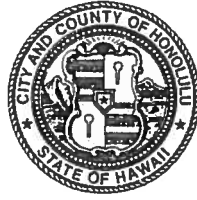


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February 1, 2018

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

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2046, 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 Senate Bill No. 2046, Relating to Firearms.

Senate Bill No. 2046, Relating to Firearms, prohibits trigger modification devices, including bump stocks, 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 recent incident in Las Vegas, the HPD believes that prohibiting these modifications to currently legalize 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 Senate Bill No. 2046, Relating to Firearms.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

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Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Nilsen", written over a horizontal line.

David P. Nilsen, Captain
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January 30, 2018

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Committee Members:

Re: SB 2046 Bump stocks
Hearing Date: 02/01/18 – 1:35 pm; Conference Room 229

Thank you for this opportunity to fully support SB 2046.

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

I urge you to approve SB 2046.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Kim
Mayor, County of Hawai'i

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 10:52:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 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 SB 2046, which will prohibit devices designed or function to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm. This will prohibit people from circumventing automatic firearm regulations with devices that may currently be legal. An example is the "bump stock" used in the recent Las Vegas shooting, in which a bump stock was used to give a semiautomatic firearm the same effect as an automatic firearm. The Department requests that this measure be PASSED.

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



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January 30 , 2018

TO: Honorable Chair Nishihara and Members of the PSM Committee

RE: SB2046 Relating to Firearms

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Support for hearing on Feb. 1

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support SB 2046 as it would limit trigger modification devices, including bump stocks, that are designed or function to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm. After the use of bump stocks in the Las Vegas massacre, this makes common sense.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bickel
President

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 6:33:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Before banning bump stocks or similar devices, make sure that the law does not penalize firearm owners who unintentionally modified the firearm causing it to malfunction and not comply with the regulation. Triggers tend to wear out over time and can create multi fires. The trigger then needs to be fixed or replaced. Until then, the owner needs a reasonable amount of time to fix the problem. Bump stocks are an unnecessary accessory but please don't try to plug every loop hole at the risk of unintentionally criminalizing gun owners.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 4:00:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Green Screen Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

To Whom it may concern,

I Andrew Namiki Roberts Oppose the enactment of SB 2046.

This is a new jerk reaction to a tragedy that occurred this past year, Although this law seems like a well meaning law that may stop another event like this from happening, it simply is not true and will have no effect on crime at any level.

The wording of the bill, including "or to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm," Have no legal definition or meaning and can be interpreted in any number of ways. Something as simple as replacing the factory trigger with a smoother one or one with a lighter pull (often done with precision and competition shooters) would be illegal. This law would also be impossible to enforce short of the police departments disassembling and cataloging every part of every firearm in the state.

With regards to the ban of bump stocks mentioned in the law. A bump stock can be replicated with any number of tools, including but not limited to a shoe lace, a rubber band, a belt. Not to mention that with a little practice the same style of fire can be achieved without any modification to any semiautomatic rifle. The simple true of the matter is these tools are not used in murders or shootings because they cause the fire to be inaccurate and unreliable.

My final objection to this bill is the arbitrary ban of something that is currently legal. Resulting in people having to surrender or destroy their personal property without compensation or face felony charges. This alone has already been ruled unconstitutional in federal courts across the country.



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

SB2046 – VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE

January 30, 2018

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
For Hearing on February 1, 2018
Conference Room 229; 1:35 PM
Senate Bill SB2046

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, esteemed members of the Public Safety
Committee.

RE: SB2046

The Hawaii Hunting Association **VIGOROUSLY OPPOSES** this legislation. Bump Stocks are an ATF issue. The rest of the bill seems purposefully vague and serves absolutely no safety purpose, but instead could make felons out of law abiding target shooters and hunters who may work on their legally owned firearms for safety, accuracy, or function.

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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SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 4:09:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harvey Gerwig	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

The **HAWAII RIFLE ASSOCIATION** is **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to this measure. It is over reaching and vague as regards common modifications to firearms which simply improve the function of a semi-auto firearm, but under this bill could turn an innocent gun owner into a felon. Bans of this type have absolutely ZERO effect on the criminal activity that they seek to achieve. Let the ATF do their job and decide how these devices should be regulated, if at all.

Thank you, Harvey Gerwig, President, **HAWAII RIFLE ASSOCIATION.**

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 7:10:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tony Sylvester	Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance	Oppose	No

Comments:



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Please vote NO on SB2046.

There are a number of problems with SB2046.

1. It is unenforceable.
2. It does not address an existing problem.
3. It thus does not solve an existing problem.
4. It would do nothing to lower crime nor enhance public safety.
5. It criminalizes common actions by law-abiding citizens.
6. The parameters of illegal acts is preposterously overly broad.
7. The actual terminology of the proposed law is incorrect and the effect outlawed by the language can be achieved simply without violating any of the proposed illegalities.

1. The law is unenforceable. You'll recall that in 1992 the Hawaii state legislature passed and the governor signed and enacted into law a ban on standard capacity handgun magazines (the magazines originally manufactured for and intended for sale with the handguns) of greater than 10 rounds. After seven (7) years of enforcement of that law, in 1999, a criminal illegally used standard capacity magazines of greater than 10 rounds in a handgun to murder seven people during the infamous "Xerox murders". How could this person have had illegal magazines after seven years of enforcement? Simple. Because that law, like the proposed SB2046, couldn't be enforced. There is absolutely no way for government enforcement authorities to know if anyone possesses the banned materials (well, except it's pretty clear most people own string and rubber bands, see point 7) or modifications. Do not pass another unenforceable law.

2. It does not address an existing problem. How many crimes have been committed in Hawaii using a bump stock, trigger crank, or firearm "modified to increase the rate of fire"? That's right: none. Perhaps

the authorities will reveal some heretofore unknown cases, but a search of the public records as per news reporting indicates no such crimes have been committed. Do not pass a law that does not address an existing problem.

3. It thus does not solve an existing problem. If there is no problem to be solved, why pass a law? This is another case of lawmakers passing a “feel good” law, as if they are addressing and solving a problem where in reality none exists, i.e. “a solution in search of a problem”. Do not pass a law that would be of no use.

4. It would do nothing to lower crime nor enhance public safety. Since there is no problem that would be solved by any of the aspects of this law, there is absolutely no possible effect of lowering crime nor making the public any safer. Do not pass an ineffective law.

5. It criminalizes common actions by law-abiding citizens. Many firearms owners “modify” their firearms in order that they are enhanced for accuracy, “feel” (e.g. “smoother” trigger pull), longevity, appearance, etc. None of these aspects of modification has anything at all to do with criminality, unless and until a law such as SB2046 is enacted which criminalizes common actions by law-abiding citizens to no end other than citizens questioning why such a law would be proposed and enacted when it has no effect of reducing real crime.

