

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1321
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1321 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that failure to register a firearm within the required time period does not relieve the owner of the duty to register the firearm; and
- (2) Allow the owner of an unregistered firearm to register the firearm thereafter without penalty.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Firearms Coalition, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and one hundred twenty-five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from twelve individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that firearm registration requirements play an important role in ensuring the safe and responsible possession and use of firearms in Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that imposing a penalty for late registration can have the



unintended effect of discouraging otherwise lawful owners of firearms from registering their firearms if they miss the registration deadline. This measure will clarify that the duty to register a firearm continues past the registration deadline and allow owners of unregistered firearms to register their firearms without penalty.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the ongoing duty to register a firearm does not apply to devices exempt from firearm registration requirements; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1321, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1321, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,

Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1321	Committee Referral: PSM, JDC	Date: 2/7/19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye /	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes