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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 9:02:37 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard K. Minatoya	Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney	Support	No

Comments:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, SUPPORTS HB 1908, Relating to Firearms. This measure will prohibit products that help individuals circumvent regulations on automatic firearms. The Department requests that this bill be PASSED.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Harry Kim
Mayor



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February 12, 2018

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
Committee on Judiciary
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 325
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members:

Re: HB 1908 Relating Multiburst Trigger Activators
Hearing Date: 02/13/18 – 2:00 pm; House Conference Room 325

Thank you for this opportunity to fully support HB 1908.

I hope that even the most ardent firearm enthusiast agrees that there is no legitimate need for devices that accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm.

I urge you to approve HB 1908.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Kim
Mayor, County of Hawai'i



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STATE & LOCAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
DANIEL REID, HAWAII STATE LIAISON

February 12, 2018

The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto
Chair, House Committee on Judiciary
Sent Via Email

Re: House Bill 1908 – OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Nishimoto:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, we oppose House Bill 1908.

HB 1908 would make it a felony for any person who “manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into the State, keeps for sale, or offers or exposes for sale, or who gives, lends, or possesses” certain trigger modifications. The broad and overreaching language of this bill could encompass many common modifications done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

Thank you for your attention and I ask that you please oppose this bill.

Cordially,

Daniel S. Reid
State Liaison

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Submitted on: 2/9/2018 5:22:19 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sheldon Miyakado		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Isaacson		Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a Federal issue that should be handled either by legislation in Congress, or by regulation by the BATF, not individually by the states. Given that mechanisms that cause a firearm to function like an automatic weapon should be classed as Class III devices, as such, Hawaii would prohibit them by not being a Class III state.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2018 7:06:15 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Kacatin		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as any law-abiding citizen should be able to decipher the language within ANY bill put forth with the intention of ruling over the people. Aside from another attempt at an infringement on constitutional rights, HB 1908 contains a myriad of verbiage that carries no distinction or true definition. "Burst" is to be defined as what exact "rate of fire"?

On this basis alone, this bill, as is SB 2046 and the majority of other anti-second amendment bills in this current legislative session, has vague language in what appears to be purposeful to effect law-abiding citizens in another annual attempt to mitigate the second amendment rights of the law-abiding.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter J Long III	Concerned Citizen of the State of Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this measure and urge the committee to kill this legislation.

This and most other gun control measures do nothing but turn honest, law-abiding citizens into criminals. Firearms owners in this State have already proven themselves to be among the most law abiding in this country. How will this, or ANY of the other measures that further restrict gun use and ownership in Hawaii stop a single criminal action? They do not and will not.

It's only a further degradation of the 2nd Amendment, and I oppose it as strongly as one can.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2018 8:58:38 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Hampton		Oppose	No

Comments:

Yet another poorly written bill.

The term "Burst" refers to fully automatic firearms where a single pull of the trigger releases a "burst" of 3 rounds. These firearms, and anything used to convert a semi automatic firearm to this configuration, are already illegal under current law.

In your sad attempt to write this bill as broadly as possible to allow for "Interpretation", you have missed the mark completely.

If you're going to attempt to write legislation regarding firearms, you might want to consider having someone in the room that knows what they're talking about. You obviously don't.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2018 10:07:25 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brendon Heal		Oppose	No

Comments:

Representatives,

Multiburst triggers "machine guns" are already regulated federally and banned specifically in Hawaii. This bill just repeats the language that bans automatic weapons in the state of Hawaii. Oppose this bill and please consider working on bills that will actually prevent crimes and catching / incarcerating criminals.

Law abiding gun owners are not the problem in this state.

Thank you.

Brendon Heal

Ewa Beach, HI

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Submitted on: 2/10/2018 6:56:29 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Kawai	United Truck Rental	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strenuously oppose this bill as the penalties are over reaching and fails to prevent criminals from doing what the bill suggests. Once again these proposed laws do nothing to prevent criminals from harming others and you are only inflicting harm to registered law abiding gun owners.

I ask that you are reasonable and think how you are preventing criminals to do what your proposed laws are. The citizens who elect each of you to office are the ones you are harming which I am of the understanding you are elected to enact legislation which will benefit all law abiding citizens and not punish the law abiding citizen.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kory Ohly		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1908.

Making an action illegal does not absolutely prevent it from happening. Making an action illegal does give the state justification for punishing the person who commits the act.

Harming the innocent, with or without a firearm, is already illegal, and rightfully deserves punishment.

An action which is not inherently evil doesn't deserve punishment. Owning a firearm with a "multiburst" trigger is not an evil act. Owning such a firearm, or modifying a firearm in that fashion, does no harm to anyone. It does not deserve punishment. It should not be made illegal. Doing so will prevent law abiding citizens from any advantage it gives (efficient weapon for self-defense), but will not stop amoral lawbreakers who are willing to commit evil even if they must break a law and risk punishment.

This bill conflates ownership of a device with the illegal use of that device for illegal. This bill is unnecessary, ineffective, and unjust.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2018 11:55:01 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Fujii	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Oppose, oppose, oppose. Modifications are normal for recreational shooting. Why not ban bacon?

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Submitted on: 2/10/2018 12:15:33 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fred		Oppose	No

Comments:

Multiburst triggers "machine guns" are already regulated federally and banned specifically in Hawaii. This bill just repeats the language that bans automatic weapons in the state of Hawaii. Oppose this bill and please consider working on bills that will actually prevent crimes and catching /incarcerating criminals.

Law abiding gun owners are not the problem in this state. We should be aactually enforce the laws that are already in place, stop releasing violent criminals. Hawaii is notorious for it's catch & release mentality, and the light slap on the wrist of local violent offenders, drunk killing drivers, car thieves, etc. Legislators should be writing bills that would redefine murder and other crimes, i.e. a real crime bill that defines criminals and all crime, and seriously, locks them up and puts them away, clean up our streets! This misguided bill does none of that.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aku		Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

The terminology in this bill is misleading and broad. Any adjustment to a semi-automatic firearm that allows it fire more than one (1) round per trigger pull is defined by the ATF as a machine gun, which are already regulated federally and banned specifically in the State of Hawaii. This bill just repeats the language that bans automatic weapons in the state of Hawaii. Oppose this bill and please consider working on bills that will actually prevent crimes and catching /incarcerating criminals.

