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March 8, 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 Resolution No. 7 and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9, Requesting the Congressional Delegation of Hawaii and the United States Congress to Oppose "Concealed Carry Reciprocity"

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 Resolution No. 7 and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9, Requesting the Congressional Delegation of Hawaii and the United States Congress to Oppose "Concealed Carry Reciprocity."

Hawaii has carefully crafted its own laws relating to the concealed carry of firearms. These laws grant the county chiefs of police the authority to issue a license to carry a concealed firearm in exceptional cases where the applicant shows reason to fear injury to their person or property. These licenses are only valid within the county where they are granted. Honolulu currently has no active concealed carry licenses.

Hawaii's concealed carry laws are specifically tailored to our needs and our desires in creating a safe community. Forcing Hawaii to accept the lowest minimum standard for concealed carry creates a contradiction between the standards required for state residents and visitors to the state. This is not in the interest of public safety for the people of Honolulu. Additionally, the numerous local permit formats would make enforcement virtually impossible, as officers would have great difficulty determining the validity of a permit issued in another state or locality.

We believe that the proposed "concealed carry reciprocity" legislation is both impractical and contrary to the interest of public safety for the people of Honolulu and, therefore, strongly oppose them.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

David P. Nilsen, Captain
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:

Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

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March 6, 2018

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9 / Senate Resolution No. 7:
REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL DELAGATION OF HAWAII AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO OPPOSE "CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY" LEGISLATION

Dear Chair Clarence Nishihara and Members of the House Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, and Chair Brian Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

The Maui Police Department SUPPORTS the passage of S.C.R. No. 9 & S.R. No. 7.

The State of Hawaii Legislature in concert with the law enforcement agencies of the State of Hawaii work devotedly to ensure and maintain the safety of our citizens and visitors.

The acceptance of the reciprocity legislation circumvents the laws of the State of Hawaii which have been enacted to protect all who live and visit our precious islands. Furthermore, this legislation increases the risks of those who have chosen the profession of law enforcement. It is unfathomable to pass such a legislation which would place our protectors & enforcers at increased uncertainty of threat exposure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Tivoli S. Faaumu

TIVOLI S. FAAUMU
Chief of Police

INJURY PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
A SAFE HAWAI'I FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA

March 7, 2018

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Subject: SCR9 REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OF HAWAII AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO OPPOSE "CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY" LEGISLATION.

Dear Senator Nishihara, Senator Wakai and Members of the Committee:

The Injury Prevention Advisory Committee **strongly supports SCR9** that the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii opposes federal "concealed carry reciprocity" legislation.

Established in 1990, the Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (IPAC) is an advocacy group committed to preventing and reducing injuries in Hawai`i. IPAC members include representatives from public and private agencies, physicians and professionals working together to address the eight leading areas of injury, including violence prevention.

SCR9 safeguards states like Hawaii who have consistently opposed concealed carry laws. Hawaii has one of the lowest violent crime rates and gun firearm homicide rates in the nation because there are comprehensive firearm laws in place, including the current concealed carry law that works effectively by leaving it up to the discretion of Police Chiefs to issue permits.

In the wake of shootings in other states that have lax guns laws, why risk the safety of Hawaii's people? It is a State's right question and Hawaii should have the right to not recognize concealed carry permits issued by and from other states.

We urge you to support SCR9 to help ensure the safety of Hawai`i residents and visitors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Deborah Goebert, DrPH
Chair, IPAC

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 10:55:24 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy Matias	Testifying for 2A Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha

As a citizen of Hawaii and the United States of America, I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.

Our Bills of Right guarantees the RIGHT to Keep and BEAR Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, OUTSIDE of the home is covered by that amendment.

Hawaii's defacto BAN on citizen’s RIGHTS to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and MUST BE OVER TURNED.

RESTORE the citizen's right to carry in this state, or DO NOT OPPOSE concealed carry reciprocity.

Troy Matias

VOTER

WAIPAHU, HAWAII

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 1:47:08 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kainoa Kaku	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

It is absolutely ridiculous that I can freely carry my concealed firearm in states I don't live in but can't be trusted to do it at home. Criminals are already carrying weapons and using those weapons to commit crimes on law abiding citizens. It's time to let us defend ourselves.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 2:03:46 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malia Kaku	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

Institute for Rational and Evidence-based Legislation

P. O. Box 41
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Re: SCR9

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Glenn Wakai , Vice Chair

Rosalyn H. Baker
Les Ihara Jr.
Laura H. Thielen

DATE: Thursday, March 8, 2018
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Please vote **NO** on SCR9

Not only should Hawaii legislators vote NO on SCR9, they should instead, in light of the facts regarding public safety, do the exact opposite and immediately enact either “shall issue” or “permitless” open and concealed carry for law-abiding citizens.

Here's why:

The entire false underlying assumption and premise of this entire resolution is that law-abiding citizens who carry arms in public are dangerous to public safety. That this assumption and premise is false is clearly borne out by numerous analyses of the 16 million current concealed carry weapons permit or license holders and of those states that have no requirement at all in order for law-abiding citizens to bear arms in public for self-defense (See basic statistics and references below).

Nowhere is the erroneous assumption more egregiously present than in “Whereas” number two:

> WHEREAS, **the State of Hawaii has allowed the concealed carry of firearms** and has always applied its own standards, including authorizing issuers to deny permits to people who lack good moral character or good moral cause to carry concealed handguns;

This is not just a “misstatement of facts”, this is not merely a facade or charade or misrepresentation, this is a lie. More specifically a “lie of omission”.

The facts are that Hawaii DOES **NOT** ALLOW CONCEALED OF FIREARMS. Anyone who would claim otherwise is either woefully ignorant or deliberately obfuscating or plain lying about the facts.

Hawaii has “granted” four (4) CCW licenses in the past 18 years since record keeping was mandated. Maui PD claims that the records for the two issued by them in 2001 are no longer extant, so we have no information at all about who received those licenses or why. The other two were issued by Kauai PD, one in 2006 to a judge, and one in 2013 to an apparent active duty military member or a member of their family (that was valid for 12 DAYS). By the way, both of these licenses were issued outside the bounds of the legal requirements of the HRS definitions regarding issuing and renewing CCW licenses. In other words the only two licenses that we know about, issued to government agents by government agents, were issued illegally. Please contact me if you want to see the supporting documentation for those claims that I acquired via the Uniform Information Practices Act and my appeal under that statute after KPD refused to issue any information at all regarding their illegal issuance.

So the only two people in 18 years that we know of who were “granted” licenses to bear arms in public for self-defense were both agents of the government. In other words, not one single “ordinary citizen” of the state has been granted a license in all those years, and possibly never as far as we can determine.

In a personal communication from form Hawaii County Police Chief Kubojiri in response to my queries he stated that as Chief he never granted any licenses, and that in the 25 years he served on the force he never heard of any licenses being issued prior to the mandatory reporting in 2000, and that he had never heard of any license EVER being issued in the county.

So the above information and facts put the lie to the claim that “**the State of Hawaii has allowed the concealed carry of firearms”,** unless someone would want to disingenously claim that issuing two licenses in 18 years to government agents proves that “**he State of Hawaii has allowed the concealed carry of firearms”.** I believe any half-way honest person would conclude that is deceptive at best if not an outright lie.

So what does that mean given the stated criteria that Hawaii supposedly applies in determining the fitness of a citizen to bear arms in public for self-defense? Just look at what this resolution claims in the second half of that sentence claiming that Hawaii allows the concealed carry of firearms:

> ...authorizing issuers to **deny** permits to people who **lack good moral character or good moral cause** to carry concealed handguns...

We must conclude that not one single ordinary person (not an agent of the state) in the entire state of Hawaii if of “good moral character” or has “good moral cause”. Is that what the government of Hawaii thinks of its law-abiding citizens? Apparently so. Is that sad or reprehensible? I have repeatedly asked various government agents in the legislature, executive branch, and law enforcement to please explain what it is about the people of Hawaii that would make them so “dangerous” to carry arms in public while in 42 other states there are no law enforcement problems with licensees, and likewise no problems with people allowed to carry in states that have no requirements at all, i.e. so-called “permitless” or “Constitutional carry” states. No one will answer that question. Why? Why are the people of Hawaii too immature or irresponsible or incompetent when we see no such evidence in any

other state? In fact, CCW **permit holders are convicted of misdemeanors and felonies at less than a sixth the rate for police officers.** (See below for full stats and links to original documentation.) How is it that Hawaii officials responsible for subverting the right to bear arms outside the home for self-defense have come to the exact opposite conclusion of the known facts?