6. The parameters of illegal acts is preposterously overly broad. Using the literal terms of the proposed bill something as simple as lubricating metal parts, much less polishing them would technically fall under the purview of the term “modification”. That's absurd, yet it wouldn't be the first time government has passed a law with vague and ambiguous language that can then be “interpreted” to mean whatever they want it to mean on a case by case basis. Do not pass a law with vague, ambiguous, and overly broad language, that can serve only to entrap otherwise law-abiding citizens for (previously) noncriminal behavior and where no one has been harmed.

7. The actual terminology of the proposed law is incorrect. Any of the devices or modifications outlawed in SB2046 do not “increase the rate of fire”. Such terminology would only apply to fully automatic firearms, which fire rounds continuously as long as the trigger is moved to the “fire” position, and can thus be tested with objectivity both before and after a modification (hold the trigger down before and after the “modification” and record the time to empty the same capacity magazine). Such weapons are already illegal in Hawaii. Such an objective test is not possible with a semi-automatic firearm, as are addressed by SB2046. What the modifications that are outlawed in SB2046 do is make an increased rate of fire “easier” for a trained operator to achieve. Making the modification alone is no guarantee of an increased rate of fire. Indeed, if all the members of this committee and the entire legislature were to go to the range and be given an “unmodified” semi-auto rifle and asked to fire the rifle until the, for example, 10 round magazine was empty via pulling the trigger, allowing the reset, and pulling the trigger repeatedly as fast as they could until all ten rounds were fired, and that time was recorded, then, “modify” that exact same rifle by installing a “bump stock” and ask the same legislators to now fire that rifle to the point of emptying that same 10 round magazine, I can virtually guarantee that the bump stock will not yield an “increased rate of fire”, but a DECREASED rate of fire. Why? Because a bump stock does not “increase the rate of fire”, it only makes an increased rate of fire possible (“easier”) by a person who has learned to use it for that purpose. And here is the problem: AN “INCREASED” RATE OF FIRE CAN BE ACHIEVED BY BUMP FIRING A FIREARM WITHOUT ANY MODIFICATIONS WHATSOEVER BY A PERSON WHO HAS TAKEN THE TIME TO LEARN TO BUMP FIRE. Such an “increased rate of fire” can also be made “easier” using string, rubber bands, a stick, a piece of metal, belt loops on pants, etc. Are you going to outlaw all those things, and nothing at all? You would have to outlaw firing at a particular rate of fire. Thus you see the absurdity of this law.

Please don't vote to pass an unenforceable, useless to crime reduction and public safety, and overly broad, vague, ambiguous, and technically incorrect language law that wouldn't prevent anyone who wants to achieve an "increased rate of fire" from achieving that without violating any of the provisions of the proposed law anyway.

Thank you,

George Pace

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 12:30:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Redeker	MAUI AMMO AND GUN SUPPLY	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose bill SB2046 in its current form. You are attempting to ban devices used for recreational, sporting and competition purposes out of fear that they could potentially be used in the commission of crimes. Bump fire stocks and cranks can be used to increase the rate of fire from Hawaii legal firearm, however they do it at a sever cost to control and thus accuracy of the user. You may not have ever gone to a range and watched these devices in action, but I have. The user rarely hits their target more than a few times before they run out of ammo. The only reason they use them is to experience what they can't legally own in Hawaii because of current laws, in many cases after one or two range days the devices end up in their closet not used for months at a time. Banning them also makes no sense because it won't prevent a criminal from still using it. These devices are not federally regulated like firearms a person can order it off eBay and have it shipped to their house without anyone ever knowing. Banning them is not going to prevent them from being used its only going to prevent your law-abiding citizens from having fun at a range day.

Additionally, your wording is vague regarding a trigger modifications device, precision and competition shooters all modify their triggers to better compete. Modifications done revolve around making a lighter easier to pull trigger. Any competition rifle, shotgun or pistol has a modified trigger in it. These triggers often have been polished coated or had custom springs or spring like devices installed for the specific purpose of improving the trigger. As a result, especially in pistols the trigger can be pulled faster than a normal trigger in a firearm. This allows for smoother trigger pull and better accuracy for slow fire precision rifle competitions. It also allows for smoother control and rapid follow-up shots for trap shotgun shooting and IPSC pistol shooting competitions where time and accuracy between shots means winning or losing. It is unclear if this law will or could be used to affect these categories of Hawaii gun users.

As such it is hard to support something that is unfair and unclear to the people of Hawaii. I ask that you reconsider this bill and look to enact law that would do something to help the people of Hawaii. If you want ideas look at our airports, they are the number one entry point for unregistered firearms in the State of Hawaii. I say this from experience guns coming in via the airport are not regulated by the state of Hawaii in any

way, it is at the discretion of the individual with the gun to go and register it upon arriving into the state in three days. If they choose not to an unregistered firearm is now in the state without anyone knowing the fact it is here. Someone who would do that intentionally is probably willing to break other laws as well and to me would be a much bigger threat to the safety of Hawaii as a whole.

Mahalo,

Chris



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DANIEL REID, HAWAII STATE LIAISON

January 31, 2018

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara
Chair, House Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Sent Via Email

Re: Senate Bill 2046 – OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Nishihara:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, we strongly oppose Senate Bill 2046.

SB 2046 would make it a crime to own, manufacture, possess, sell, barter, trade, gift, transfer or acquire a firearm accessory or any other device, part or combination of parts that is designed to or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm. In addition, SB 2046 would also criminalize installing, removing, or altering parts of a firearm with the intent to accelerate the rate of fire.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly 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 oppose this legislation.

Cordially,

Daniel S. Reid
State Liaison

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:50:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lynne matusow		Support	No

Comments:

Please accept this as testimony in strong support. These devices serve no purpose other than to do mass killings, i.e. Las Vegas, to name just one.

Unfortunatly, we must monitor firearms owners and sellers to protect the public, as they seem unable to do so, as they want to play with their toys.

lynne matusow

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:14:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marcus Tanaka		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

This bill will be nothing but problems. I understand it's intentions are good, but it is poorly written. Almost the same bill was introduced for federal law a few months ago after the Vegas shooting (HB3030 and a few more). But all the bills were not passed because they are poorly written. So here is why:

1) The ATF have known about bump stocks since they were invented (10 years ago). But they understand that even without this accessory, "bump firing" is still possible (mimicking automatic fire). It can be done with a rubber band, belt loop on your pants, even how firmly you hold your rifle. So they couldn't come up with a specific definition of a "bump stock" without making the entire rifle illegal. And they know there are over a dozen different ways of creating bump fire. So making a law about it would be useless.

2) The last 4 words of the 2nd amendment state "Shall not be infringed". So isn't this bill infringing on my right to bear arms?