Law abiding gun owners are not the problem in this state.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sean Mattimoe	Mr.	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law-abiding Hawaii gun owner, I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 1908.

House Bill 1908 would make it a felony for any person who "manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into the State, keeps for sale, or offers or exposes for sale, or who gives, lends, or possesses" certain trigger modifications.

The broad, overreaching, language of this bill could encompass many common modifications done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

It is very suspicious that Bills as vague as these are submitted by our representatives, whom are supposed to know the law and how to write them without infringing on its peoples rights.

Bills such as these waste precious time and money with their vagueness and loopholes that confuse and misguide law-abiding citizens thereby convincing them into eroding their own Constitutional rights. Your actions reflect your character and the intellectual dishonesty disguised as poorly written, intentionally vague Bills to "Protect" the citizens of Hawaii.

It is your responsibility to put forth Bills that are accurate and meaningful for the protection of the community.

Again, as a fellow Hawaii resident, please oppose House Bill 1908.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Kellam		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin J. Cole		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

HB 1908 is far too restrictive in its reach and too broad in its scope. What exactly is a “trigger modification” as expressed in this bill? If someone replaces an old part with a new one, will he be guilty of violating the law? What if someone has worked on a firearm some years ago and then sells it? Would both persons be guilty in the eye of the law?

Such matters are better left to federal law. All this measure will do is to cause confusion and make law abiding citizens subject to arbitrary discrimination.

Kevin J. Cole, Col. USAF Ret.

Mililani

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bradd Haitzuka		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose yet another anti-gun bill that infringes on my second amendment rights. It seems as if it is the goal of lawmakers to give criminals rights and make law abiding citizens into criminals. Please vote no on this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert		Oppose	No

Comments:

Representatives,

What exactly is a "multiburst trigger activator"? If you are referring to a device that makes a semi-auto firearm into a full-auto firearm, aka a machine gun, then this is already illegal. This is regulated at the federal level and its already been banned in this State as long as I can remember. This bill just repeats language thats already in HRS 134 and is unnecessary. You should OPPOSE this bill and move on to legislation that punishes criminals that break the law.

Thank you,

Robert

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Ball		Oppose	No

Comments:

I understand the desire to ban bump stocks, but these bills are too vague.

Let the BATFE do their job and handle this at the appropriate level.

or educate yourselves on what you're actually trying to ban.

Better than SB 2046 though.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2018 12:29:51 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Matthew Jellings		Oppose	No

Comments:

I am completely against this bill, in any form, it does nothing to stop criminal activity, it only stops law abiding citizens from using match grade triggers.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Kikukawa		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and any bill that would hurt my right to bear arms and protect my family. I will vote strongly against and urge my friends and family to vote strongly against any legislator or politician who is against my right to defend myself and bear arms. This includes anything that can chip away at any part of the amendment such as accessories and types of firearms. The second amendment should be treated with the same respect as the first, for without it all of the other amendments will fall. A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonagustine Lim		Oppose	No

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this vaguely written bill.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2018 7:32:47 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tony lee		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Strongly oppose, term too broad

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Submitted on: 2/11/2018 7:36:42 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
steven a kumasaka		Oppose	No

Comments:

please oppose this bill

automatic and burst triggers are already illegal

and

"increases the rate of fire" is nebulous at best

please enforce laws that are already in place and solve mental health issues and the psychotropic drugs that are used to treat those issues

mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marcus Tanaka		Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a VIOLATION of the 2nd amendmen, which is the right to bear arms. The last 4 words of the 2nd amendment state "SHALL NO BE INFRINGED". So by regulating what parts I can use on my firearm, you are infringing on my right.

In 1992, our anti-2nd amendment state decided it was a good idea to ban and make illegal any magazine for a pistol that holds more than 10 bullets.

In 1999, Uyesugi (Xerox shooting) shot his coworkers and used magazines that held 17 bullets. The magazine limit ban was in effect for a full 7 years before the shooting. But yet a modivated individual found a way to for his magazines to hold 17 bullets (which is illegal). This is also before ordering things online was a common thing. So he had to modify or keep any existing 17 bullet magazines.

So as you can see, this law and the HB1908 will do nothing to stop a motivated individual. There are many ways to mimic what a bump stock or trigger crank does. You can use rubberbands, a belt loop on your pants, even the way you hold it with a loose grip can do the same thing. This is why no one waste money to buy a bump stock or trigger crank. These items also make the gun very inaccurate. But regarding the vegas shooting, a crowd of 20,000 people, you don't need accuratcy. Sorry for being so blunt about it, but it's true.

Also this law will be unenforcable. Since purchasing of the banned items is not tracked (no serial numbers or federal regulations). So all you're doing is further INFRINGING on the 2nd amendment.

The Beuru of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) ruled on 2 seperate occassions that a bump stock and trigger crack are LEGAL. So a federal agency with many lawyers ruled that they could not define "bump stock/trigger crank" without violating the 2nd amendment right. Doing so would make all guns illegal. So if HB1908 passes, many lawsuits will follow which will waste tax payer money.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon Abbott		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose this bill. First, it will do nothing to stop violence or reduce crime in any way. Second, it will only make criminals out of the law abiding. You who sit in representation of these lawful citizens need to ask yourselves who does this bill serve?

Most of the devices that will be made illegal under this bill are devices that are used by hundreds of thousands of shooters here in Hawaii to make their firearms more accurate. Increased accuracy makes firearms inherently safer. As a handgun instructor, I can attest to the ability of good quality triggers to help increase safety. In short, these triggers save lives and prevent injury.

I urge you to oppose this measure and any like it.

Regards,

Jon

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jake Hanawahine		Oppose	No

Comments:

I Strongly oppose!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lou Collazo		Oppose	No

Comments:

To our Honorable Elected Members,

As a law-abiding Hawaii gun owner and as a 3 Gun competitor, I use my firearms in sports competitions here in Hawaii and I am looking forward to traveling to competitions in other states and possibly internationally. Since this is a sport, similar to football, baseball, and air riflery, I wish to purchase items that will enhance my skills at a competition. These sports accessories are just like running shoes for a runner or a special tires for a race car. It's to give you that extra edge during competition. Theses sports accessories are legal in other states and are sanctioned by shooting sport organizations. I respectfully request that you do some research on shooting sports. Take some time and visit us at Koko Head during a competition. I promise you, you will definitely come out with a better understanding and respect for our sport. I have taken the liberty to attach some informational links on shooting sports.