Nor will Hawaii legislators, executive branch members and law enforcement answer how it is that they are not violating their sworn (or affirmed) oaths of office to uphold both the Constitution of the United States of American and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii regarding the "right to keep and bear arms" when no one is allowed to bear arms outside the home for self-defense, and self-defense having been determined to be "the core of the Second Amendment. Hawaii's constitution has the identical wording as the U.S. Constitution, and is ironically entitled "THE RIGHT TO **BEAR ARMS**", in a state where not one single person is allowed to bear arms in the connotation made clear by history and the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS).

From the *Heller* SCOTUS decision (written by Scalia):

At the time of the founding, as now, to "bear" meant to "carry."... When used with "arms," however, the term has a meaning that refers to carrying for a particular purpose—confrontation. In Muscarello v. United States, 524 U. S. 125 (1998) , in the course of analyzing the meaning of "carries a firearm" in a federal criminal statute, Justice Ginsburg wrote that "(s)urely a most familiar meaning is, as the Constitution's Second Amendment … indicate(s): 'wear, bear, or carry … upon the person or in the clothing or in a pocket, for the purpose … of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive action in a case of conflict with another person.' " Id., at 143 (dissenting opinion) (quoting Black's Law Dictionary 214 (6th ed. 1998)).

From the Hawaii state constitution:

Article I
RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS
Section 17. A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. [Ren Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

From the United States Constitution:

Amendments to the Constitution
Bill of Rights

Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Thus, by both the Hawaii state and Federal constitutions, which all Hawaii legislators and elected officials (governor, etc.), and some unelected/appointed officials (police chiefs, AG, etc.) have sworn an oath to uphold and defend both constitutions, neither the federal nor state (via *McDonald* extending *Heller*'s protections against the states' infringement) governments may infringe on the pre-existing right to self-defense via 'wear[ing], bear[ing], or carry[ing] … upon the person or in the clothing or in a pocket, for the purpose … of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive action in a case of conflict with another person', independent of location (inside or outside the home).

Since almost none of the Hawaii legislators have taken measures to oppose the existing Hawaii statutory scheme which de facto denies every single citizen of the state the right to lawfully ‘wear, bear, or carry … upon the person or in the clothing or in a pocket, for the purpose … of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive action in a case of conflict with another person', nor have they taken measures to overturn said de facto ban by introducing and supporting legislation to allow for the uninfringed exercise of said right, nor have they advocated for nor passed any resolutions to impeach the governor and AG nor demand that they remedy the situation, nor have they asked or demanded that county police chiefs change their de facto no issue policies, nor will they even answer the question "What does your sworn oath to uphold the right to ‘wear, bear, or carry … upon the person or in the clothing or in a pocket, for the purpose … of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive action in a case of conflict with another person' mean, anyway?

We know that not only does Hawaii believe that none of its citizens have “good moral character” or “good moral cause” to be armed outside their home for self-defense, but also that one of the arguments against ordinary citizens carrying weapons in public is that it will lead to an increase in crime, including a "wild west" atmosphere where people instigate shootings over fender benders and parking places. (Florida was disparagingly labeled "the Gunshine State" by "gun control"/civilian disarmament advocates when it became the first state to mandate "shall issue" CCW in 1987. In the past 30 years Florida has issued over 1.4 million licenses without any indication that those licensees have gone wild in the streets... to the contrary.) This is belied and contradicted by the 30 years of experience of (now) 15 million people carrying in states having "shall issue" CCW laws, where any person that passes a background check and is not a "prohibited person", and thus able to purchase a firearm, is eligible and "shall" be issued a CCW license without having to meet any elevated or additional criteria (with the exception in a few states of training criteria). In fact, the attached study makes clear that CCW licensees are much more law abiding than cops. So the evidence is clear, "shall issue" CCW does not pose a risk to "public safety". Off-duty cops pose a 6 TIMES greater risk to "public safety". (The government legal argument against "shall issue" concealed carry is based upon the government having "a compelling interest" in "public safety", and only needs to show that their laws and policies by some particular level of scrutiny (rational, intermediate, or strict) fulfills that government interest without infringing on civil rights. For Hawaii, the de facto ban on CCW and open carry for ordinary citizens has been ruled non-infringing under rational scrutiny, the lowest level.)

I've asked the local and state level legislators and law enforcement, who adamantly refuse to allow the lawful exercise of the right to bear arms outside the home for self-defense, to provide me with the evidence that leads them to conclude that law-abiding Hawaii citizens are in some significant way different that the citizens of the rest of the United States and are too irresponsible or immature or whatever it is that makes them unsuitable to exercise the right millions of other citizens do without incidents of jeopardizing "public safety". I have never received a single reply to my queries, much less a reply with evidence.

Immediately below I've included one brief section of the attached report (https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3004915#), re the law-abiding character of CCW licensees nationwide (at least where such statistics are available) and highlighted several points.

Permit Holders are Extremely Law- abiding

Permit holders on rare occasion violate the law. But in order to truly appreciate how incredibly rare those problems are one needs to remember that there are over 12.8 million permit holders in the US. Indeed, it is impossible to think of any other group in the US who is anywhere near as law-abiding. To get an idea of just how law-abiding concealed handgun permit holders are, compare them to police.

According to a study in Police Quarterly, the period from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007 saw an average of 703 crimes by police per year.113 of these involved firearms violations. This is likely to be an underestimate since not all police crimes receive media coverage. The authors of the study may also have missed some media reports.

So how law-abiding are police? With about 685,464 full-time police officers in the US at that time, that translates into about 103 crimes by police per hundred thousand officers. For the US population as a whole over those years, the crime rate was 37 times higher --3,813 per hundred thousand people. Perhaps police crimes are under-reported due to leniency from fellow officers, but whatever the reason the gap between police and the general citizenry is so vast that this couldn't account for more than a small fraction of the difference.

Concealed carry permit holders are even more law-abiding. Between October 1, 1987 and June 30, 2015, Florida revoked 9,999 concealed handgun permits for misdemeanors or felonies. This is an annual rate of 12.8 per 100,000 permit holders. In Texas in 2013, the last year the data is available, 158 permit holders were convicted of misdemeanors or felonies – a rate of 22.3 per 100,000. Combining the Florida and Texas data together implies that **permit holders are convicted of misdemeanors and felonies at less than a sixth the rate for police officers.**

Firearms violations among police occur at a rate of 16.5 per 100,000 officers. Combining the data for permit holders in Florida and Texas, it is only 2.4 per 100,000. **That is only 1/7th the rate for police officers.** The data are similar in other states.

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One can only conclude from those extensive statistics that "public safety" would be enhanced by disarming police officers and allowing any law-abiding citizens who so chose to bear arms in public.

Given all the above (which is just a tiny sampling of the data and arguments that put the lie to the SCR9 Resolution premises and assumptions) I urge you to base your decision here on a rational examination of the facts and evidence. Vote NO on SCR9.