3) Any person who installs, removes, or alters a firearm part with the intent to convert the firearm to an automatic firearm, or to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm, shall be deemed to have manufactured an automatic firearm in violation of subsection (a) .It

The key word is "intent". So how do you prove intent? This would be a huge waste of tax payer money and time to prove intent. So again the bill is poorly written. One could say "I installed this part because it helps with accuracy. That is my intent of this part."

4) or any part, combination of parts, component, device, attachment, or accessory that is designed or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm

Again, did the person who wrote this section have any understanding of how a rifle works? Many gun enthusiast install after market triggers that take less force to pull by your index finger (know as trigger weight). This helps with accuracy. The problem is

that different manufacturers make different trigger weights. There is no standard unit of measure when it comes to this. So how do you determine if someone made it easier to pull a trigger faster since there is no clear definition and no industry standard? Basically this part is to vague and leaves to much interpretation.

Not only a lighter trigger can increase the rate of fire of a gun, but there are about 5 other parts that can do the same. And all these parts are made by different companies which have no "industry standard".

There are many competitive shooting leagues in Hawaii (ISPCA, HPS, etc...) and all of them are allowed to use a lighter trigger per the nation wide leagues rules. So by having the wording above, you basically killed this sport in Hawaii. See below youtube video of what I'm talking about.

5) Like I mentioned in #1, you don't even need anything extra to mimic bump firing. It can be done with a limp wrist. Feel free to youtube this and you will understand how useless this law will be. All it will do is put more people in jail and take away their 2nd amendment rights.

6) There is little we can do to stop someone with evil in their hearts. If someone wanted to do a mass shooting and mimic automatic rifle fire, then they would just need a rubber band. So this brings me to the point that criminals do not obey the laws. Like the recent shooting in Wakiki that left 1 guy dead. The shooter used a rifle. Well guess what it's against the law to bring a rifle to anywhere but your residents, business, range, gunsmith, or gun show. So the shooter broke 1 of many laws that morning.

7) Referring back to #3, different manufacturers make their rifles fire at different rates. So again there is no industry standard. So by Hawaii's law, all these mainland manufacturers will be breaking the law if their product can fire faster than the other guys one.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:20:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am against this bill as a person who has loss part of the strength of my index finger due to surgery, I required modifications to the triggers to some of my firearms. The question is how do you determine that the trigger has been change? Many triggers are alike with very small changes of how they operate and you will not be able to tell if they were changed. This is another bill that cannot be enforced nor are police officers able to determine if the triggers are changed. How do you enforce something you cannot see nor can determined if changed.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:25:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

As a female many triggers are too heavy for me to pull. Without the ability to change triggers, many of the firearms will be difficult for me to shoot. I have a Ruger revolver and my husband and I changed the trigger so the pull is not that great as normally it would be for me. I am against this bill as it discriminates me as a female who may not be as strong as a male counter parts.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 3:16:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
steven a kumasaka		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, and voter, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046.

SB 2046 would make it a crime to own, manufacture, possess, sell, barter, trade, gift, transfer or acquire a firearm accessory or any other device, part or combination of parts that is designed to or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm. In addition, SB 2046 would also criminalize installing, removing, or altering parts of a firearm with the intent of accelerating the rate of fire.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining or using such devices, and only serve to automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight for no reason at all. In addition, it does not address the root cause of gun violence, which is mental illness and psychiatric medications.

mahalo

Steven Kumasaka, hawaii resident and voter

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 4:36:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sean C Goo		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I am against this bill. It does nothing to stop the criminals and it prevents me from enjoying the sport and hobby that I grew up with. I am an avid sportsman, hunter and target shooter that. The question I have is how are you going to enforce this. You will not be able to tell if a firearms trigger has been changed or altered. Oppose this bill.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 5:34:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon Abbott		Oppose	Yes

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?

This bill is flawed to such an extent that the authors should be ashamed of themselves. 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 every member of this committee to take a good long-hard look at the wording of this proposed legislation, for it only punishes the law abiding. Honestly, I am exasperated by the continued assault on the rights of law abiding citizens. And I will stand for it no longer.

Vote no on this bill and any bill like it.

Jon Abbott

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 11:12:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Devin Sasai		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Senators,

Thank you for your time and for your service. I am writing you in OPPOSITION of SB2046. We are all shocked and appalled at any senseless act of violence. And while we all feel like it is our duty do something to prevent any further atrocities, we must be mindful of all those that can and will be impacted by any type of new legislation that is introduced. As much as I applaud your willingness and effort to protect our community, I must say that SB2046 is as much flawed as it is unconstitutional, and will have little to no effect in preventing a mass tragedy such as the one witnessed in Las Vegas, and obviously was the catalyst for this bill.

I'd like to point to some key points that will highlight my objections to SB2046. The first of which is the fact that all of the proposed devices you wish to ban are part of a wide, and vague spectrum. The bill proposed DOES NOT only ban the device used by the shooter in Las Vegas, and others like it, but it also covers any firearms trigger modification that many competitive, and recreational shooters use in their firearms to make themselves better, safer shooters. That fact that you are using broad terms such as ".....any part, combination of parts, component, device, attachment, or accessory....." would deem aftermarket match grade triggers, non-factory replacement parts or springs, or even simple, licensed gunsmith trigger modifications, a violation of the proposed bill, as these items, in essence, will "....accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm." Also, the fact remains that by passage of this bill, you will instantly create a population of criminals, simply because they have already legally modified their firearms trigger system. Not because they want to commit a violent mass shooting, but because they wish to be a better, more accurate, and safer shooter.

The second point that I'd like to make is that the measure is a clear violation of the 5th Amendments of the Bill of Rights. If passed, SB2046 has no remedy, or clause for compensation of the value of the firearm, or accessory deemed illegal. No appeals process, so called grandfather clause, or compensation schedule have been proposed, or outlined, in the event that firearms, and accessories that fall under this category are confiscated, or voluntarily surrendered to authorities. Such an act is clearly in violation of both the due process and compensation under eminent domain. The courts have said numerous times that confiscation for "public use" is not limited to actually use in public, but also if the said confiscation of property has a direct benefit to public welfare or

interest. By proposing this bill, you are clearly stating that SB2046 should be enacted at the benefit of public welfare and interest. Without any proposed remedies or schedules, SB2046, as presented is clearly unconstitutional.

Lastly, as much as we all want to believe that passing new legislation against a method or tool used in an atrocity will prevent future incidents from happening, the fact has always, and will always remain that people with evil intentions will find ways to carry out their evil plans. Whether by a plane flown into a building, cars driven onto bike paths, or even a maniac in a hotel with guns, enacting SB2046 will not prevent these type of tragedies from happening. The only thing SB2046 will do is create a black market for these "devices" where criminals, who don't care about the law, will be the only ones with access to them. The fact that you are trying to enact a bill to keep our public safe by banning a certain class of items, yet creating the opportunity, and environment to put that "trigger modification device" in the hands of the VERY TYPE OF PERSON that WOULD misuse it in the way we saw in Las Vegas, is ironic, hypocritical, and tragic.

