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February 2, 2017

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,  
and Military Affairs  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 229  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members:

**SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 1036, Relating to Firearms**

I am David Nilsen, Acting Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 1036, Relating to Firearms.

This bill makes changes to the Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 134-3 and allows for the registration of firearms after the five-day registration period has expired. It clarifies that failure to register a firearm within this time period does not relieve the owner of the duty to register the firearm. Additionally, this bill allows the owner of an unregistered firearm to register the firearm after the five-day registration period has expired without penalty.


The HPD believes that this bill will encourage those who have missed the five day registration period, for whatever reason, to come in and register their firearms as they may do so without penalty. This will also allow the HPD to maintain more accurate records of firearms within the City and County of Honolulu.

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The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 1036, Relating to Firearms.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
David P. Nilsen, Acting Major  
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APPROVED:

  
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January 31, 2017

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS Chair,  
Vice Chair, and Members,

Please vote against SB1036.

Not only should this committee vote against SB1036, the committee should gut and amend this bill to end firearm registration in Hawaii.

In 2000 the then-current chief of police of the city and county of Honolulu testified before a state legislative committee. His comments included answers to two questions, submitted to him prior to the committee hearing date by Dr. John Lott, who also testified before the same committee. The chief answered the first question "How many crimes have been solved using the firearms registration data?" by saying that to his knowledge NONE. He answered the second question "How many man hours are devoted annually to the firearms registration process?" by stating: 50,000 (fifty-thousand) hours (and that was only for the city and county of Honolulu, not including the other counties).

Does anyone have any problems with the more-than-obvious math regarding the cost/benefit analysis of the Hawaii firearms registration laws?

Please, let rationality, logic, and fiscal responsibility be the deciding criteria for whether or not such a useless scheme as firearms registration for Hawaii's law-abiding citizens should even exist at all. The obvious answer is NO! Please amend SB1036 to end firearm registration in Hawaii.

Thank you,  
George Pace

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**SB1036**

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Testimony for PSM on Feb 2, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 229

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

Comments: The NRA is concerned that stating that the duty to register a firearm is an "ongoing one" could create confusion, implying that firearms need to be re-registered in the future. This can be clarified by striking the following language contained in 134-3 (A) and (B). "provided the duty to register the firearm shall be an ongoing one" By keeping the remaining language it is clear that a failure to register a firearm within the specified time period does not relieve the duty to register thereafter. Thank you for your consideration.

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Jake Hanawahine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Jonagustine Lim	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please repeal rapback enrollment of firearm registrants as it discourages firearm registration.

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