Furthermore I urge you to instead adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, all Hawaii state legislators have sworn (or affirmed) an oath of office that they "will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii"; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States includes the Second Amendment which reads, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed"; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the State of Hawaii includes Article 1, Section 17, which reads, "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States has clearly articulated in Washington, D.C. v. Heller, and confirmed and restated in McDonald v. City of Chicago the fundamental, individual, inalienable nature of the civil right to keep and bear arms; and

Whereas, the right to “bear arms” has been defined in the above cases, as “guarantee[ing] the individual right to possess and carry weapons in case of confrontation.”; and

Whereas, In Muscarello v. United States, 524 U. S. 125 (1998) , in the course of analyzing the meaning of “carries a firearm” in a federal criminal statute, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote that “[s]urely a most familiar meaning is, as the Constitution’s Second Amendment … indicate[s]: ‘wear, bear, or carry … upon the person or in the clothing or in a pocket, for the purpose … of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive action in a case of conflict with another person.’ ”; and

Whereas, a significant portion of violent crimes against individuals, such as robbery, assault, sexual assault, etc. take place outside the home; and

Whereas, not one single person in the entire State of Hawaii currently has the lawful ability to bear a firearm outside their home for the purpose of “of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive action in a case of conflict with another person.”; and

Whereas, only four (4) licenses to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) have been issued in the entire State of Hawaii by the county police chiefs granted authority to issue such licenses in the past 18 years since reporting of applications and dispensation of such licenses has been mandated by the state Office of Attorney General; and

Whereas, not one single “open carry license” (OCL) has been granted to a single law-abiding citizen not employed as a security guard in the entire State of Hawaii in the past 18 years since reporting of such license applications and dispensations has been required by the Office of the Attorney General; and

Whereas such a de facto “no issue” policy is tantamount to an outright “ban” on the right to “bear arms” as defined by the Supreme Court of the United States, and thus violates the supreme law of the land which you have sworn (or affirmed) to “support and defend”; and

Whereas, you, as a state legislator have the ability to uphold your sworn (or affirmed) oath of office by proposing, co-sponsoring, supporting, and voting for laws that will uphold the rights of “the people” as prescribed in the Constitution of the United Stated and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii; and

Whereas, forty-four (44) other states of the United States already have “shall issue” concealed and/or open carry laws wherein people who pass background checks and are lawfully allowed to purchase and keep firearms are issued licenses to bear those arms without any issues of “public safety” being jeopardized; and

Whereas twelve (12) states already have “permitless” or “Constitutional” carry, where citizens may lawfully carry firearms without any need to apply or receive “permission” from any government agency in those states and there has been absolutely no issue of jeopardized “public safety”;

Therefore, you, as a legislator do hereby state your support for and willingness to use whatever lawful means are at your disposal as an elected representative of “the people” to amend and revise the laws of the State of Hawaii to align them with the law regarding bearing arms as stated in the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii; and

Therefore you pledge to support, introduce, co-sponsor and/or vote for legislation that guarantees that the law-abiding citizens of Hawaii “shall” be granted licenses, or shall not be required to obtain any

license from any government agency, to lawfully carry weapons, including firearms, either concealed and/or openly for the purpose of self-defense outside their homes.

Thank you,
George Pace

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 10:07:56 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Richter	Testifying for Lessons in Firearms Education	Oppose	No

Comments:

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March 7, 2018

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

Re: Senate Concurrent Resolution 9 and Senate Resolution 7 – OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Nishihara:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association I write to express our opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 9 and Senate Resolution 7.

SCR9 and SR 7 would urge the Congress of the United States to not enact S. 446, H.R. 38, or any other similar "concealed carry reciprocity" legislation that would require the State of Hawaii to recognize the concealed carry permits of every other state.

In the past 30 plus years America's experience with concealed carry has been a resounding public safety success. As the number of carry permits has soared to more than 16 million, violent crime rates have dropped. Law-abiding citizens have proven to be just that, law abiding. Unfortunately in Hawaii and some other states, the ability for a law-abiding individual to cross state lines and exercise their inherent right to self defense is severely limited. Currently, Hawaii very rarely issues any concealed carry permits and fails to recognize any out of state permits.

Federal law already prohibits dangerous persons from possessing firearms, including those who are convicted of any felony or a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, unlawful users of controlled substances, adjudicated mentally defective or committed to a mental institution, dishonorably discharged from the armed forces, citizens who have renounced their citizenship, and fugitives from justice. National reciprocity would not change that. It would recognize the ability of law-abiding citizens, who are eligible to carry firearms in other states throughout the country, to continue to exercise that right across state lines.

Thank you for your consideration and we ask that you oppose both SCR 9 and SR 7.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reid
State Liaison

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 8:03:01 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
alex beers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

My name is Alex Beers and I live on Maui in Wailuku. Absolutely in favor of this bill. This is a states rights issue, period!

Aloha,

Alex Beers

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 7:11:31 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Whispering Wind	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Lawmakers,

I Strongly SUPPORT SCR 9 REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OF HAWAII AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO OPPOSE "CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY" LEGISLATION.

Mahalo.

Mary Overbay

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 7:47:34 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sonny leandro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 5:15:02 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Folk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 3:52:41 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

The fact is that where the number of conxealed carry permits go up, crime goes down. Good people who are armed and ready to resond to criminals can do so more rapidly than can any police force that has to be called to the scene. Hawaii has always treaded it's responsible citizens as colonial subjects when it comes to the right to keep and bear arms, and should not continue to do so. Responsible gunowners can save lives. Let us do so.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 4:13:41 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Drake Maverick	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Opposing concealed carry for law abiding and qualified citizens sets a dangerous precedence that local government does not respect the rights of individuals to protect themselves outside the home. Police cannot guarantee the safety of an entire population and response times could be critical. Concealed Carry in Hawaii must move from "May Issue" to "SHALL Issue".

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 4:16:17 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SCR9.

Concealed carry has decreased crime in other states.HPD cannot be expected to protect

me from the crazy people,criminals,and drug addicts on our streets.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 4:18:03 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Attacks at bus stops, assaults in parking lots, and the overall "street crime" on Oahu, most notably the attacks on tourists in Waikiki, are signs that ensuring the individual safety of the citizens and visitors cannot be "consolidated" by local government. Hawaii must explore becoming a true "SHALL ISSUE" state if the safety of the citizens is truly a concern for the elected representatives of this state.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 5:17:12 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joel Berg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

The time for "shall issue" concealed carry in Hawaii is long overdue. The residents of this wonderful state are neither too stupid, too irresponsible, too timid, nor so well protected by the police that they should be denied this right.

Those with concealed carry permits visiting us from other states are by definition responsible, law abiding individuals. No individual who would otherwise be prohibited from owning a gun who enters Hawaii would be allowed to do so by concealed carry reciprocity.

I politely request that you reconsider your stance on the apptitude of both the Hawiian Citizen and the Citizens of the United States.

Sincerely,

Joel Berg

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 8:56:33 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I urge you to oppose this resolution, for it only hurts the ability of the most vulnerable members of our society to protect themselves. Concealed Carry offers the disabled, elderly, women, LGBTQ and other targeted minorities the best means to defend themselves against assult, rape, and other violence.

The simple fact is that Law Enforcement cannot be there to protect citizens. Even if they could, Law Enforcement has NO LEGAL DUTY to protect citizens, as was decided in the Supreme Court Case, Warren vs DC.

This resolution is a shameless political move that harms people by denying them their right to defend themselves outside their homes with the most effective tool developed to date- a firearm. While there is an argument to be made for tasers- those, too are illegal in this state.

I urge you as Law Makers to fully understand the unintended consequences of actions like this resolution will have. It is your duty to do so.

Respectively,

Jon

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 9:00:50 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

CCW Reciprocity further supports the rights of law abiding citizens. I strongly oppose this bill.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 9:03:59 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

The simple fact is that Law Enforcement cannot be there to protect citizens. Even if they could, Law Enforcement has NO LEGAL DUTY to protect citizens, as was decided in the Supreme Court Case, Warren vs

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 9:04:07 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawaii and the United States of America, **I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.**

Our Bills of Right guarantees the RIGHT to Keep and **BEAR** Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, OUTSIDE of the home is covered by that amendment.

Hawaii's defacto BAN on citizen’s RIGHTS to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and MUST BE OVER TURNED.

RESTORE the citizen's right to carry in this state, or DO NOT OPPOSE concealed carry reciprocity.

Brendon Heal

VOTER

EWA BEACH, HAWAII

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 9:42:05 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Young-Osborne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I urge you to oppose this resolution, for it only hurts the ability of the most vulnerable members of our society to protect themselves. Concealed Carry offers the disabled, elderly, women, LGBTQ and other targeted minorities the best means to defend themselves against assult, rape, and other violence.

The simple fact is that Law Enforcement cannot be there to protect citizens. Even if they could, Law Enforcement has NO LEGAL DUTY to protect citizens, as was decided in the Supreme Court Case, Warren vs DC.

This resolution is a shameless political move that harms people by denying them their right to defend themselves outside their homes with the most effective tool developed to date- a firearm. While there is an argument to be made for tasers- those, too are illegal in this state.

I urge you as Law Makers to fully understand the unintended consequences of actions like this resolution will have. It is your duty to do so.