I want to thank you all for your time and attention, and I humbly ask that you vote against SB2046.

Sincerely,

Devin Sasai

Kapolei, Hawaii

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 11:48:37 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lee		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

This is a case of horrible knee-jerk reaction by legislators who knows little about the specifics of what they are proposing. Most sporting firearm triggers are tuned by owners to be better or even safer firearms for sports, hunting, or self-defense. This will do little to or have any impact on violent crimes in our state, it is another waste of time and resource. This is a clear case of our legislators not having the knowledge to propose into laws that which they know little about. Please, please, please, educate yourself on this topic and ask if you are actually making a positive impact on society or are you merely spouting partisan talking points. I believe your oath includes the portion which states, "..I swear to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States..", the State Constitution is almost verbatim so check what you are doing to the good people of Hawai'i.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 8:38:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sterling Luna		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, and voter, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046. For many reasons, my personal reason is these specific modifications assist in overcoming handicaps and contribute nothing to reduction in prohibited unlawful actions. Thank you

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 9:36:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barry P Fitzgerald	Mr	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Please let the ATF&E deal w/bump stocks. Many target firearms have special triggers to aid in more accurate shooting. They have nothing to do w/making a firearm have a select fire capability ie: shoot like a machine gun.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 12:38:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this measure. This bill is too broad in its' restrictions banning everything from bump stocks, a gimmicky device that performs a function that can be achieved with a stiff finger, rubber band or belt loop, to aftermarket triggers. Aftermarket triggers come in all shapes and pull weights for every type of firearm. You can find them in AR-15's, shotguns, bolt action rifles and handguns. While they may allow proficient shooters to shoot faster, they can also help people with disabilities to be able to pull a trigger at all. Not only will this law be as ineffective as every other anti-gun law but it is impossible to enforce.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 12:41:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Allan Bacon		Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is not only ridiculous, but it would do nothing to curtail gun violence and would only affect law abiding citizens. There has only been one crime committed in the United States in history with a bump stock. The tack on ban triggers is simply another way to infringe on American citizen rights and Hawaiian rights.

There is no practical statistical information one could use to support the ban of these items. This is simply a knee jerk, feel good reaction rather than an intelligently thought out piece of legislation.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:18:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly Oppose.bill is to broad.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:20:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill retroactively punishes law-abiding Hawaii residents for isolated incidents on the US Mainland. There has been no record of any mass firearm deaths as a result of these items in the State of Hawaii.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:40:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:51:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

In short, punishing those who modify their triggers for lighter resistance is the equivalent to punishing those who add motors to wheelchairs. This bill needs to be amended and the wording needs to be more specific.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:52:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joe Alejandro		Oppose	No

Comments:

Sirs, Ma'ams,

This bill is unconstitutional as well as a useless one. It is a prime example of "let them take an inch, they'll take a mile". These modifications aren't limited to just triggers and bump stocks. Some are the entire gun internals themselves (ie bolt carrier, buffer, spring, gas port sizing, muzzle device, etc) which work in unison with the most important part of what makes it go bang: the operator of the firearm, who is also capable of accelerating the rate of fire without any modification. How will this be regulated if people have fast fingers to begin with? With all due respect, this is an overreach of authority.

V/R,

Joe Alejandro

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:53:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kawika Freitas		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. We dont say its prohibited to have a car that goes over 50 MPH, even though cars kill alot more people than guns. According to FBI UCR there where 248 rifle deaths in 2014 and 1,567 KNIFE deaths. We are not regulating knives. There were over 400 PEOPLE KILLED WITH HAMMERS. That's almost twice as many as rifles, which this bill is trying to target. When have you seen a bill on tactical hammers?

Again we strongly oppose this bill, our 2nd amendment is being violated.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 2:03:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Another knee jerk, "Feel Good" bill that has no effect on criminals, only law abiding citizens. This is an obvious attempt at restricting the rights of gun owners for no good reason. It does nothing to protect the public, it merely serves to advance a party agenda. Based on a questionable and incomplete investigation at that.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 2:11:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, and voter, I urge you to please **oppose Senate Bill 2046**.

SB 2046 would make it a crime to own, manufacture, possess, sell, barter, trade, gift, transfer or acquire a firearm accessory or any other device, part or combination of parts that is designed to or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm. In addition, SB 2046 would also criminalize installing, removing, or altering parts of a firearm with the intent of accelerating the rate of fire.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence or criminals from obtaining or using such devices, and only serve to automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight for no reason at all.

Again, please **oppose Senate Bill 2046**.

Sincerely,
Brendon Heal, VOTER
91-682 Kilinahe St
Ewa Beach, HI 96706-2716

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 2:20:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is overly broad. I don't have a problem with banning bump stocks, but modifying the trigger of a firearm used in competition should not be hindered or banned. There are specific categories or classes of competition from stock, to slightly modified, to open race guns. This bill would make owners of modified guns (many can be bought factory modified) criminals.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 2:55:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence or criminals from obtaining or using such devices, and only serve to automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight for no reason at all.

Please do not pass Senate Bill 2046.

Jeff Ball

99-758 Meaala St.

aiea, HI

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 2:59:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 3:01:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danny Tran		Oppose	No

Comments:

The terms used in this bill are far too vague and could easily be misinterpreted. The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability

To outright ban the use of aftermarket or modifications to a trigger on the sole basis that they are used to "accelerate the rate of fire" is wrong. Far more people often modify their triggers with the intent of accuracy, not a high rate of fire. When lightening or smoothening the trigger, it allows hunters, sportsmens, or recreational shooters to be more accurate in their shooting disciplines in the same sense that a marathon runner would choose lighter shoes to reduce strain and gain a stamina advantage.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence or criminals from obtaining or using such devices, and only serve to automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight for no reason at all. Furthermore, this also hurts the sport/competition shooters, recreational shooters and hunters.

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, and voter, I urge you to please **oppose** Senate Bill 2046.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 3:28:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
taylor sumida		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 3:29:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Audie Gerilla		Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, I oppose Senate Bill 2046.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

Again, I oppose Senate Bill 2046.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 3:53:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordon Ho		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining illegal weapons. And will instead automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight to no fault of their own. In addition it does address the root cause of gun violence. Which is mental illness and psychiatric medications.

