proven that criminal background checks stop thousands of convicted felons, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people from buying guns each year.

It is against the law for a person who is prohibited from buying firearms to apply for a permit to acquire a firearm by lying about his prohibited status on the application form. However, these so-called "lie-and-try" offenses are rarely prosecuted - even though evidence shows prohibited people are more dangerous after failing a background check. It is common sense that a law requiring firearm permit issuers to notify all relevant law enforcement when a prohibited person fails a background check protects our communities by enabling law enforcement on the ground to stop dangerous people before they obtain guns. This is a vital and common sense tool in the fight to reduce the tragedy of over 33,000 Americans being killed by firearms every year.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my voice in strong support of this bill

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gena Whitten	Everytown for Gun Safety	Comments Only	No

Comments: Gun violence is a huge issue in our society today, with 33,000 people per day being killed in gun violence per year. Hawaii has been immune from the mass shootings of Colorado, California, Texas, and other parts of the mainland. However, we are seeing more and more interest in guns in Hawaii and more gun violence and deaths, accidental, suicides, and deliberate. The one factor which has proven to be effective in reducing gun deaths is comprehensive background checks preventing those with mental illness and criminal records from purchasing guns. I am strongly in favor of strict background checks for all gun purchases.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joyce Jeffers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Joyce Jeffers, I live in Pukalani, Maui. I strongly urge you to support and vote for HB 459. Criminal background checks stop thousands of convicted felons, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people from buying guns each year. It is illegal for a person who is prohibited from buying firearms to apply for a permit to acquire a firearm by lying about his prohibited status on the application form. But these so-called "lie-and-try" offenses are rarely prosecuted - even though evidence shows prohibited people are more dangerous after failing a background check. Requiring firearm permit issuers to notify all relevant law enforcement when a prohibited person fails a background check protects communities by enabling law enforcement on the ground to stop dangerous people before they obtain guns illegally

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Elizabeth Winternitz
1212 Nuuanu Ave. No. 3509
Honolulu, HI 96817

Re HB459

I am writing in support of HB 459. I support this bill because it will help keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people by alerting law enforcement when people who fail background checks try to purchase weapons.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Winternitz

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John Nix	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is John Nix and I reside in Kihei. I strongly urge you to support and vote for HB 459. Criminal background checks stop thousands of convicted felons, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people from buying guns each year. It is illegal for a person who is prohibited from buying firearms to apply for a permit to acquire a firearm by lying about his prohibited status on the application form. But these so-called "lie-and-try" offenses are rarely prosecuted - even though evidence shows prohibited people are more dangerous after failing a background check. Requiring firearm permit issuers to notify all relevant law enforcement when a prohibited person fails a background check protects communities by enabling law enforcement on the ground to stop dangerous people before they obtain guns illegally.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith Michaels	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Judith Michaels and I live in Kihei, Maui. I strongly urge you to support and vote for HB 459. Criminal background checks stop thousands of convicted felons, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people from buying guns each year. It is illegal for a person who is prohibited from buying firearms to apply for a permit to acquire a firearm by lying about his prohibited status on the application form. But these so-called "lie-and-try" offenses are rarely prosecuted - even though evidence shows prohibited people are more dangerous after failing a background check. Requiring firearm permit issuers to notify all relevant law enforcement when a prohibited person fails a background check protects communities by enabling law enforcement on the ground to stop dangerous people before they obtain guns illegally. Thank You.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathy Shimata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm surprised this common sense notification is not already in effect.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary True	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, I am Mary True from Pepeekeo, HI 96783. I am asking you to support and vote for HB 459. It is extremely important for law enforcement to be informed when someone who is not allowed to own a firearm is trying to purchase one. As a retired mental health worker I believe that is a flag which should not be ignored. We need to take a proactive stance. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a common sense bill. Please support it.

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February 2, 2017

Bennett Cale
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Aloha Honorable Judiciary Committee members,

My name is Bennett Cale and I reside in Kula, Maui. I am the Hawaii State Chapter Leader for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. We are a national organization with over 3 million members and have a strong presence here in the islands.

I strongly urge you to support and vote for HB 459. Criminal background checks stop thousands of convicted felons, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people from buying guns each year. It is illegal for a person who is prohibited from buying firearms to apply for a permit to acquire a firearm by lying about his prohibited status on the application form. But these so-called "lie-and-try" offenses are rarely prosecuted - even though evidence shows prohibited people are more dangerous after failing a background check. Requiring firearm permit issuers to notify all relevant law enforcement when a prohibited person fails a background check protects communities by enabling law enforcement on the ground to stop dangerous people before they obtain guns illegally.

Please show the world that Hawaii will continue to lead the nation in having common sense background check measures in place to prevent gun violence by supporting this bill.

Thank you for your service to our islands.

Warm regards,

Bennett Cale

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February 2, 2017

To: **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair
Representative Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

Re: **HB459 — hearing on Friday, Feb 3, 2017**

STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and members of your committee,

This is a great bill — practical, focused and complementary of our state's superb and successful efforts to deter gun violence.

I can understand that HB459 might be perceived as somewhat burdensome ... just more paperwork. However, it's a great example of fishing where the fish are. If individuals barred from owning and using firearms are seeking them out, the officials charged with protecting all of us should be told about that. Heck, why wouldn't they want to know ... doesn't that make their jobs a bit easier?

I respectfully request that you pass this bill, and I look forward to tracking its progress through this legislative session.

Mahalo nui loa.

Aloha,



Peter Gellatly

Corrections Population Management Commission, 2004-2011
Penal Code Review Committee, 2015



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael A. Wee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is another unnecessary requirement. Rejection of a permit application can be based on many factors. Those with criminal intent would not bother applying in the first place!

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