Respectively,

Thomas

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 9:44:34 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Seth Addison	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 9:56:54 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carlo Barbasa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawaii and the United States of America, I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.

Our Bills of Right guarantees the RIGHT to Keep and BEAR Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, OUTSIDE of the home is covered by that amendment.

Hawaii's defacto BAN on citizen’s RIGHTS to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and MUST BE OVER TURNED.

RESTORE the citizen's right to carry in this state, or DO NOT OPPOSE concealed carry reciprocity.

Carlo Barbasa

VOTER

Salt Lake, Hawaii

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 10:05:52 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phil Ramil	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this. I believe national reciprocity will make both Hawaii and the entire United States safer.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 10:47:39 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Goldie Cross	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawaii and the United States of America, I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity. It only hurts the ability of the most vulnerable members of our society to protect themselves. Concealed Carry offers the disabled, elderly, women, LGBTQ and other targeted minorities the best means to defend themselves against assult, rape, and other violence.

The simple fact is that Law Enforcement cannot be there to protect citizens. Even if they could, Law Enforcement has NO LEGAL DUTY to protect citizens, as was decided in the Supreme Court Case, Warren vs DC.

This resolution is a shameless political move that harms people by denying them their right to defend themselves outside their homes with the most effective tool developed to date- a firearm. While there is an argument to be made for tasers- those, too are illegal in this state.

I urge you as Law Makers to fully understand the unintended consequences of actions like this resolution will have.

Our Bills of Right guarantees the RIGHT to Keep and BEAR Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, OUTSIDE of the home is covered by that amendment.

Hawaii's defacto BAN on citizen’s RIGHTS to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and MUST BE OVER TURNED.

RESTORE the citizen's right to carry in this state, or DO NOT OPPOSE concealed carry reciprocity.

Goldie Cross

Lihue, Hawai

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SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/5/2018 11:35:52 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I very strongly oppose this. Reciprocity is long over due!

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 12:22:47 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Markos Cabaong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawaii and the United States of America, I strongly oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.

Our Bills of Right guarantees the RIGHT to Keep and BEAR Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, OUTSIDE of the home is covered by that amendment.

Please consider that a citizen's RIGHTS to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is a constitutional right. DO NOT OPPOSE concealed carry reciprocity.

Sincerely,
Markos C

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 4:23:33 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose your oppose. Why do you hate the 2nd amendment?

I guess in your reasoning, i should not have freedom of speech or religion outside of my "residence" either?

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 4:42:17 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Ancheta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I urge you to oppose this resolution, for it only hurts the ability of the most vulnerable members of our society to protect themselves. Concealed Carry offers the disabled, elderly, women, LGBTQ and other targeted minorities the best means to defend themselves against assault, rape, and other violence.

The simple fact is that Law Enforcement cannot be there to protect citizens. Even if they could, Law Enforcement has NO LEGAL DUTY to protect citizens, as was decided in the Supreme Court Case, Warren vs DC.

This resolution is a shameless political move that harms people by denying them their right to defend themselves outside their homes with the most effective tool developed to date- a firearm. While there is an argument to be made for tasers- those, too are illegal in this state.

I urge you as Law Makers to fully understand the unintended consequences of actions like this resolution will have. It is your duty to do so.

Respectively,

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 7:07:12 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawaii and the United States of America, I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.

Our Bills of Right guarantees the RIGHT to Keep and BEAR Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, OUTSIDE of the home is covered by that amendment.

Hawaii's defacto BAN on citizen’s RIGHTS to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and MUST BE OVER TURNED.

RESTORE the citizen's right to carry in this state, or DO NOT OPPOSE concealed carry reciprocity.

Sincerely,

Gavin Lohmeier

voter, Honolulu Hawaii

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 7:47:08 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 8:52:05 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elias Kona	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawaii and the United States of America, I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.

Our Bills of Right guarantees the right to Keep and bear Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, outside of the home is covered by that amendment.

Hawaii's defacto ban on citizen’s rights to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is unconstitutional, and must be overturned.

Restore the citizen's right to carry in this state.

Elias K. Kona

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 9:57:01 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
william racoma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawaii and the United States of America, I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.
Our Bills of Right guarantees the RIGHT to Keep and BEAR Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, OUTSIDE of the home is covered by that amendment and as the past several years have shown, Hawaii's police are unable to be everywhere to protect it's ctizens at all times and the loss of innocent lives have occurred because of it. I do not want yself or my loved ones to become one of those statistic
Hawaii's BAN on citizen’s RIGHTS to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and MUST BE OVER TURNED. RESTORE the citizen's right to carry in this state, or DO NOT OPPOSE concealed carry reciprocity.

If not, please remove all armed security from and for any and all governmental buildings to prove you are as willing to become a victim just as you wish me and my family to be.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 10:22:46 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bradd Haitsuka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to any more infringements to my constitutional rights. We are in a day and age where we should have the option to protect ourselves from those that would seek to do us harm, it is time to allow law abiding citizens to be permitted to carry a concealed weapon, crime statistics in our state do not lie, violent crime is on the rise l, hpd and law enforcement can't be everywhere to protect the public at large. Please allow national reciprocity to pass so that those that choose to carry shall legally be able to.

Thank You,

Bradd Haitsuka.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 11:13:32 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,
I **oppose** this opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.
Our Bills of Right guarantees the RIGHT to Keep and BEAR Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, OUTSIDE of the home is covered by that amendment.

Mahalo for your consideration.

L. Naka
VOTER
Hilo, Hawaii

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 11:44:04 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a resident of the State of Hawaii and of the United States of America, I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.

Our United States Constitutions Bills of Right, along with the Hawaii Constitution (noted below), guarantees the right to keep and bear Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, is covered by that amendment.

In *United States v. Cruikshank* (1876), the U.S. Supreme Court recognized that the right to arms preexisted the Constitution and in that case and in *Presser v. Illinois* (1886) recognized that the Second Amendment protected the right from being infringed by Congress. In *United States v. Miller* (1939), the Court again recognized that the right to arms is individually held and, citing the Tennessee case of *Aymette v State*, indicated that it protected the right to keep and bear arms that are "part of the ordinary military equipment" or the use of which could "contribute to the common defense." In its first opportunity to rule specifically on whose right the Second Amendment protects, *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), the Court ruled that the amendment protects an individual right "to keep and carry arms in case of confrontation," not contingent on service in a militia, while indicating, in dicta, that restrictions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, on the carrying of arms in sensitive locations, and with respect to the conditions on the sale of firearms could pass constitutional muster. In the 2010 case of McDonald v. Chicago, the Court applied incorporation doctrine to extend the Second Amendment's protections nationwide.

In commentary written by Judge Garwood in *United States v. Emerson*, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit concluded in 2001 that:

“...there are numerous instances of the phrase 'bear arms' being used to describe a civilian's carrying of arms. Early constitutional provisions or declarations of rights in at least some ten different states speak of the right of the 'people' [or 'citizen' or 'citizens'] "to bear arms in defense of themselves [or 'himself'] and the state,' or equivalent words, thus indisputably reflecting that under common usage 'bear arms' was in no sense restricted to bearing arms in military service. See *Bliss v. Commonwealth*, 13 Am. Dec. 251, 12 Ky. 90 (Ky. 1822).”

Similarly, in a released Senate report on the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, Senator Orrin Hatch, chairman, U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution, states:

“They argue that the Second Amendment's words "right of the people" mean "a right of the state" — apparently overlooking the impact of those same words when used in the First and Fourth Amendments. The "right of the people" to assemble or to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures is not contested as an individual guarantee. Still they ignore consistency and claim that the right to "bear arms" relates only to military uses. This not only violates a consistent constitutional reading of "right of the people" but also ignores that the second amendment protects a right to "keep" arms. "When our ancestors forged a land "conceived in liberty", they did so with musket and rifle. When they reacted to attempts to dissolve their free institutions, and established their identity as a free nation, they did so as a nation of armed freemen. When they sought to record forever a guarantee of their rights, they devoted one full amendment out of ten to nothing but the protection of their right to keep and bear arms against governmental interference. Under my chairmanship the Subcommittee on the Constitution will concern itself with a proper recognition of, and respect for, this right most valued by free men.””

As such and in the light of the noted precedence, Hawaii's defacto BAN on citizen’s RIGHTS to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and MUST BE OVER TURNED.