Mahalo,

Gordon Ho

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 3:58:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Mahalo

Sheldon Miyakado, hawaii resident and voter

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 4:10:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Herald Nones		Oppose	No

Comments:

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mahalo

macsak, hawaii resident and voter

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 4:25:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimo Nakata		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I find that the endeavor to classify bumpstocks and increasing rate of fire modifications is too vague and undiscernible by our current laws and constitution:

1. BUMP STOCKS DO NOT FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "MACHINE GUN" UNDER THE NFA.

The Obama administration was correct when, in 2010, it determined that bump stocks did not convert semi-autos into fully automatic firearms.

Federal law says, in part, that a machine gun is a weapon that can fire "automatically more than one shot ... by a single function of the trigger." The definition includes "...any part designed and intended solely and exclusively ... for use in converting a weapon into a machinegun..." (26 U.S.C. 5845(b))

According to this definition, a "bump stock" does not fall within this definition.

With a "bump stock," each and every round is discharged as the result of an independent pull of the trigger. So it is simply untrue that the "bump stock" assists the discharge of more than one round "by a single function of the trigger" -- no matter how fast the gun discharges rounds.

One pull, one discharge. This is the classic textbook definition of a SEMI-automatic firearm.

If the ATF were to illegitimately use a standard based on "increasing the rate of fire" to ban or regulate bump stocks, then what is to stop it from illegitimately holding that other rate-increasing devices -- like belt loops, sticks or fingers -- are "machineguns" as well? YouTube abounds with examples of people using these items to increase the rate of fire of their semi-autos.

2. ATF HAS NO CONSTITUTIONAL OR LEGAL AUTHORITY TO BAN OR REGULATE BUMP STOCKS.

The ATF's statutory authority, contained at 6 U.S.C. 531, is very narrow. Nowhere does federal law give ATF the general authority to regulate the safety of firearms, accessories, or parts. This is important, because, if federal law did do this, then it could administratively ban semi-automatics, or handguns, or all guns.

Constitutionally, the Second Amendment says the right of the people to keep and bear arms "shall not be infringed." Our rights are not privileges from the government that can be revoked or regulated at will. And regulating or banning bump stocks would serve as unconstitutional infringements.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 4:25:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlston Cheng		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 5:13:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Hirata		Oppose	No

Comments:

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mahalo

hawaii resident and voter

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 5:17:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Any device that causes a firearm to function as an automatic weapon should be under the rules of the BATF and subject to Federal legislation to provide a consistent legal status throughout the country. Hawaii should not be acting to make specific devices illegal, but should weigh in on regulations or legislation on the Federal level. If the devices are found to be Class III, then Hawaii will already have made them illegal by not being a Class II state.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 5:17:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Ilo		Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose!

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 5:33:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephen Kobayashi		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Stephen Kobayashi, hawaii resident and voter

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 7:01:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danilo M. Apilado		Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is flawed to such an extent that the authors should be ashamed of themselves. 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.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 7:37:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donald Moreno		Oppose	No

Comments:

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?

This bill is flawed to such an extent that the authors should be ashamed of themselves. 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 every member of this committee to take a good long-hard look at the wording of this proposed legislation, for it only punishes the law abiding. Honestly, I am exasperated by the continued assault on the rights of law abiding citizens. And I will stand for it no longer.

Vote no on this bill and any bill like it.

Don Moreno

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 7:39:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Carroll		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB2046, it is nonsense and will not avert, reduce, or prevent any crimes. Common improvements to trigger functioning are used to improve marksmanship skill, and are used in statewide and national championship competitions, which will now be considered crimes, and compared to the whimsical statement of converting a semiautomatic firearm to a machine gun. It doesn't make sense, it doesn't pass the common sense test, and it is impractical. The main purpose of improving trigger functioning is so that it is smooth and crisp, and you don't have to jerk the trigger while concentrating on your aim. Forcing Hawaii residents to be stuck with crappy USGI or original issue triggers, know for gritty feel or creep, severely handicaps Hawaii competitive shooters, hunters, and also handicaps recreational shooters who shoot as a hobby at Koko Head. Hawaii shooters spend a lot of money on improving trigger feel, and there is nothing even remotely criminal about that, yet, SB2046 suddenly criminalizes law-abiding citizens. This is wrong. Plain and simple.

Please do not allow SB2046 to move forward, it needs to be thrown in the trashcan. Hawaii has more than enough firearms restrictions on the books already, more than most other states, and enforcement of existing laws would go much further than passing nonsense legislation such as SB2046.

Respectfully submitted.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 8:35:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Layne Hazama		Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose SB 2046. As a long time law abiding firearms owner and enthusiast, this measure would serve to criminalize a number of firearms parts and accessories in common usage. From competition shooting to hunting. The wording of the measure is too broad and would do nothing to curb violence nor prevent those who choose to ignore laws currently in place. This measure will only serve to infringe on the 2nd Amendment rights of law abiding gun owners.

Respectilly request the committee reconsider the verbiage of this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

Layne Hazama

Registered Voter

920 Ward Ave. Honolulu, HI

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 8:50:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Arakawa		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 2046.

The language of SB 2046 is vague and unenforceable. The added restrictions introduced by this bill will do nothing to curb violence or deter criminals.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 8:52:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this measure because it seeks to solve a non-existent problem.

It is therefore a waste of my tax dollars.

Furthermore, due to the very technical nature of this sort of legislation, it may inadvertently cause innocent hobbyists to suddenly become criminals by tinkering or repairing a favorite firearm.

There are many other real problems to deal with. Don't waste my money and your time trying to solve an imaginary problem.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 9:57:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phillip Wilson		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 10:10:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matt		Oppose	No

Comments:

As it stands I think the bill is a little too vague and leaves too wide of a gray area.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 10:43:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lee Nakasone		Oppose	No

Comments:

I respectfully urge all Hawaii elected officials to oppose this bill. It will not do anything to stop violence nor reduce crime in any meaningful way. If anything, it will turn law abiding individuals into criminals.

One question that you should ask yourselves is this: who does this bill serve? This bill is flawed in such a way that the authors should really think about what it is they're trying to accomplish. Devices that this bill covers as being illegal are devices that are used by hundreds of thousands of shooters in Hawaii to make their firearms more accurate. The more accurate a firearm can be shot, the safer it is. Increased accuracy makes firearms inherently safer. As a member of the Army Reserve and a gun owner, I know from experience that good quality triggers do help increase safety.

In closing, I respectfully urge every elected official to take a good look at the wording of this proposal and understand that it will only punish the law abiding. Honestly, I am very disappointed in the continued assault on the rights of law abiding citizens; people who follow the law and have done no harm to anyone. I am a staunch supporter of the 2nd Amendment and will always stand up for mine and my fellow citizen's rights to keep and bear arms against any infringement.

I once again urge all elected officials to vote no to this and any and all similar bills.

Lee Nakasone

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 11:42:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jescelyn Lubas		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining illegal weapons. And will instead automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight to no fault of their own. In addition it does address the root cause of gun violence. Which is a diversity of things mental illness, individuals with intent to do harm and criminals.