United States Practical Shooting Association
<https://uspsa.org/>

International Practical Shooting Confederation
<http://www.ipsc.org/>

International Defense Pistol Association
<http://www.idpa.com/about/introduction>

3 Gun Nation
<https://www.range365.com/basics-3-gun-shooting>

I humbly and respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 1908. Please don't stereotype us as a group of wild west shoot them up type of people. We are athletes, that wish to compete in a sport that is fun and safe without having laws telling us we can not upgrade our triggers because it is a felony.

House Bill 1908 would make it a felony for any person who "manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into the State, keeps for sale, or offers or exposes for sale, or who gives, lends, or possesses" certain trigger modifications. The broad language of this bill could encompass many common modifications done by law-abiding gun owners

to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

Again, as a fellow Hawaii resident, I urge you to oppose House Bill 1908.

Very respectfully submitted,

Lou Collazo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shawn Hazelgrove	Private Citizen	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good Afternoon,

My name is Shawn Hazelgrove. I own a company on the mainland that manufactures steel targets for outdoor shooting. This is our 3rd year in business. I have customers all across the United States, including military and law enforcement. I spend a lot of time shooting long range and interacting with customers at outdoor ranges. I currently live in Hawaii and would be impacted by this poorly worded and constructed bill. I have owned numerous firearms since before I could drive a car. I am qualified in the military on the M11 service pistol, the M500 shotgun, and the M4A1 carbine. I also hold a valid Florida concealed carry license and have completed both the Indiana and Florida hunter education classes. I was a member of the Florida Fraternal Order of Police Outdoor Range for 5 years prior to moving to Hawaii.

It appears to me that this bill is coming after bump stocks because of the Las Vegas murders. Notice I did not use the words "gun violence" or "mass shooting." It took a mentally deranged and ill person to carry out those terrible crimes. Remember, it takes a person behind the weapon to carry out a shooting. This mentally ill man would have found any way possible to carry out his plan even if bump stocks were outlawed.

Just so we can stick to the facts here, bump stocks do not modify a trigger. They go onto the butt stock of semi-automatic firearms. Semi-automatic firearms will only fire at the rate that the shooter is capable of pulling the trigger. Take a look at some of the world famous competition shooters that participate in cowboy action shooting with lever action rifles and revolvers. They can shoot faster and more precisely than most shooters with modern semi-automatics. It takes training and practice to get that good. I would encourage you to take a look at Jerry Miculek who has numerous world records with revolvers. I have personally observed shooters at the range who have end modifications and little training get outshot by those with simple firearms and lots of training.

The bill is far too vague. I would like to see the facts and statistics that you used in order to formulate this bill. How many deaths in Hawaii have resulted from bump stocks or aftermarket triggers? On your own facebook page you talk about not politicizing events like Las Vegas, yet that it is exactly what you have done. Will this bill ban common aftermarket triggers that target shooters commonly use that are manufactured for semi-

automatic firearms of all types? Companies such as Timney, Giessle, Zev, Bravo Company, Agency Arms and numerous others. What about going from a curved trigger to one with a flat face? What about changing out a 7 pound trigger spring to one that is 5 pounds? Or, a single stage factory trigger to a two stage competition trigger? None of these make a gun shoot faster. They increase the feedback and feel to the shooter. Remember, it takes a person's input every time on the trigger for each round. They do not change the way a gun fires. A lighter trigger pull can help with younger shooters or women who might anticipate the recoil and pull the gun off target. They are also better for long range shooters who use breathing techniques when hunting or practicing. Much like runners do not want to run in combat boots, those of us who shoot for fun or competition do not want a trigger that takes 12 pounds to pull back. The trigger is one of the most commonly modified items on a firearm because it is manipulated each time a round is fired. I am concerned about who will be the judge and expert on trigger modifications when it is very clear that politicians and those who support this bill have no knowledge or experience with firearms. Who will say what is legal and what is not? Will that be the police chief, the governor, the Attorney General? Or will it be up for discussion each time I try to register a new or used firearm? Will my Timney trigger that is 4 pounds be banned over my stock trigger that was 7 pounds? What about adjustable weight triggers?

There is a large market for firearms accessories. There will always be companies looking to skirt around the law and create a legal product, with concurrence from the ATF. Most of these products stem from already existing federal or state laws. Take a look what is happening in places like California and New York. Companies are creating new products to get around the recently passed laws. Technology will stay ahead of the law. They are trying to ban items based on appearance and how scary they look instead of keeping gun out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill. Not to mention, hunters, target shooters and those who carry for self-defense and are legally allowed to own guns are the ones who are punished and forced to buy new products to get around these new laws.

It is actually fortunate that he used a bump fire stock because of how inaccurate they make a firearm. There is a reason that target shooters do not use them for precision shooting. Had the murderer actually taken the time to aim, he would have killed more people. He also had no formal training and was just spraying bullets, hitting many people with ricochets.

My point is this: quit trying to focus on the firearms and firearms parts and address the mental health issue in this country and state. The Las Vegas murderer killed himself when law enforcement arrived. The Newtown murderer did the same. As did the Columbine murderers. And the 1991 Killeen, TX murderer, the Virginia Tech murderer and the March 21, 2005 murderer in Red Lake, MN. April 3, 2009 In Binghamton, New York, Jiverly Wong killed 13 people and injured four during a shooting at an immigrant community center. He then kills himself. The majority of all of these mass murderers have several things in common. They rarely live because they kill themselves. They want to be in control until they realize someone has responded, so they take their own

life. They also have mental issues and sought treatment for them, such as the Virginia Tech student, the Sandy Hook murderer and Stephen Paddock in Las Vegas. They never should have had access to firearms to begin with. Most of them have little social contact and have strange tendencies such as wearing 20 pairs of socks in one day as Adam Lanza did. How about holding the US Air Force accountable for not putting the most recent Texas murderer into the correct databases for his violent domestic assaults? We have the tools and laws on the books to stop the next killer. It is time we enforce them and work on the mental health in the country. Mental health care is the most declining field of medicine since the 1960s, while the use of prescription medicines and outpatient mental health care has skyrocketed. Until we can have an educated discussion on the people behind the firearms, we will not solve a thing. Guns are not violent, and they do not pull the triggers on their own. People are violent, and it takes a person to pull a trigger. Or rent a Home Depot truck. Or make a pressure cooker bomb.