Please restore the citizen's right to carry in this state, or DO NOT OPPOSE concealed carry reciprocity.

Austin White

MILILANI, HAWAII

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

PREAMBLE

We, the people of Hawaii, grateful for Divine Guidance, and mindful of our Hawaiian heritage and uniqueness as an island State, dedicate our efforts to fulfill the philosophy decreed by the Hawaii State motto, "Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono."

We reserve the right to control our destiny, to nurture the integrity of our people and culture, and to preserve the quality of life that we desire.

We reaffirm our belief in a government of the people, by the people and for the people, and with an understanding and compassionate heart toward all the peoples of the earth, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution for the State of Hawaii. [Am Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

FEDERAL CONSTITUTION ADOPTED

The Constitution of the United States of America is adopted on behalf of the people of the State of Hawaii.

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

Section 17. A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. [Ren Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – BILL OF RIGHTS

Amendment 2 - A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 11:44:26 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is testimony in regards to my **Strong Opposition** of SCR 9 REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OF HAWAII AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO OPPOSE "CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY" LEGISLATION.

A lot of the arguments in favor of SCR 9 have echoes of the anti gay marriage and even anti civil rights campaigns of the past. If you were to replace the “danger to police officers” part with “eroding moral standards of the community” they would be almost identical.

The right of two consenting adults to be recognized in marriage and the right of people of all skin tones to have the same opportunities are no less important than the right of individuals to take an active role in defense of themselves, their families, and their communities.

It was made abundantly clear in Warren vs. DC that the police have not duty to protect a person from harm, which means for all practical purposes the cops can only be counted on to collect revenue and file reports after the fact. The vision of a disarmed utopia is not based in reality, or even worse is masking the true objective of a society where only the wealthy can afford to defend themselves by using their insider connections or hiring private security.

My suspicions of a nefarious elitist philosophy are justified by the fact that the authors of this bill have disingenuously listed Hawaii as a concealed carry state despite the **defacto ban** currently in place of which all local parties are well aware. The false pretense is listed right up front, as if to get the big lie out of the way first. These lawmakers might consider themselves quite clever to so boldly use false facts to hide their true agenda, but in reality all they are doing is reinforcing the now well established reputation of dishonest politicians stripping the citizens of their rights while arming their pet police state to the teeth all in the name of consolidating power of the oligarchy and enhancing revenue collection.

If I am mistaken and this really is just a misguided attempt to create a safer society for all, then beware that these billionaire funded “common sense” campaigns against personal freedom will only advance the current trend of creating ideal conditions for either an Orwellian dystopia or a pre-revolutionary state.

Human nature being what it is, weapons are a necessary for maintaining personal autonomy. Disarming responsible citizens is in the same category of egregiousness as stripping them of their free speech, voting rights or due process.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 12:09:46 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose the opposition.

As far as I know there has never been any problem of CCW permit holders in other states going crazy and committing crimes.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 1:06:38 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Yuen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose. Hawaii should honor concealed carry perits from other states.

Visitors to Hawaii with valid concealed carry permits should be allowed the right to defend themselves should the need arise. The police force in Hawaii is already over stressed due to the amount of crime and are not able to be everywhere to protect everyone.

Legal concealed carry is a viable deterrent against crime.

Jerry Yuen

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 1:43:06 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a NRA Pistol Safety Instructor, CCW holder in another state, I urge you to vote against this measure.

Having lived in a CCW state in the past, I found it more cumbersome to carry and more often than not, I didn't.

However, when I had to be in a bad part of town, I felt safer with a gun.

This is not a safe world. Most CCW holders are safer and better trained than most law enforcement officers (remember the negligent discharge in the Target bathroom by HPD).

I urge you to support CCW.

Anthony Fujii

I Vote!

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 1:51:04 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 1:56:52 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please can't Hawaii be like the rest of this great country and trust its people to take care of themself , we don't need 911 when we have a firearm . States with CC have less gun crime .

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 2:02:07 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fred Delosantos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please OPPOSE this measure. The Hawaii congressional representatives should be supporting CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY. Just because they have their own paid armed bodyguards to give them a sense of safety, us po' folks here back at home do not enjoy the same luxury, and HPD does little to protect us. They only respond after the crime has been committed. That's like closing the barn doors after all the cows have left.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 2:02:31 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 2:33:44 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lyle HIromoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 2:34:53 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jeanette tam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 2:38:08 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
RS Weir	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SCR9 and support CCW Reciprocity.

Randall S Weir

Kapaa, Hawaii

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 2:42:33 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Rice	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm writing to ask that you please urge our Congressional delegation to support Concealed Carry Repciprocity, and would also urge you to change Hawaii's conceal and open carry permit policy from 'may issue' to 'shall issue'. It is highly unfair that while the average citizen in Hawaii cannot even get a permit to carry a firearm on their person even if they qualify, former police officers (even ones that have been fired for corruption or incompitence) can get one with no delay.

In all likelyhood CCR will pass even without the Hawaii Delegation's support, there are already gunowners in Hawaii that have conceal carry permits obtained from the state of Arizona or elsewhere, with many more ready to follow suit.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 2:58:44 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Peterson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please support the "Concealed Carry Reciprocity" Legislation. Thank you.

Robert Peterson

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 3:03:08 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keli Hoo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

It is very disappointing to see our representatives routinely opposing measures that would support individual rights. If it has not yet become apparent, we the people have grown tired of dependancy upon a government that does not have our well being as it's first and primary interest.

The right to bear arms is not granted by the constitution, it is protected and gauranteed by it. If you, our representatives, cannot or will not respect and aid in the protection of the people's rights, you will not represent us for much longer.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 3:08:28 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

The right of LAW ABIDING Americans to carry firearms SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.

GET IT? Law Makers should be required to actually read the Constitution. Twenty-six words is all it is...THE SECOND AMENDMENT! Read it, Know it, Live it!

I oppose this bill. I urge you to vote for CCW reciprocity. Someday your life, or one of your family members could depend on their ability to protect themselves against an attacker WHO CARRIES A FIREARM *ILLEGALY! If you don't want to carry, fine, don't carry. But, don't take away MY right to protect myself!*

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 3:26:53 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Forrest Shoemaker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawaii and the United States of America, I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.

Our Bills of Right guarantees the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, "outside" of the home is covered by that amendment.

Hawaii's defacto Ban on citizen’s Rights to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is Unconstitutional.

RESTORE the citizen's right to carry in this state, or Do Not Oppose concealed carry reciprocity.

Sincerely,

Forrest Shoemaker

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 3:27:45 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please restore our 2nd amendment rights to carry concealed weapons. Restore our right to defend

our families please. Thank you!

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 3:45:38 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Baltazar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawaii and the United States of America, I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.

Our Bills of Right guarantees the RIGHT to Keep and BEAR Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, OUTSIDE of the home is covered by that amendment.

Hawaii's defacto BAN on citizen’s RIGHTS to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and MUST BE OVER TURNED.

RESTORE the citizen's right to carry in this state, or DO NOT OPPOSE concealed carry reciprocity.

Patrick Baltazar
VOTER
WAIPAHU, HAWAII

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 3:49:27 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Lucas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I urge you to oppose this resolution, for it only hurts the ability of the most vulnerable members of our society to protect themselves. Concealed Carry offers the disabled, elderly, women, LGBTQ and other targeted minorities the best means to defend themselves against assult, rape, and other violence.

The simple fact is that Law Enforcement cannot be there to protect citizens. Even if they could, Law Enforcement has NO LEGAL DUTY to protect citizens, as was decided in the Supreme Court Case, Warren vs DC.

This resolution is a shameless political move that harms people by denying them their right to defend themselves outside their homes with the most effective tool developed to date- a firearm. While there is an argument to be made for tasers- those, too are illegal in this state.

I urge you as Law Makers to fully understand the unintended consequences of actions like this resolution will have. It is your duty to do so.

Respectively,

Mr. Jeffrey Lucas

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 3:50:12 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John R. K. Akina	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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John R. K. Akina

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 3:59:10 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Normand A Cote	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha PSM Comittee,

I Oppose your opposition to the "Conceal Carry Recoprocity Act".

Allow us to protect ourselves in other states and allow visitors from other states protect themselves here in Hawaii. We certainly have our fair share of criminals.