Mahalo,

Jescelyn

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 11:43:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jestiny lubas		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046.

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Mahalo, Jestiny

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 11:48:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Connie Ho		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046.

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Mahalo,

Connie Ho

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 12:25:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

No reference to facts for this bill makes for bad decisions. Oppose.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 12:28:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leo Sun		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046. The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability. These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining illegal weapons. And will instead automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight to no fault of their own. In addition it does address the root cause of gun violence. Which is a diversity of things mental illness, individuals with intent to do harm and criminals.

Mahalo,

Leo Sun

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 12:31:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordon Ho		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046. The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability. These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining illegal weapons. And will instead automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight to no fault of their own. In addition it does address the root cause of gun violence. Which is a diversity of things mental illness, individuals with intent to do harm and criminals.

Mahalo,

Gordon Ho

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 12:34:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordo		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046. The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability. These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining illegal weapons. And will instead automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight to no fault of their own. In addition it does address the root cause of gun violence. Which is a diversity of things mental illness, individuals with intent to do harm and criminals.

Mahalo,

Gordon Ho

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 12:36:33 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordon		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046. The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability. These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining illegal weapons. And will instead automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight to no fault of their own. In addition it does address the root cause of gun violence. Which is a diversity of things mental illness, individuals with intent to do harm and criminals.

Mahalo,

Gordon

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 6:32:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren808		Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, and voter, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046.

SB 2046 would make it a crime to own, manufacture, possess, sell, barter, trade, gift, transfer or acquire a firearm accessory or any other device, part or combination of parts that is designed to or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm. In addition, SB 2046 would also criminalize installing, removing, or altering parts of a firearm with the intent of accelerating the rate of fire.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining or using such devices, and only serve to automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight for no reason at all. In addition, it does not address the root cause of gun violence, which is mental illness and psychiatric medications.
mahalo,

Warren
Ewa Beach Hawaii resident and voter

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 8:47:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
scott shimoda		Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose SB2046.

This bill is to broad and overreaching in its scope.

Thank you,

Scott Shimoda

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:20:59 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill will do nothing but place further restrictions on law-abiding citizens. This is another example of "hang the hardware" legislation. It does not accomplish anything.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:52:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this law.

SB2046 would make it a crime to own, possess or acquire a firearm accessory or parts that is disigned to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm.

These restrictions will do nothing to stop violence or criminals, just make Law Abiding Citizens criminals.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 11:05:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Austin White		Oppose	No

Comments:

Re: SB2046

Aloha

I wish to express my opposition to SB2436 and urge you to oppose this bill.

SB 2046 would make it a crime to own, manufacture, possess, sell, barter, trade, gift, transfer or acquire a firearm accessory or any other device, part or combination of parts that is designed to or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm. In addition, SB 2046 would also criminalize installing, removing, or altering parts of a firearm with the intent of accelerating the rate of fire.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining or using such devices, and only serve to automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight for no reason at all. In addition, it does not address the root cause of gun violence, which is mental illness and psychiatric medications.

Mahalo

Austin White

Mililani, Hi

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 11:52:37 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leo		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining illegal weapons. And will instead automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight to no fault of their own. In addition it does address the root cause of gun violence. Which is a diversity of things mental illness, individuals with intent to do harm and criminals.

Mahalo,
Leo Sun

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 11:53:19 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill, as with many firearms related bills, this bill is poorly written and without regard to law abiding citizens, sports, recreational, and competitive shooters. This bill will adversely affect those mentioned in my testimony, my opposition is in the fact that the way this bill is written, if I decide to change out the factory trigger on my firearm for an aftermarket upgrade of a better performing trigger, or a factory replacement for a broken trigger, I will be committing a crime. I implore all of you to educate yourselves regarding firearms before trying to make laws to regulate them.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 12:13:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jason Pierce		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/30/2018 1:48:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It would criminalize competition shooters.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 6:26:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Galli		Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 6:34:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is vague and needs to be more specific and less open to interpretation.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 7:21:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Fuchikami		Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to SB2046 because it is too broad and vague. It covers things that shouldn't because items like trigger mods do not make a firearm more dangerous. In fact, the mods I've already made to my rifle make it safer in that it is more accurate for match/target competitions as well as for hunting purposes. Having a trigger with a "rough" pull causes jerkiness, etc. that can pull the rifle off target and possibly hit something you didn't intend to hit. This bill needs the input of those who KNOW firearms and work on them and understand them completely rather than some lawmaker who knows absolutely little if anything about firearms and their functions. Firearm experts (ie. licensed gunsmiths, etc.) should be consulted rather than drafting legislation willy-nilly based on personal feelings and emotions. I hope that this bill will be tabled until it can be properly written, otherwise you will be creating thousands of criminals out of law-abiding citizens who have innocently modified their firearms for better and safer performance. Thank you.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 7:38:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. The prohibition on the adjustment/replacement of triggers does not enhance safety in our community. Triggers are adjusted or replaced routinely to improve firearm safety preventing unwanted discharge. Whether the change is made by the manufacturer, owner, or gunsmith, it is inappropriate to make it a criminal offense. We also have competitors in our State who participate in nationally-sanctioned rifle and pistol matches here and on the mainland using firearms with after market triggers or customized triggers to improve performance and accuracy. These are law-abiding citizens not criminals!

The issue on bump stocks should be addressed by ATF, not our State Legislature.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 7:49:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth Kelson		Oppose	No

Comments:

Since the Hawaii legislature is no way qualified to determine what kind of modifications to a firearm would make it more likely to be used in an illegal or unlawful manner, you should defer to the ATF for guidance. Trying to dictate what you think ought to be done is just a political maneuver.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 8:07:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I wish to express my strong opposition of SB 2046. First off this is a Federal not a State matter. By imposing arbitrary measures, the State would be creating a legal mess that they do not need. Secondly, the ambiguity of the Bill leaves much to be desired. Would someone who replaces a firing pin or trigger assembly be guilty of violating SB 2046? How about just modifying an action for competition? This proposal would only further the confusing rules that Hawaii has placed on legal shooters and hunters.

Mahalo,

Kevin J. Cole, Col USAF ret.

Mililani HI.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 8:14:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

The bill is vague and leaves interpretation of what is illegal to the law enforcement agencies.

Let the ATF deal with the bump stock issue, not the Hawaii Legislature.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 8:17:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability. Please do not erode the U.S Constitution that I support and defend (22 years, Hawaii Guardsman) by supporting the passage of this bill.

Mahalo,

Sean Mattimoe

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:09:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Fujii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Gentlemen:

This bill must FAIL.

