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Chairs, Vice-chairs, and committee members,

Please include a request for statistics on how many people who were victims of a “confrontational crime” (i.e. an individual is confronted directly by a criminal, such as rape, sexual assault, assault, etc.) were outside their homes, and thus de facto disarmed by Hawaii’s “no issue” concealed carry licensing and open carry licensing prohibitions wherein not one single law-abiding person in the entire state may lawfully bear arms outside their home for the purpose of self-defense.

Please have this number of disarmed, essentially helpless victims compared to the rates of concealed and open carry populations in various of the 45 states that recognize the Constitutionally-protected pre-existing natural right to bear arms wherein a percentage of those people successfully defended themselves against being victims of crimes, or lessened the severity of the criminal act by defending themselves with a firearm.

This number of needless victims will be substantial, as somewhere between 800,000 and 2.4 million time per year Americans defend themselves from criminal acts with firearms. And **even if it's only one person** (and of course it will be a far greater number), that one person deserves to have the option to protect themselves outside their home with the best tools possible for the job.

Then, in light of the obvious potentially reduced victimizations, please restore the rights of Hawaii citizens and legal residents to lawfully bear arms outside their homes for self-defense (by abolishing the current de facto “no issue” policy and replacing it ideally with permitless carry, both open and concealed) in order that they may lessen the probability that they will needlessly be disarmed and suffer under criminal attack.

If you don't, you have the blood on your hands of every law-abiding citizen who would rather have been armed and had at least a chance to stop the rapist/assaulter when they were attacked by a criminal who knew the victims would all be disarmed by the state and thus “easy targets”.

Thank you,

George Pace