Maybe, we as a state can learn from other states that an armed population is a safer population. Please remember, Hawaii's criminals know we are all potential victoms due to the fact, they know we are unarmed.

Respectfully,

Normand A Cote

Law Abiding Citizen

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 4:12:52 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 4:18:07 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Hundhammer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 4:20:19 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bobby J Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am testifying in opposition to the resolution. It is absolute lunacy that a person would think that putting himself in an area called an “gun free zone” would possibly make them safer. Especially here in the state of Hawaii where violence is rampant, domestic violence is out of control, and there is an epidemic of violent young men who are looking for their own personal “right of passage” from their peers through home invasions, violent attacks and violence. Further to think that the Honolulu Police Department will be there to help, when there has been nothing but scandal after scandal regarding the abuse of many of its officers, is absurd. Not to mention the fact that it takes less than three minutes for an active violence to take place. And the police response time is 20 minutes to… Whenever.

- Even taking into consideration the large number of home invasions of happened in the past couple of years. Gangs of roving criminals robbing such as the million-dollar theft of Hula Kumu of her heirloom jewelry and artifacts while she and her daughters were held at gunpoint.

I would like all of you to stop pushing for political gain, looking for acceptance from the socialist left Democratic Party when Hawaii has on a daily basis, the extreme violence of such murders of Dana Ireland, Royale kaukane, Telma Boinville or Janel Tupuola.

- **Janel Tupuola**, who was beaten to death only one block away from the Honolulu Police Department Kailua substation. Would anybody in charge of pushing these insane bills like to know what the response time was? **Alapeti Tunoa**, a repeat violent offender with well over 50 felony convictions was out on the street. This woman had a restraining order against him, did that helper? Absolutely not. He beat her to death in front of her own children. Her children, the last thing they saw was their mother die in front of them.

- **Telma Boinville** was savagely beaten by 2 meth fueled criminals by the names of **Steven Brown and Hailey K. Dandurand**, but you don’t have to worry about that. Because the average person has nothing to fear in Hawaii, just like **telma boinville**, who’s daughter was duct taped and bound with a bag over her hear as her mother was murdered.

- **Titleman fautea** sentenced to life for fatal stabbing of Waianae teacher **Asa Yamashita**, if you think the general public will help, let me remind everyone of the nail salon as Mrs. Yamashita took her last breaths before dying, they closed the door on her so that she wouldn't get blood everywhere.
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General headlines from KHON news

- **Man found bound, burned and shot remains hospitalized; witnesses wanted**

- **Fatal beating in Ewa beach.**
- **Man charged with attempted murder after woman is brutally beaten in Waianae, with a hammer.**
- **Police arrest man in connection with fatal Salt Lake assault.**
- **Suspects at large after woman is tied up, tortured and beaten in her own home.**
- **Waikiki declared off-limits for military due to being a high crime area for drugs and violence.**
- **HPD investigates violent mugging amid violent rash of crimes.**
- **Suspect in puna shooting turns into hours long hostage situation.**
- **Kauai police looking for suspect into sexual assault cases. *(Have you noticed it's always a police investigation, or police looking, but never once is there a police saving anyone. And yet we're expected to wait for the police.)***
- **Scores of Moanalua high school students stay home amid concerns of violence.**
- **Chinatown turf battle murder trial begins**
- **stabbing in Chinatown**
- **couple held at gunpoint with 15 month old infant in the same room.**
- **Teen hospitalized after early-morning stabbing (here is some good parenting, a young underage high school student was in a strip club in the early morning hours, drinking with his brother.)**
- **Police charge man with murder after the death of an 18-year-old in Maili**
- **manhunt underway after kidnapping in Puna**
- **suspect in violent Waipahu store robbery "still at large" (I guess he wasn't caught either)**
- **two-year-old injured in Ewa road rage incident**
- **man charged with murder after stabbing in Nankuli**
- **police investigate attempted murder of a 56-year-old man in Mililani.**
- **Friends say that Marine Sgt. Brown was murdered trying to protect someone else. (He was protecting a young lady against a gang of over a dozen violent offenders that were all under 18)**

- **police release video of brazen carjacking victim of elderly woman. (Why do they release the video? Because they haven't caught the person)**
- **police respond to standoff in Waipahu**
- **suspect in fatal Waikiki shooting charged with murder (meanwhile him and his buddy Isaiah McCoy, both well documented criminals, were trying to hustle women for human trafficking)**
- **one dead, too injured in Waikiki shooting**
- **three men Rob and assault and child over three dollars**
- **21-year-old savagely beaten assaulted and injured in Waikiki attack**
- **man dies one week after violent Mililani attack**
- **HPD looking for suspect in another violent Chinatown shooting**
- **warning to shoppers, a woman is kidnapped while loading her groceries into her vehicle**
- **Maui man charged with attempted kidnapping of two young girls.**
- **Two accused in gruesome Wahiawa murder acquitted (that should make all their neighbors sleep soundly)**
- **four-year-old girl injured in early-morning waianae shooting**
- **Kumu Hula family held at gunpoint after violent home invasion**
- **Ala moana murder suspect turns himself into police custody**
- **Kalihi fight results in homicide, freeway shut down**
- **two UH football players suspended indefinitely after violent sex assault**
- **tortured and raped, woman recalls details of Waikiki assault. (More human trafficking)**

The Atty. Gen. at that time, Peter Carlisle stated that if anyone had been carrying a firearm, even illegally, and used it in the commission of stopping this brutal attack, they would've been justified in the eyes of the law. And now, you want to guarantee that no law-abiding citizen will ever have the right to protect themselves. How low must Hawaii fall before they finally admit that it is the states with the right to defend themselves, concealed carry and stand your ground laws are the only way that law-abiding citizens will ever have a fair chance at defending themselves. It is the everyday citizen, not the police officer, who is the true first responder.

Hawaii is filled with hundreds of violent crimes, which can be found in my LinkedIn page, in order, crimes in which if a law-abiding citizen had the right to concealed carry, my page would be empty. But that is Hawaii's dirty little secret, isn't it?

And yet Hawaii's political democratic movement can blatantly look the average law-abiding citizen of the state in the eye and restrict them from being able to defend themselves from crimes like this. Those of you who oppose anyone's right to defend themselves against the local violence, a society which teaches kids from the time they're infants, to fight, "jus scrap, lick dat fackah!" You should be ashamed of yourselves. It's easy to sit upon your thrones and judge those who live from the furthest points of the North Shore to the South Shore. On every island. And ignore the level of violence that goes on in this state. Violence that is easily compared to some of the worst metropolitan areas in the United States. Not to mention the people who are proud of it.

And as far as I’m concerned, the blood of every innocent victim because you have restricted law-abiding citizens rights for so long, is on your hands.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 4:21:16 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Teter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

With the ever increasing crime rate here in Hawaii for the past decade, the people of this state are left at the mercy of our justice system when it comes to protecting themselves. The police force cannot be everywhere at all times, and they are not even obligated to protect people when they are there. It is obvious that criminals are going to get guns when they need them to commit crimes, yet the law abiding people are left defenseless when they leave their homes. With the vast majority of the country granting eligible and qualified citizens the right to carry concealed, I believe it is time for Hawaii to follow suit. Crime is reduced when the criminals don't see everyone as an easy target. They will be forced to think twice before pulling out an illegal firearm to commit a crime, and the mentality will change. I fully support CCW reciprocity for the entire country, and will **NOT** support any leader or politician who feels that we should be unarmed, and left defenseless against criminals.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 5:31:45 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support concealed carry reciprocity. I oppose these resolutions.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 5:31:51 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marlene Orr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Bring CCW to Hawaii.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 5:34:50 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

RECIPROCITY is a must !!!!

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 5:51:15 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Henry Bruckner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

concealed carry reciprocity would significantly enhance public security. Concealed Carry permits require extensive training for eligible persons. The presence of well-trained armed persons is an effective counter to crime. Locales across the nation that have concealed carry also have significantly reduced crime rates.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 6:07:59 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am FOR "Concealed Carry Reciprocity" being considered by the US Congress. The 2nd Amendment and Concealed Carry is our last line of self defense from harm or death. It is impossible for government to protect everyone all the time as we have so sadly learned throughout history espectilly the recent Florida School tradegy. Thank you.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 6:58:42 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a resident of the State of Hawaii and of the United States of America, I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.

