

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1908
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1908, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the manufacture, importation, sale, transfer, and possession of multiburst trigger activators within the State.

The Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, Honolulu Police Department, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Gandhi International Institute for Peace, IMUAlliance, Young Progressives Demanding Action Hawai'i, Progressive Democrats of Hawai'i, Aloha Light Team, Animal Rights Hawaii, and many individuals testified in support of this measure. The Honolulu County Republican Party, 2A Hawaii, Institute for Rational and Evidence-Based Legislation, Hunting Farming and Fishing Association, Hawaii Rifle Association, National Rifle Association of America, and numerous individuals testified in opposition.

Your Committee notes that, in the aftermath of the 2017 Las Vegas shooting, public discourse concerning firearms regulations has focused on whether there should be a prohibition on bump fire stocks, the modification devices responsible for increasing the



severity of the shooting. Your Committee further notes that this measure is intended to address the specific modifications and target persons that would pose a serious threat to public safety like the perpetrator in the 2017 Las Vegas shooting. However, testimony provided at the public hearing has questioned whether the language in the measure sufficiently encompasses those modification devices.

Your Committee acknowledges that further discussion and consideration must be given to this measure to ensure its language accomplishes the desired promotion of public safety. As such, your Committee has amended this measure by explicitly listing bump fire stocks and trigger cranks as prohibited devices in addition to multiburst trigger activators.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1908, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1908, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