I oppose this bill and any others like it. Do not punish the law abiding citizens of this state. Open the dialogue and get a firearms expert to help out. You don't take your car to the veterinarian's office do you? I will not be able to submit testimony in person, but I have already submitted my testimony online and talked with fellow firearm supporters who were present last week. They said that you did not even show up for your own bill. How shameful. I know who will be there next week. The NRA- ILA. They stand up for me when I am at work. This afternoon, I made a generous donation and choose to upgrade my NRA Endowment Life Membership to a Patron Life Membership. We will not go quietly.

Very Respectfully,

Shawn T. Hazelgrove

Owner, Steel Veteran Targets, LLC

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordon Ho		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lee		Oppose	No

Comments:

With due respect, I strongly oppose this bill. There are already existing laws against "select fire" firearms. The bill virtually classifies all aftermarket triggers illegal and turns overwhelming large population of gun owners felons over night. This will not make the public any safer, it merely makes legislators feel like they are doing something helpful. The term multi-burst and burst is a "select fire" mode and as stated earlier, already illegal. The preponderance of trigger tuning is done for competition and safety. Please do not legislate our rights away. Thanks you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
.Ryan Yamshita		Oppose	No

Comments:

Poorly written bill with vague wording. Please define "burst" and/or "multiburst". What does that even mean?

A device that is activated once and fires more than once is already illegal. It's called a machine gun. A firearm that shoots several rounds with one activation is also already illegal.

Regulation of firearms in general should be done by the Federal ATF, not state lawmakers. Is the language vague and misleading because it's an attempt to curtail law abiding citizens 2nd amendment rights or criminalize such people?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicholas H Takara		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Ronald G Livingston	LIFE HAWAII/ HRA board member	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 3:20:54 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lyle Hlromoto		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 6:19:48 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bo Masuyama		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 7:27:12 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gavin Lohmeier		Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 7:35:15 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Russell Takata		Oppose	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this measure due to the vague language in the definition. The "rate of fire" is different for each firearm and is not defined. The rate of fire in one firearm model can be vastly different depending on its trigger mechanism components, purpose for use (hunting, competition, etc), wear and tear, and user skills. If firearm owner A can fire a specific model faster than firearm owner B, does that constitute "increasing the rate of fire," and subsequently, making firearm owner A subject to a Class C felony? This bill can essentially make a law-abiding citizen a criminal by default. It also seems to me that ambiguity in the language is also a step in further restricting gun ownership in the future. This bill should be deferred to prevent unnecessary consequences on law-abiding citizens of our State.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 7:35:37 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clifford Goo	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1908 as it just opens up another pathway for further restrictions on trigger modifications. We already have restrictions on full auto firearms (machine guns) which is basically what this bill is intending to restrict. As a responsible firearms owner, recreational shooter, hunter, and firearms instructor, I see the benefits of trigger adjustments for more control and accuracy. I believe a responsible person will not fire indiscriminately and without control. We have the most safe and law abiding gun owners in the State of Hawaii. That has been achieved through firearms education by various clubs and organizations. It is my hope that this committee puts some trust in our responsible firearms owners.

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 7:39:35 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kainoa Kaku		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 7:44:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Mr.	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law-abiding Hawaii gun owner, I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 1908.

House Bill 1908 would make it a felony for any person who "manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into the State, keeps for sale, or offers or exposes for sale, or who gives, lends, or possesses" certain trigger modifications. The broad language of this bill could encompass many common modifications done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

Again, as a fellow Hawaii resident, I urge you to oppose House Bill 1908.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 7:46:48 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Yukutake		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1908 due to the vagues of the wording and further restrictions on a constitutional right.

Laws should be specific and clear. This law is vague in its application affecting not just a device, but multiple devices and future devices. This law could affect devices that are legitimately used for competition where people modify their guns to remain competitive here and on the mainland where laws like this don't exist. Firearm modifications are also used by the disabled to lighten triggers or other ways to accommodate them. This bill could unintended affect these people.

In addition, I do not believe more laws restricting firearms are needed. Laws only affect the law abiding owners of firearms and restrict their rights. Criminals continue to commit crimes with disregard of the law. Please focus on enforcement of current laws instead and find a solution to remove criminals from the street and treat mental illnesses.

Todd Yukutake

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Aiea, HI 96701
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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 7:54:45 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Philip Pearson		Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law-abiding Hawaii gun owner, I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 1908.

The language of this bill is too broad and could encompass many common modifications done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 8:00:42 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lance Sugimoto		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I feel the best people to regulate any type of modifications to any firearm should be the organization with the necessary knowledge to do so. This I strongly believe should be best left to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tabacco and Fireams.

Thank you for your time.

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 8:07:56 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Orr		Oppose	No

Comments:

Stop this bill. This bill will not accomplish anything.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 9:05:58 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harvey Gerwig	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

THE HAWAII RIFLE ASSOCIATION is **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to HB 1908 for the following reasons:

1. The language is extremely broad and sweeping, which allows way too much leeway for interpretation by law enforcement and government entities that may have little or no training and knowledge about firearms trigger systems.
2. Many firearm owners modify their triggers to improve the function of the firearm, not to turn them into full auto firearms, but rather to make them more suitable for target practice, self defense, competition, hunting, overcoming a disability and for improved accuracy. This potential law would put those lawful persons at great risk of being charged as felons.
3. This law would make the simple possession of a trigger device a FELONY, thus depriving that person of his Second Amendment rights for life. That is clearly too harsh a penalty for such a minor infraction.
4. If you would like to alter this bill to state that any person using such a device in the commission of a crime may be charged with an additional felony we would not oppose that law, however, all reference to possession would need to be removed for us to drop our opposition to this bill.
5. Please keep in mind that the lawful gun owners in Hawaii are NOT the persons committing the crimes that this Bill seeks to prevent, but they would be the ones impacted the Bill.