As a gun enthusiast, perfecting a trigger on a firearm is an art and part of the pleasure of the firearm experience. It is akin to finely tuning a violin to play with precision or to sing an aria and hit every octave.

Many companies have made their "mark" on this issue such as Cylinder and Slide "C&S". C&S perfects a trigger to be smooth, like silk. A thing of beauty, a thing a hack cannot do. But this thing of beauty would be illegal under this bill.

We are enthusiasts and expect the right to tune our instrument, as you have the right to tune a violin or tune the transmission in a Mustang.

Don't take away our rights!

FAIL this bill.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:13:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Owning a trigger modification device DOES NO HARM to anyone and DOES NOT deserve punishment. Shooting people does harm to them, and the strongest punishments should be used for the sake of justice and possibly a deterrent. The best and fastest deterrent is a well-armed citizenry.

A law such as this is usually justified along the lines of, "If it might just prevent one death, possibly, then it's worth it." The reality is this law, if passed, won't prevent crime. It will, however, endanger the innocent who might otherwise be better equipped to defend themselves.

An analogy is how "gun-free" zones turn into fields of slaughter when exploited by the evil, despite the intent of lawmakers to increase safety (and uninformed citizens who don't understand the role firearms play in public safety).

Laws attempting to disarm criminals only increase the ability of criminals to prey on the innocent. In the same fashion, attempting to limit law-abiding citizens from technical progress in firearms development will put them at a disadvantage to evil-doers.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:15:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mario C Yano		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:20:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
PJ Long III		Oppose	No

Comments:

Here it is yet again, another knee-jerk reaction to a hideous, one-off incident involving a crazy...Thank goodness we have a Senator to stand in the gap to protect the people of Hawaii. Who knows, he could have SINGLE-HANDEDLY STOPPED Stephen Paddock, had he only lived in Nevada, and passed a law!

The author of this proposal, and his backers are simply out make criminals out of good, honest citizens. Thanks to his efforts, I am listed on an FBI database with every other criminal in the country; my "Crime" -simply that I'm a gun owner in the state of Hawaii.

This bill does absolutely NOTHING to prevent terrorists from carrying out their misguided actions and will NEVER prevent other criminals from theirs as well. Laws are for the law-abiding.

Furthermore, the broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 go much further than their original scope. As written it would criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability. Firearms are as customizable as any motor vehicle.

There is no difference between adding aftermarket accessories to a rifle and modifying the horsepower, stability, and handling of of a car or truck. Every other garage in this state has a car or truck that someone is lovingly putting time, money, and effort into making it "faster on the 1/4 mile" or "smoother in the turns." Yet far more lives are lost or catastrophically altered, in this country, due to motor vehicle collisions than all firearm mishaps combined.

Simply put, this bill is only designed to pile on more restrictions and prohibitions on an already compliant, law-abiding community. I urge the members of the committee to set aside this proposal and not allow it to advance.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:37:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bruce F Braun		Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:43:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable Senator,

I am writing this message to express my alarm and concern over SB 2046.

This bill, as written, seeks to extend the legal definition of a prohibited firearm to include, potentially, any modification to a semi-automatic arm that would, in the ambiguous wording of the bill, seek to "accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm".

Given the open-ended nature of this statement, this could be interpreted to include ANY trigger modification that would, instead, be primarily intended to enhance a semiautomatic firearm for use in precision shooting.

Such legitimate modifications are often made by gunsmiths, gun owners, and officials of the shooting community. Many types of precision triggers and trigger packs are built by reputable firearm manufacturers to help improve the precision of rifles and pistols of all types, through the provision of a more predictable and repeatable trigger action. As applied to semi-automatic arms, they are NOT intended simply to increase the rate of fire. However, such an interpretation might be made, depending upon the interpretation of the act by an individual agent seeking to enforce the law at a particular point in time. Creating a class of criminals out of otherwise law-abiding citizens should not be the primary goal of such a bill.

Please vote to reject SB 2046. It is ambiguous and dangerous, and would in effect criminalize a reasonable modification common to a wide range of firearms.

Sincerely,

Russell Price
1707 Bertram St.
Honolulu, HI 96816
808-763-9653

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:03:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a firearms instructor, competitive marksman, and gun rights supporter and I oppose SB2046 because it will ban legitimate modifications and accessories for firearms.

There are many legitimate uses of firearms modifications and accessories, especially to improve and lighten trigger systems which make the gun fire. Competitive rifle and pistol shooters use these to improve accuracy, ease of use, and allows for slightly quicker shots. Modifications can also be used to help those with hand weaknesses, such as carpal tunnel syndrome, who have a difficult time pulling the trigger. Hunters modify triggers to improve accuracy on their rifles to make clean humane kills on game animals.

Firearms manufacturers will often install heavy triggers that require additional strength to manipulate. This is often for liability reasons to reduce the chance of accidental gun firings. The downside is the firearm is less accurate and harder to use. Many firearm owners modify or install improved triggers to correct this but will be made illegal with this law. Furthermore the law is vague on what modifications and accessories are banned. Heavier recoil springs, surface coatings, lighter components, and other modifications are used to tune firearms performance while inadvertently speeding the rate of fire in minute amounts.

Please oppose SB2046 which may ban legitimate firearm modifications for law abiding owners. Please contact me if you have any questions on firearms modifications and accessories.

Mahalo

Todd Yukutake

Ph. 808-255-3066

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:43:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
stuart saito		Oppose	No

Comments:

strongly oppose this bill is too vague and leaves too much open to interpretation

let the feds handle gun issues we have very strict gun laws in hawaii compared to most states

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:43:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert		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 citizens. A bump stock has only been used in one crime by a madman in Vegas. This Bill was written out of fear. There are thousands of these stocks in circulation as this product and its variants, have been around for several years now.

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 an NRA instructor who is responsible for teaching firearms safety, I can attest to the ability of good quality triggers to help increase safety. In short, these triggers save lives and prevent injury.

The language in this Bill makes it nearly impossible to be enforced by HPD. You would be asking every gun owning citizen to bring in all their firearms to HPD firearms department so that they can be inspected to see if they have a bump stock on it or a questionable aftermarket trigger. While a bump stock would be obvious to spot, its a much different world if you are asking HPD to check triggers. They would pretty much have to disassemble the firearm, be able to recognize one of the thousands of aftermarket triggers, then correctly reassemble the firearm. Basically, everyone in the firearms department would need to be a gunsmith.

I urge every member of this committee to take a good long-hard look at the wording of this proposed legislation, for it only punishes the citizens of Hawaii. I would love it if all of people who support this Bill would come out and take a firearms safety class from my wife. She is an excellent teacher and is very good at encouraging new gun owners. She will teach you the difference that a quality trigger can make.

