

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2019

RE: S.B. No. 600

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 600 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require an individual to be at least twenty-one years old to bring a firearm into the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the County of Hawai'i Mayor's Office, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Institute for Rational and Evidence-based Legislation, Hawaii Rifle Association, Rook Customs/RookWorx, Hawaii Firearms Coalition, National Rifle Association of America, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and 383 individuals.

Your Committee finds that state law restricts gun ownership to twenty-one years old for those obtaining a firearm in the State. However, this law has a loophole that allows Hawaii residents and non-residents to bring a firearm to Hawaii from outside the State and register that firearm without the requirement of being at least twenty-one years old. Your Committee further finds that setting a uniform minimum age for gun ownership in the State, regardless of where the firearm originated from, is in the best public safety interests of the State.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 600 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 600	Committee Referral: PSM, JDC	Date: 2/22/19		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓		✓	
GABBARD, Mike			✓	
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3	0	1	1
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