Respectfully submitted, Harvey Gerwig, HRA President

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 9:27:04 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dan Goo		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 9:31:02 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerry Nagai		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it is too broad and far reaching. Simply modifying a trigger on my firearm, to make it more comfortable me to use, would put me at risk of being charged as a felon. This bill is unreasonable. Thank you for your time.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 9:32:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judy Goo		Oppose	No

Comments:

As a female firearm owner, I find it discriminatory that I will not be able to make changes to my firearms for self defense, hunting and targer practice. Many firearm triggers are to heavy for me to pull and I have changed out several of my triggers to accomodate my trigger pull. Changing triggers do not make the firearm fire any faster. I am opposed to this bill and find it discriminatory especially for female shooters such as me.

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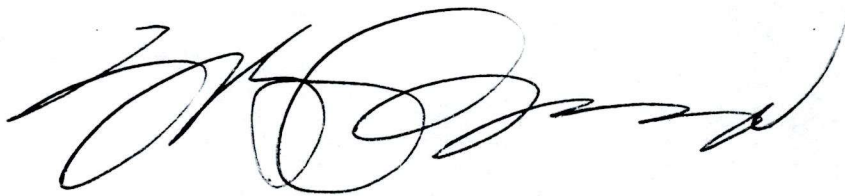
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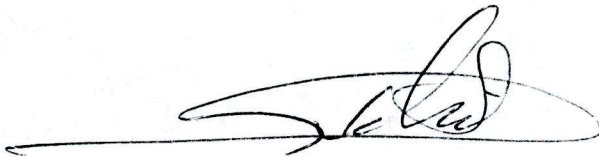
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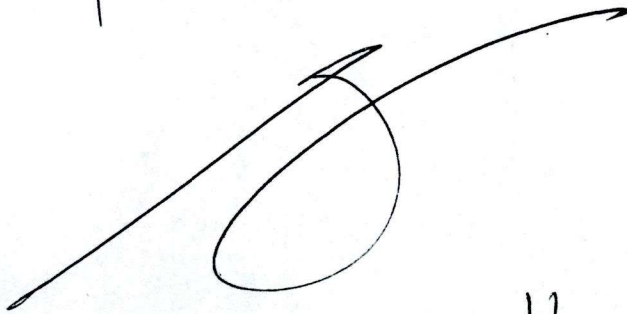
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Nick N. Domingo

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Honolulu HI 96818

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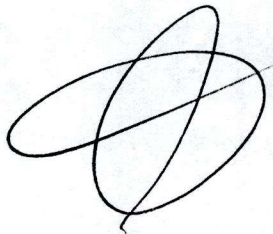
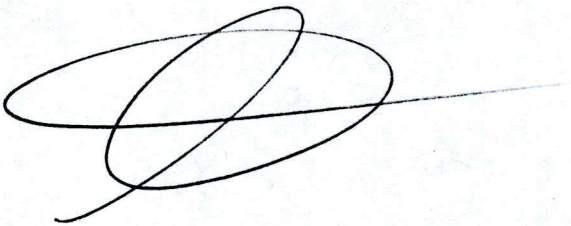
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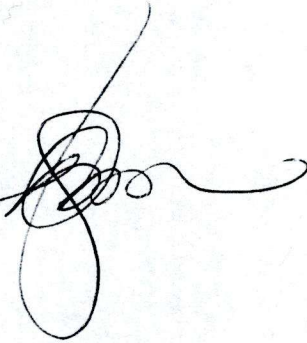
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I oppose Bill HB1908.

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I oppose HB1908.

I think this is unconstitutional
and seeks to undermine my Second
Amendment Rights.

Cheryl A. Holliday
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I oppose HB 1908 restricting legal, responsible firearms owners rights

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I oppose HB 1908 bump stall and other modification
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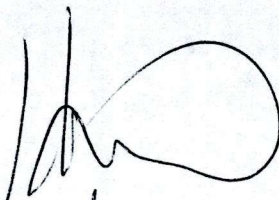
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I "oppose" HB 1908


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Justin Keenan

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I oppose this bill. This bill takes
away from the 2nd Amendment Rights
of law abiding citizens.

Blake Wawrzanski



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I oppose this bill

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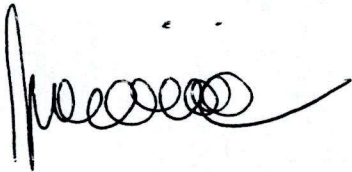
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I oppose this bill.

Jay Domanguera

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I oppose this as there are already
Federal Laws governing modification
and accessories for firearms

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I oppose to ball HB1908

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Edwin J. Colon

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 11:03:08 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Soon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a useless bill which is trying to prevent a problem that we don't have here.

The technicalities involved can be misused to harass hobbyists who are not criminals.

Please don't waste your time and MY money trying to solve a non-existent problem.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 11:16:27 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Genovese	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please stick to what you know, raising our tax's and spending it unwisley . We have no real gun crime in Hawaii and no reason to take away one persons gunright to punish the unlawfull, please stop this madness of one knee jerk anti gun and uninforcable bill after the other just so it looks like you people are doing your job.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 11:32:08 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glennon T. Gingo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Mr. Chair,

Please make a note that I clicked the wrong button on my testimony and my entry was intended to be in opposition. Please note this and my opposition for the record..

Aloha,

Glennon T. Gingo

Holualoa, Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 11:58:33 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dwayne Lim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill. It infringes on my second amendment right and will cause law abiding, freedom loving citizens to be casted as criminals when they don't obey their masters. There is no cognizant argument that this bill will reduce the crime rate. This is only a one-sided move by politicians to flex their political power and show they are ruling over their constituents.

DO NOT PASS HB1908.

Thank you.



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Re: **HB1908**

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Representatives,

Please defer HB1908 by voting **NO**.