Our United States Constitutions Bills of Right, along with the Hawaii Constitution (noted below), guarantees the right to keep and bear Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, is covered by that amendment.

In United States v. Cruikshank (1876), the U.S. Supreme Court recognized that the right to arms preexisted the Constitution and in that case and in Presser v. Illinois (1886) recognized that the Second Amendment protected the right from being infringed by Congress. In United States v. Miller (1939), the Court again recognized that the right to arms is individually held and, citing the Tennessee case of Aymette v State, indicated that it protected the right to keep and bear arms that are "part of the ordinary military equipment" or the use of which could "contribute to the common defense." In its first opportunity to rule specifically on whose right the Second Amendment protects, District of Columbia v. Heller (2008), the Court ruled that the amendment protects an individual right "to keep and carry arms in case of confrontation," not contingent on service in a militia, while indicating, in dicta, that restrictions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, on the carrying of arms in sensitive locations, and with respect to the conditions on the sale of firearms could pass constitutional muster. In the 2010 case of McDonald v. Chicago, the Court applied incorporation doctrine to extend the Second Amendment's protections nationwide.

In commentary written by Judge Garwood in United States v. Emerson, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit concluded in 2001 that:
“...there are numerous instances of the phrase 'bear arms' being used to describe a civilian's carrying of arms. Early constitutional provisions or declarations of rights in at least some ten different states speak of the right of the 'people' [or 'citizen' or 'citizens'] "to bear arms in defense of themselves [or 'himself'] and the state,' or equivalent words, thus indisputably reflecting that under common usage 'bear arms' was in no sense restricted to bearing arms in military service. See Bliss v. Commonwealth, 13 Am. Dec. 251, 12 Ky. 90 (Ky. 1822).”

Similarly, in a released Senate report on the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, Senator

Orrin Hatch, chairman, U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution, states:
“They argue that the Second Amendment's words "right of the people" mean "a right of the state" — apparently overlooking the impact of those same words when used in the First and Fourth Amendments. The "right of the people" to assemble or to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures is not contested as an individual guarantee. Still they ignore consistency and claim that the right to "bear arms" relates only to military uses. This not only violates a consistent constitutional reading of "right of the people" but also ignores that the second amendment protects a right to "keep" arms. "When our ancestors forged a land "conceived in liberty", they did so with musket and rifle. When they reacted to attempts to dissolve their free institutions, and established their identity as a free nation, they did so as a nation of armed freemen. When they sought to record forever a guarantee of their rights, they devoted one full amendment out of ten to nothing but the protection of their right to keep and bear arms against governmental interference. Under my chairmanship the Subcommittee on the Constitution will concern itself with a proper recognition of, and respect for, this right most valued by free men.””

As such and in the light of the noted precedence, Hawaii's defacto BAN on citizen’s RIGHTS to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and MUST BE OVER TURNED.

Please restore the citizen's right to carry in this state, or DO NOT OPPOSE concealed carry reciprocity.

Jerry Adams Jr.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 7:26:49 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter J Long III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawaii and the United States of America, I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.

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Peter J Long III

Registered VOTER

Honolulu, Hawaii

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 8:22:38 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mitchell H. Weber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I as a concerned citizen strongly urge all members of congress to make an honest effort to take the time and research(at the very least) the FBI statistics on the effectiveness of concealed carry. A quick internet is all it takes, I will not post links or data files because I believe you all have made your decisions already, and have no interest in any legislation brought to the table by Republicans or POTUS. Prove me wrong it will take less than ten minutes to find hoards of statistics and accounts of violent crime stopped many times even without a shot fired. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Mitchell Weber

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 8:22:45 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Kawai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 9:11:14 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SCR9 because I support 50-state and DC concealed-carry reciprocity. Driving is a privilege, not a right; yet all states recognize drivers licenses from other states. To keep and bear arms is a constitutional right, of which Hawai'i was aware when it joined the union. However, not all states recognize concealed carry licenses from other states. This leaves people vulnerable to criminal attack in places where concealed-carry permits and licenses are not recognized. People with concealed-carry licenses are 13 times less likely to commit a crime than those who are not licensed, and 6 times less likely to commit a felony than police. No one has anything to fear from law-abiding citizens who carry concealed. Criminals already carry whatever weapons they want. Law-abiding citizens should be at least as well armed as criminals. Society is safer when criminals don't know who is armed. A permit from Hawai'i is hard to obtain but it is recognized by several states on the mainland even though their permits are not recognized in Hawai'i. It's time for the state of Hawai'i and all other states to recognize the concealed-carry permits and licenses from other states. Show how much you support the US Constitution by voting NO on SCR9.

The Rev. Dr. Marion G. Ceruti

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 9:11:27 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kabel gebeke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 9:15:37 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cecil E. Haverty	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OF HAWAII AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO OPPOSE "CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY"

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 9:21:11 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 9:50:26 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 10:05:36 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ramiro Noguerol	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 10:21:59 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jordan Hall	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I have great faith in our police force here in Hawaii. **FACT** - our police force, just like all other law enforcement agencies across the nation, are not capable of being everywhere, all the time. **FACT** - bad people looking to do harm to innocent others, exist everywhere in our society. **FACT** - law enforcement take between 5-15 minutes to respond to a shooting. How long would you or anyone you love, be able to to defend themselves against an armed criminal until help arrives? Being able to protect my family when law enforcement are not immediately available, regardless of what state I am in is my second ammendment right. That is my good moral cause. I support H.R. 38.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 10:44:26 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SCR9. I will take responsibility to protect my family and myself in a life and death situation because The State of Hawaii doesn't has the resources to provide protection to every citizen of the state 24/7/365. The Office of the President of the United States has introduced the "concealed carry reciprocity" legislation as a right of the people and should not be opposed by Hawaii's congressional delegation.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 10:50:28 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SCR9. I will take responsibility to protect my family and myself in a life and death situation because The State of Hawaii doesn't has the resources to provide protection to every citizen of the state 24/7/365. The Office of the President of the United States has introduced the "concealed carry reciprocity" legislation as a right of the people and should not be opposed by Hawaii's congressional delegation.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 4:04:32 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Gutteling, M.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Meaningful self-defense is a human right.

When seconds count, police are minutes away.

The fundamental Right to Keep and Bear Arms should not end at the state line.

Currently, New York will arrest a Hawaiian citizen for transitting their state with a gun that is legal and permitted in a Hawaii. This is unjust.

National Concealed Carry Reciprocity would ensure that law-abiding citizens do not forfeit their ability to protect themselves as they travel from state to state, and it would also ensure that anti-gun jurisdictions such as New York could not harass or persecute travelers for exercising their constitutionally guaranteed rights.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 4:32:46 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Silas Decker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

The time for "shall issue" concealed carry in Hawaii is long overdue. The residents of this wonderful state are neither too stupid, too irresponsible, too timid, nor so well protected by the police that they should be denied this right.

Those with concealed carry permits visiting us from other states are by definition responsible, law abiding individuals. No individual who would otherwise be prohibited from owning a gun who enters Hawaii would be allowed to do so by concealed carry reciprocity.

I politely request that you reconsider your stance on the apptitude of both the Hawiian Citizen and the Citizens of the United States.

Sincerely,

Silas Decker

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 5:05:37 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawaii and the United States of America, I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity.

Our Bills of Right guarantees the RIGHT to Keep and BEAR Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, OUTSIDE of the home is covered by that amendment.

Hawaii's defacto BAN on citizen’s RIGHTS to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and MUST BE OVER TURNED.

RESTORE the citizen's right to carry in this state, or DO NOT OPPOSE concealed carry reciprocity.

Jason

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 5:52:55 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppse SCR9. This bill violates my 2A rights and makes no sense. Responsible gun owners with concealed carry rights are not the problem. Its the people who do not follow laws that are teh problem. Please do dot pass this measure.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 6:37:55 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Koike	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I, as a voter, and law abiding citizen oppose this resolution.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 7:14:43 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SCR9.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 7:29:11 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to this legislation. I have a CCW license and I would like to be able to protect myself and my family where ever I go to the mainland. Right now there are so many jurisdictions that have different laws that you can accidently wind up in a state that you can get arrested for a felony like California and New York. They have been cases where innocent CCW holders get arrested just for driving accross state llines. In New York an airline stopping over in JFK had mechanical problems and the passengers had to get off the plane. The CCW holder had to retrieve his luggage and he ended up being arrested. The laws need to be more consistent accross the USA for law abiding cititzens. People with bad intentions don't listen to these laws but we as lad abiding cititizen cannot protect ourselves.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 7:30:06 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelvin N Asahina, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to SCR9. People who follow legal means to own and train to safely carry a gun for self defense (a requirement for a concealed carry permit) should not be punished as opposed to criminals who illegally carry guns and would cause them harm and will never obey the law to start with.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 7:30:57 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am OPPOSED to SCR9 because Concealed Carry Weapons is a right everyone should have.

I am a firearms instructor and retired military servicemember with concealed carry weapons permits from Nevada and Arizona. I was able to carry a weapon for self defense while deployed overseas and can currently carry a weapon in many other States on the mainland with my CCW permits which currently have State to State reciprocity over most of the US. I was fortunate that I have never been attacked while overseas or on the mainland. However I was attacked twice here at home in Hawaii. In Kalihi I was carjacked on the road after school one night. In Aiea I was robbed when a gang threatened me with a weapon, assaulted me, and attempted to get my wallet. Fortunately I was able to escape in both situations. I have friends and family who are also afraid of walking alone at night on their way home after work.

HAWAII DOES NOT ISSUE CCW PERMITS TO THE PUBLIC

The second paragraph in the bill "WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has allowed the concealed carry of firearm..." is a lie. Hawaii has not issued any Concealed Carry Weapons permits for decades except for a couple that were erroneously issued. Please check with the local police departments and AG so that you can see the statistics for yourself. Or apply for a permit for yourself and see what the process is like. This is a violation of my civil rights. The reasons listed on the bill for denial of permits such as prior criminal history, domestic abuse, physical standards, determination of recklessness, etc are not the reasons used for denial. The HRA conducted a CCW drive where law abiding people applied for permits and none were granted.

THE POLICE WILL NOT ISSUE ANY CCW PERMITS TO THE PUBLIC FOR ANY REASON.

Please make a phone call to each of the police chiefs to ask why they will not issue any permits.

I am OPPOSED to SCR9. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 7:32:32 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

The laws accross the USA are too varied and complex. There needs to be an easier way we can carry our firearms for protection without having the fear of breaking a law from a city or state we are passing thru. We support the CCW Reciprocity Bill and ask that our Senators and Representatives do the same.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 7:47:56 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

from the Hawaii State Constitution:

RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

Section 17. A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

What part of "SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED" do you not understand?

Remember your Oath of Office and uphold the Constitution of the United States and Hawaii by OPPOSING this Resolution

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SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 7:54:32 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert A Okuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 8:10:40 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Valencia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am providing testamony in opposition to SCR9 Concealed Carry Reciprocity; US Congress. I am not in favor of the Hawaii State Legislature requesting the Hawaii Federal Congressional Delegation to oppose federal concealed carry reciprocity legislation. I am strongly in favor of a federal law that grants concealed carry weapon (CCW) permission to qualified US citizens no matter what State they live in or visit. The key word for universal CCW is "qualified". I am a Hawaii resident of over 50 years, a permitted gun owner having been background checked many times to purchase guns and trained in firearm operation, safety and laws by certified instructors. Additionally, I have been provided with advanced training and testing, at my own expense, for qualification and certification to carry concealed weapons. However, the Hawaii legislature handed CCW permitting authority over to the Chiefs of Police in each County, and it's their collective policy to not issue CCW permits to most citizens. Despite my certified qualification and clear background checks, I am not permitted to carry concealed for self protection. The second ammendment to the US Constitution is not working for me living in Hawaii. Therefore, while I'm opposed to SCR9, I would be very much in favor of a resolution from the Hawaii State Legislature to the Hawaii Federal Congressional Delegation requesting their support for a concealed carry reciprocity law.

Very respectfully,
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SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 8:20:19 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Harper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

concealed carry reciprocity can only help the honest citizens of this country.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 8:22:46 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Fukuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this request to derail concealed carry reciprocity. Every law abiding citizen should have the right to conceal carry for personal protection.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 8:28:28 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

We are part of the United States. We recognize drivers licenses issued by other states, accept health insurance issued in other sates, honor checks written on banks from other states. National Reciprocity merely affirms that Hawaii respects the laws and rights defined by other states, and likewise has the reasonable expectation that other states will honor and respect our laws and rights.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 8:41:03 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Henry deButts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to this SCR9. Hawaii is a part of the United States. I beleive that we should honor the CCW of the other states.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 9:01:51 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bowen Dickinson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 9:02:51 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SCR9 because they did not not represent my stance and my constitutional right as an American citizen. Every American has the natural right off self defense. A concealed carry firearm is part of your self defense rights in America as defined in the Constitution. This delegation will push further infringement on the second amendment of the US Constitution.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 9:07:38 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Honorable Senators: Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair, Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

As a citizen of Hawaii and the United States of America, **I oppose your opposition to concealed carry reciprocity** in reference to Senate Concurrent Resolution 9.

Our Bill of Right guarantees the RIGHT to Keep and BEAR Arms. The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right to carry a firearm, for the purpose of self-defense, OUTSIDE of the home is covered by that amendment.

Hawaii's defacto BAN on citizen’s RIGHTS to carry a firearm outside of the home for legal purposes and self-defense is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and MUST BE OVER TURNED.

RESTORE the citizen's right to carry in this state, or DO NOT OPPOSE concealed carry reciprocity.

As the past several years have shown, Hawaii's police are unable to be everywhere to protect it's citizens at all times and the loss of innocent lives have occurred because of it. I do not want myself or my loved ones to become one of those statistic's.

DO NOT OPPOSE concealed carry reciprocity.

If you do not, please remove all armed security from and for any and all governmental buildings to prove you are as willing to become a victim just as you wish me and my family to be.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Sosta

Citizen Soldier, Voter, Firearms Owner, Patriot and All around Nice Guy

Maili, HI

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

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 10:06:53 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
davin asato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose SCR9.

The fundamental Right to Keep and Bear Arms should not end at the state line. National Concealed Carry Reciprocity would ensure that law-abiding citizens do not forfeit their ability to protect themselves as they travel from state to state, and it would also ensure that they could not be harassed or persecuted for exercising their constitutionally guaranteed rights in their travels.

Again, please oppose SCR9. Thank you.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 10:27:12 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cecelia Yamamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose legislation that opposes the rights of individuals to protect themselves against criminals.

All citizens with the legal right to bear arms should be able to protect themselves against criminals. This is especially important for women and men who are physically less strong than the typical perpetrator. I implore Hawaii politicians to support the protection of their constituents by allowing us to practice our Constitutionally guaranteed right to bear arms.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 11:59:19 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Yamanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose the oppositon to concealed carry by law abiding citizens in Hawaii. Violence by criminals against the people, and the failure of law enforcement to prevent such crimes only show that the people need the right to defend themselves in private or in public.as afforded to them by the 2nd amendment.

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 12:33:25 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
aaron shefte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

It’s time

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/7/2018 12:50:09 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Wela	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

CCW lowers crime rates. More guns in honest citizens hands helps police and victims of criminals. CCW commit crimes at rates lower than police officers. Stop virtue signaling and support our second amendment rights.

Daniel Wela

SCR-9
Submitted on: 3/6/2018 5:14:54 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SCR9 on the principle of supporting the sovereignty of states rights. Concealed carry of a firearm is the sole responsibility of the state and local government for the reasons outlined in the bill, particularly in regard to other states variable standards of training, and accountability.

I caveat my support with a concern that the State of Hawaii doesn't approve concealed carry applications for permits to anyone--regardless of their experience, training, and competence to do so. I'm a proponent of public safety when determining the issue of a concealed permit, but I believe that the state, city/county is unreasonable not allowing qualified individuals to obtain one. This bill falsely implies that there's an achievable process in which a resident can obtain a concealed carry permit. In fact, a permit is not obtainable.

I served 30-years as an active duty U.S. Marine and I'm an infantry firearms expert. I've held concealed carry permits in the States of Florida and Virginia. I'm currently a homeowner at 1030 Aoloa Pl., 312A, Kailua, HI.

Thank you for considering my testimony, Aloha.