Vote no on this bill and any bill like it.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2018 7:04:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I strongly oppose SB2046, relating to trigger modification devices. This bill is a knee-jerk reaction to a tragedy that happened in 2017. Do the research, have meeting with industry leaders, and ask the people, your constituents before introduction an empty, one-sided bill to restrict trigger modification devices that infringes on the second amendment and criminalizing law abiding citizens. The real problem is evil people will do evil things. Why create more laws, when current laws are not enforced.

Thank you for NOT passing this bill.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 7:24:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Shimabukuro		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because I believe the State should not be involved in interpreting what modifications/accessories should be legal. This responsibility should remain with ATF.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 7:47:40 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I strongly oppose SB2046 relating to trigger modification devices. Where is the proof that a trigger modification device will increase the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm? Provide data, meet with industry leaders, and ask the people, your constituents before introduction an empty, one-sided bill. SB2046 implies that a trigger modification devices will turn a semiautomatic firearm into an automatic firearm and this is not true. Trigger modification devices do not accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm. Commercial trigger modification devices do not change the rate of fire. They are still designed to release a single shot with every pull of the trigger. Trigger modification devices are used by the precision shooters to provide a more accurate shot placement in competition and target shooting; and for the average firearm owner to enjoy improve performance over that of the standard trigger provided in the firearm. There are state and federal laws in place that prohibit modifying a semiautomatic firearm to fire in an automatic mode, increase rate of fire. SB2046 infringes on the second amendment and will criminalize law abiding citizens. The real problem is evil people will do evil things. Why create more laws, when current laws are not enforced.

DO NOT pass SB2046!

Thank you.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 8:09:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marc		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2046 for the reason that it is much too restrictive and reactive to the tragedy in Las Vegas. While bump stocks and trigger cranks are questionable in their practicality, this bill would also restrict simple trigger upgrades used by hobbyists and competition shooters alike. The trigger upgrades used by many do help the gun shoot faster but do not take away from the accuracy which is why it is practical, reasonable, and used in shooting sports.

I appreciate the time taken to consider my opposition to this bill.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 8:39:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/31/2018 8:50:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to SB2046 because the language of the bill is to broad reaching and does not only ban bump stocks. If you take the wording of the law as it is written, you would be outlawing any replacement trigger to a semi-automatic firearm that is not a stock trigger. Today there really is no such thing as a stock trigger on a semi-auto rifle when a person is leagally capable of building their own rifle from legally purchased parts which would include the trigger mechanism. There are many aftermarket triggers that enhance the feel of a trigger press but that does not necessarily aide in the rate of fire of a semi-auto firearm.

Thanks,

Brandon

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 9:09:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael W Sawamoto		Oppose	No

Comments:

Language is too vague - could ban any modification to legal sporting and competition firearms. I urge a no vote on this bill. Thank you.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 9:26:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Lodge		Oppose	No

Comments:

VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE!

As Chair of the Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission, I **vigorously oppose** this legislation. For one thing, Bump Stocks are an ATF issue!. The rest of the bill seems purposefully vague and serves absolutely no safety purpose, but instead could make felons out of law abiding target shooters and hunters who may work on their legally owned firearms for safety, accuracy, or function.

Please think of all of the legal shooters you are jeopardizing with this sort of legislation for absolutely no purpose whatsoever. We **OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION!**

Much Aloha,

Tom Lodge

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 9:38:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew E. Sutton		Oppose	No

Comments:

Although I specifically oppose "bump stocks", the language of this bill needs a great deal of technical research. This research should be, at least in part, including the Federal ATF interpretation. This is a highly technical topic and I just don't see that an adequate level of rigor has been applied here yet.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 10:03:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

This bill needs to be clarified. It is too vague and subject to misinterpretation. "Modifying" a firearm Trigger is not necessarily increasing it's rate of fire.

Controlling Bump stocks on the other hand I can understand.

Please understand that imposing restrictions on law abiding citizens does absolutely nothing. It only makes the righteous defenseless. Those with ill intentions will always be able to obtain an illegal firearm as easily as they are obtaining illegal drugs.

Thank you,

Todd

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 11:02:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill will not make us safer. You can bump fire a rifle without such a device attached. My concern is that this would make it illegal to may any modification to a guns trigger, even just to improve it for target shooting purposes (and not to increase fire rate, per se).

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 11:06:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is too vague. Let the ATF deal with this issue.

Thank you,

Lyle Hiromoto

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 12:08:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Murray		Oppose	No

Comments:

Clarification needs to be made for the terms "Trigger modification device." If this refers to a device or tool used to modify a trigger allowing it to fire faster then that would assume a gunsmithing tool that can be used on triggers. This could include specialty made tools for trigger modification. But this also would include simple tools like a metal file or sandpaper.

Clarification needs to be made on exactly what modifications to the trigger are going to be banned. If a metal file is used to reduce the trigger pull distance by 0.5 mm thus shortening the distance required to pull the trigger which may speed up the rate of fire by a very small amount (this is actually done for accuracy, not rate of fire) would that be made illegal?

How would this be determined since only a gunsmith would be able to tell if there were modifications? There is no standard for trigger pull weight and distance so what is the basis for comparison to determine if an illegal modification has been made?

It is also extremely common for a manufacturer to offer a number of options of triggers that are factory installed. If a slightly faster trigger is installed at the factory, what is the rate of fire that determines which triggers can be installed at the factory?

Firearm receivers can be purchased without any trigger installed. The purchaser then installs the trigger. With literally hundreds of options in triggers that have differences in ergonomics, pull distance, weight of pull, reset length and other variables that would create millions of possible combinations that would have effect on rate of fire, what determines which combinations can be used and what rate of fire is appropriate?

On the AR15 platform, for example, has even more variables that can effect the rate of fire including gas tube length, weight of the bolt carrier group, buffer spring strength. This creates even more possible firing rates. There is no "standard" or "base" parts for the AR15 to go by.

Many firearms can simulate the effect of a bump stock making a firearm fire very rapidly using rubber bands, strings and even by way of holding the firearm differently. How would you regulate the attachments of rubber bands to a firearm? Are those to be banned as well?

Finally, one can train to fire a semiautomatic firearm very quickly. So one person may be able to fire a firearm very quickly, some has fast as a fully automatic firearm. Would training to fire a firearm be considered illegal since training is modifying the skill of the person pulling the trigger?

The way this bill is worded it would potentially make the owner of any semiautomatic firearm a criminal if there are any aftermarket triggers or parts available. Because even manufacturers do not use the same triggers and these will all differ at least slightly in the rate of fire that the firearm can achieve.

thank you for this consideration.

SB-2046

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 12:20:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Folk		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/31/2018 10:26:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
		Oppose	No

Comments:

I mpose this bill. It is poorly written and will outlaw many common changes that have nothing to due with creating an automatic firearm.