This bill does not address an existing problem and thus cannot solve any known problem effecting public safety. This bill uses language (134- (a)(b)(1)), as commonly understood according to the currently existing definitions and meanings, that would ban weapons that are already totally banned in the state of Hawaii. Section (134- (a)(b)(2)) cannot accomplish the supposed goal of preventing a person from firing a weapon at an “increase[d] rate of fire of that firearm”, since that can be accomplished quite easily without any “device” being “attached” to a semi-automatic firearm. Of course I would be remiss were I to fail to mention that even if this law were to pass, that it would not have any effect on a criminal intent on perpetrating crime, as we have seen time and time again (See: “Xerox murders” in 1999 committed 7 years after the magazines used by the murderer had been banned in Hawaii, etc.). Thus, nothing at all is accomplished to enhance public safety if this bill were passed into law, and its vague, if not meaningless language, could be used to ensnare law-abiding citizens with no criminal intent, and so I ask you to defeat it.

There is no known problem of crime being committed in Hawaii, nor anywhere else, with either weapons as described in 134- (a)(b)(1) or in 134- (a)(b)(2), with the exception of two cases in the past 50 years. In the first case the criminals **illegally possessed** fully automatic weapons, and in the other case it has been argued by knowledgeable people, that as horrific as the killings and injuries were, it could have been worse had the murderer NOT used the “increased rate of fire” devices (See: The University of Texas at Austin “tower shootings” in 1966 where the murderer used a bolt action hunting rifle incapable of even ordinary semi-automatic rates of fire).

What is being banned by 134- (a)(b)(1)?

"§134- **Multiburst** trigger activator; prohibition. (a) Any person in this State who manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into the State, keeps for sale, or offers or exposes for sale, or who gives, lends, or possesses any **multiburst** trigger activator shall be guilty of a class C felony.

(b) As used in this section, "**multiburst** trigger activator" means:

(1) A device designed or redesigned to be attached to a semiautomatic firearm, which allows the firearm to discharge two or more shots **in a burst** by activating the device;"

I found it highly unusual, so to speak, that the word “multiburst” was “defined” as more than one “burst”, but “burst” was never defined. I wrote to several of the “introducers” of HB1908 asking for clarification, but received no replies.

I asked, because in fact there already exist definitions and common uses for the term “burst” in connection with firearms:

“In **automatic firearms**, *burst mode or burst fire* is a firing mode enabling the shooter to fire a predetermined number of rounds, usually two or three rounds on hand held weapons and 50-100+ on anti-aircraft weapons and autocannons, *with a single pull of the trigger.*”

“The number of rounds fired in a burst is almost universally determined by a cam mechanism that trips the trigger mechanism for each shot in the burst. Some designs, as employed on the M16 series, *will terminate the burst if the trigger is released* before the burst is complete.”

Automatic firearms (aka “machine guns”, and/or “select fire” weapons (which can be set to semi-auto, “burst fire” (usually three rounds), or “full auto” modes), require NFA application and registration with BATFE and are ALREADY ILLEGAL IN HAWAII, so unless the authors of this bill are using the Humpty Dumpty view of language (‘When I use a word,’ Humpty Dumpty said, in a rather scornful tone, ‘it means just what I choose it to mean, neither more nor less.’), this section of the bill is making illegal what is already illegal. What's the point of that?

As for section 134- (a)(b)(2):

(2) A manual or power-driven trigger activating device constructed and designed so that **when attached** to a semiautomatic firearm it **increases the rate of fire** of that firearm." [Emphasis added.]

The problems with this are:

1. A person can mimic the rate of fire accomplished by a "device attached to a semi-automatic firearm" without an attached device, and without any device at all. It is (seemingly?) impossible to outlaw firing a firearm at "an increased rate of fire", and certainly HB1908 would not accomplish that.
2. There is no law that would prevent a person with criminal intent from possessing any attachable device that would increase the rate of fire (Again, see: "Xeros murders"). "Criminals don't obey laws, including gun control laws". I believe most of the criminal acts committed in Hawaii by criminals using firearms are cases of illegal possession of firearms, i.e. criminals ignored the law making them "prohibited persons". What make anyone think they would obey this law?
3. Even if this law passed and was enacted, it would have no effect on a person with criminal intent from firing a firearm at an "increased rate of fire" without using any "attached device" or unattached device, aka "bump firing".

This law is vague, the language is muddled, if not outrightly simply "wrong", and will have no effect in enhancing public safety since the single effect ("increased rate of fire") it would theoretically "outlaw" can be accomplished outside the restrictions of the law.

Please vote NO, and defer HB1908.

Thank you,

George Pace

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 12:39:25 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Sosta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Representatives and Rep. Tupola,

I ask that you strongly oppose HB1908, this bill is flawed legislation that will serve no purpose, law abiding firearms owners are not a problem in this state. Automatic firearms or those with a burst capability are already illegal in Hawaii under HRS 134-8 and regulated at the Federal level by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives. In my opinion if passed into law this bill would be and could be used to turn law abiding firearms owners into criminals due to its vaguely written descriptions, definitions if it could even be enforceable in the first place. As a lawful owner of firearms I cannot sit by and let the legislature of this state further erode my rights to own firearms as enumerated in both the US Constitution and the Constitution of The State of Hawaii, remember your oaths. I would like to further ask of you all that you also oppose any further bills that are aimed to restrict the rights of lawful firearms owners to keep and bear arms in this state. Love or hate firearms I don't care but I ask that you do your due diligence and inform yourselves on firearms types and their operation, the Hawaii Rifle Association is always willing to work with and inform legislators and or other elected officials about anything firearms related.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Sosta

Citizen Soldier, Firearms Owner, Voter and Patriot

Maili, HI

Life Member of the National Rifle Association, Member of the Hawaii Rifle Association, Member of The Hawaii Defense Foundation and Member of The Hawaii Historic Arms Association

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 12:43:06 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 12:48:32 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Abelaye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB1908 is a bill that is too broad that it may include competition triggers, muzzle breaks and ergonomic changes to a firearm that done by law abiding gun owners to make their firearm more suitable for hunting, self defense, competition or even overcoming disabilities. I strongly disagree this bill.

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 12:54:05 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Shaheen Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as written.

The broad language of this bill could encompass many common modifications done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

Thank you for considering my request.

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 1:04:48 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
EMILIANO	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

ON THE HB1908 SHOULD DECIDED BY ATF

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 1:29:45 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Vice-Chair. San Buenaventura,

My name is Devin Sasai. I am a Federal Firearms Licensee and firearms manufacturer, and I am writing you in opposition of HB1908. While I applaud lawmakers in both the House and Senate for wanting to prevent a repeat of the tragedy in Las Vegas, I also want to make sure that we are not creating an adverse situation in which law abiding citizens instantly become criminals, and we expand the firearms black market for real criminals.

House Bill 1908 has language that is far superior than that of Senate Bill 2046. HB1908 is much more specific, and I believe, more on track to accomplishing your goal. However, the issue I see with the proposed bill is that (a) it already covers a ban on automatic firearms and (b) can be targeted against simple trigger modifications like match grade triggers for competitive shooters, or simple gunsmith work for those looking to improve the performance and safety of their firearms. Let me explain in more detail, and hopefully give you some insight and options that will assist you in your task.

In proposed section 134- b.1, you define “multiburst trigger activator” as (1) A device designed or redesigned to be attached to a semiautomatic firearm, which allows the firearm to discharge two or more shots in a burst by activating the device. What you have just described is the definition of an automatic firearm, already banned by the Firearms Owners Protection Act of 1986. If I may suggest it, I would word it as **“a device that simulates automatic gunfire by allowing standard function of a semi-automatic firearm WITH a static positioned trigger finger or a device that fires multiple shots with the pull and release of the trigger.”** This wording would cover bumpfire stocks and binary or echo trigger groups without targeting semi-auto trigger upgrades like match grade triggers. I think this would result in a better bill than the one currently in the Senate.

In section 134- b.2 it states, (2) A manual or power-driven trigger activating device constructed and designed so that when attached to a semiautomatic firearm it increases the rate of fire of that firearm. This wording would again target simple gunsmith work, or semi-auto match grade trigger options, which I am pretty sure that legislators wouldn't have an issue with. Again, as a suggestion, I would word this section as **“A manual or power-driven trigger activating device constructed and designed so that when attached to a semi-automatic firearm it ~~increases the rate of fire of that firearm~~ simulates automatic gunfire.”** It's a simple adjustment that completely changes what this bill would inadvertently ban, but still regulates bumpfire stocks and other automatic trigger simulators.

As you can see, I am a firearms owner, Federal Firearms Licensee and Manufacturer, and Second Amendment supporter, but yet I am aghast by the tragedies I see happen around the country, and I certainly don't want that to happen in the State I was born, and raised in. While I understand the position of others that would either just ban everything, or ban nothing, I do believe that the best results in politics and in life, come from discussion, debate, and compromise. I don't believe that legislators, and society in general, would accept that we do nothing in the wake of the Las Vegas shooting. However, like I mentioned earlier, I don't want to see unnecessary overreach, or the unintended creation of a class of criminals. Please reach out to me if you have any questions, and humbly ask that you defer the proposed bill as written, or to amend it in such a way that it does not target law abiding citizens, competitive shooters, gunsmiths, or manufacturers. Thank you for your time.

Devin Sasai
Sole Member/Owner
Bushido Arms and Ammunition LLC

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HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 2:41:21 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Albert Morgan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. The language in it is overly broad and infringes on my ability to self defense of me and my family.

LATE

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 2:48:35 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacob Holcomb	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

What is a multiburst? Where does this vague/inaccurate reference come from? If you are going to write legislation infringing on the rights of responsible gun owners at least have the decency to learn something about firearms so it doesn't sound silly. It's like referring to the steering wheel of a car as a "direction circle".

The bill will accomplish nothing besides throwing more words on the word pile. It doesn't protect people from criminals who don't follow laws and it was written by someone who probably can't figure out how to change a tire.

LATE

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 2:52:43 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tony frascarelli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

i am opposed to this bill as written. Additional language needs to be included to not prohibit parts or modifications commonly used by gun owners to make the actions of their firearms smoother to operate to enhance accuracy as well as those modifications necessary to allow those with medical issues such as arthritis to be able to operate their firearms. There should also be language inserted which would allow disabled veterans to make whatever modifications are necessary to a firearm for them to be able to participate in the shooting sports. Thank you.

LATE

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 2:53:54 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samuel Webb	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this Law.

HB1908 would make it a crime to own, possess or acquire a firearm accessory or parts that is designed to accerlerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm.

These restrictions will do nothing to stop violance or criminals, just make Law Abiding Criminals out of citizens.

LATE

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 3:50:02 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Normand A Cote	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear JUD Committee,

Please refine the language of this bill to be very specific. Do not make a Law Abiding Citizen into a Felon by such a broad bill.

Simply placing a higher grade trigger in a rifle or pistol to enable myself and other gun owners to shoot more accurately in self defense or competition should not be deemed a criminal act.

The law abiding gun owners in Hawaii are a good group of people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Normand A Cote

Law Abiding Citizen

LATE

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 4:01:13 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank D Deknis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose HB 1908 as it is too vague in will prohibited legal gun owners from firearm modifications are helpful in target shooting and hunting. I would suggest that the legislature take more time to research and be more specific in what is trying to prohibit. This feels like a knee jerk reaction to the dreadful Las Vegas incident and not a thoughtful approach to a solution. Thank you for your attention to my input.

Frank "Dan" Deknis.\

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February 13, 2018

The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishimoto and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1908, Relating to Firearms

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

The HPD supports House Bill No. 1908, Relating to Firearms.

House Bill No. 1908, Relating to Firearms, prohibits multiburst trigger activators that are designed or function to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm. State law currently prohibits automatic firearms. The HPD opposes any measure to increase the rate of fire of any semiautomatic firearm that allows it to mimic the capabilities of an automatic firearm. With the regards to the shooting incident in Las Vegas, the HPD believes that prohibiting these modifications to currently legal semiautomatic firearms is in the best interest in providing for the safety of the citizens of the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii.

The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 1908, Relating to Firearms.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Handwritten signature of Susan Ballard in black ink.

Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of David P. Nilsen in black ink.

David P. Nilsen, Captain
Records and Identification Division



Honolulu County Republican Party

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February 12, 2018

House Committee on Judiciary
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members,

RE: HB-1908 Prohibited; Multiburst Trigger Activators.

The Honolulu County Republican Party **OPPOSES** HB-1908.

Hawaii Republicans support the individual constitutionally-protected right of the people to keep and bear arms for security and defense of self, family, others, property, or the state, as well as for other lawful purposes. However, we oppose limitations on firearms and ammunition, which aim to disarm law-abiding citizens.

HB-1908 would make it a felony for any person who “manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into the State, keeps for sale, or offers or exposes for sale, or who gives, lends, or possesses” certain trigger modifications. The **broad language of this bill** could encompass many common modifications done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

As a law-abiding Hawaii gun owners, we respectfully urge you to **OPPOSE** House Bill 1908.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett Kulbis".

Brett Kulbis
Chairman
Honolulu County Republican Party

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 4:41:20 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Ako DVM	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Language not clear enough. Could affect triggers intended for more precise control and safety.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 5:48:01 PM
Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
D. H. Kondo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB 1908.

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HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 6:10:57 PM
Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ron Klapperich	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm oppsed to this bill because how can you define what a burst is. I can burst with any semi-auto rifle just by holding it at waist level and rocking the rifle back and forth. It's not accurate fire but it's considered burst fire. How will you regulate this? I'm not a supporter of auto fire but I don't want to be mistakenly confused with someone who installed a "multiburst" device because my trigger malfunctioned which can mistakenly happen with a semi auto trigger.

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HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 6:54:12 PM
Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Yip	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it clearly is an over reach of the law makers here in Hawaii. The standard has already been set by the The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives which classify these devices and accessories as legal. The passage of this bill will only further infringe on lawful citizen's rights and will do nothing to deter criminals or reduce crime here in Hawaii.

LATE

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 6:57:50 PM
Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Nishek	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Committee members,

I oppose this bill because I feel that the Federal government should have control on control gun control issues. The bill is too ambiguous.

LATE

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 7:24:42 PM
Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelly Lim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It infringes on my second amendment right and will cause law abiding, freedom loving citizens to be casted as criminals when they don't obey their masters. There is no cognizant argument that this bill will reduce the crime rate. This is only a one-sided move by politicians to flex their political power and show they are ruling over their constituents.

DO NOT PASS HB1908.

Thank you.

LATE

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 8:33:36 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Lau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is another attempt at an infringement on constitutional rights. HB 1908 contains a myriad of verbiage that carries no distinction or true definition. Machine guns which fire "bursts" are already illegal in Hawaii and are already regulated at the Federal level by several acts and laws.

This bill is another poorly researched and worded attempt at undermining the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens.

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***Hawaii Hunting Association
To Protect & Promote Sustainable
Public Hunting in Hawaii***

HB1908 –OPPOSE

February 12, 2018

House Judiciary Committee
For Hearing on February 13, 2018
Conference Room 325; 2:00 PM
House Bill 1908

Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, esteemed members of the House Judiciary Committee.

RE: HB1908

The Hawaii Hunting Association **OPPOSES** legislation that rightfully belongs in the hands of ATF to determine. This bill serves no safety purpose and seems reactionary in scope for the sole purpose of continuing to layer legal gun owners with more and more often burdensome and at times constitutionally questionable legislation.

Much Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Lodge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Lodge, Chair

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HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 12:17:27 AM
Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Richter	Lessons In Firearms Education	Oppose	No

Comments:

The wording of this bill would make common after market parts and common, legitimate modifications illegal. As an organization of firearms instructors we recognize the need to modify personal firearms. Those modifications could be to tailor them to a particular sporting need, or to make a firearm more usable for a physically handicaped person. Such legitimate modifications could become illegal if this bill passes.

Please oppose this bill.

Thank you.

Bill Richter, President,

Lessons In Firearms Education.

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HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 4:08:39 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
wyatt lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Representatives,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB1908.

Please reconsider shleving this measure, as we currently have Federal and State laws that addresses your concerns. I humbly ask that you all make a calculated assessment of this measure, because it will reveal that a measure of this sort will only affect persons who follow the law, and if passed this measure will forcebly render law abiding firearms enthusiasts as felons.

I also ask that the pre meditated democratic bias agaist firearms, cease and desist. As testimony for SB 2046 was submitted, the people who submitted tesimony overwhelmingly opposed that measure, but it appears that committee has it on a fast track to being approved. In otherwards the people wasnt heard! Because Senators had already made up their minds prior to the public hearing. The second amendment and all that goes with it, should be respected, Like the first amendment. Can you ever imagine putting a gag order on citizens for speaking their minds. I ask you all to please make this bill go away.

LATE

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 4:35:31 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
chris burner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support this bill, as a tax payer and strong supporter of the 2 amendment, I believe this is a shoe in to more regulations in a state that already unlawfully does not allow it's residents to protect themselves from criminals.

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HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 8:22:05 AM
Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy Matias	Hawaii Rifle Association, Responsible Gun owners of Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not suport this bill HB1908.

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HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 10:39:27 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laughlin Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I wish to oppose HB 1908.

Laughlin Tanaka

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HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 11:02:09 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Grant Wolf	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

In viewing this bill I want you people to think very closely about this situation at hand. Is this bill written in fear of retaliation of terror or random psychopathic behavior as was displayed in Las Vegas last year by a single sniper? Let's analyze very quickly some facts. For one, I must state that the "War on Drugs" founded in America did little to nothing to stop "drugs". In fact the problem has increased far more than ten fold. If we wage a war on guns do we believe it will have any more effect. The disposition of "law breakers" is that they do not believe that they need to follow the law. At any point in time do you believe that banning guns would stop someone who is intent on killing people? They have an intent which far superceeds having a quick bursting trigger. No matter the speed of firing or potential dangers of "burst" speed triggers, what it boils down to is the intent and firing skills of yhe shooter. The shooter with a slow fire will still be able to do just as much damage depending on their level of skill and training. Why ban this little bursting technicality? People can modify their guns at any given time. Most of this multiburst shooting is done on firing ranges or where ex-military guys clown around for fun. Very rarely do we see it utilized against people or crowds just for the fact that someone has modified their fire arm. If someone is mentally ill enough to abuse a firearm for the killing of innocent people, why would they abide the law on a technicality of how their gun fires? It would seem pointless to me to ban something that people intent on breaking the law will do anyways. Are the cops going to argue with them while they are shooting, get in a gun fight with someone over this violation? If they are attacking civillians they will have to be shot dead point blank. This bill will not stop them. I stand opposed.

HB-1908

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 1:26:25 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/13/2018 2:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
robert gerwig	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Please do not let this go through.

Mahalo, Robert Gerwig