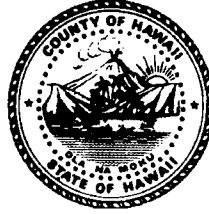


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February 19, 2019

Representative Chris Lee, Chair
Committee on Judiciary

Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary



Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members:

RE: HB 720, HD1 Relating to Firearms

HB 720, HD1 would require that lost, stolen, or destroyed firearms be reported. While this provision might be of limited value, since enforcement would depend upon a showing that the individual knew a firearm was missing, it is perfectly reasonable that an obligation to report be mandated, and gun owners be aware of the expectations that are placed upon them.

I have no doubt that some will find this too onerous a restriction on their right to bear arms, but I would argue that it is a perfectly reasonable obligation to impose.

It appears to me that the authors have drawn a fair and proper balance between the rights of gun owners, and society's interest in safety. I urge you to act favorably on HB 720, HD1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim
MAYOR

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February 19, 2019

LATE

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 720, HD1, Relating to Firearms

I am David Nilsen, Acting Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 720, HD 1, Relating to Firearms, with amendments.

We believe that a change is needed to ensure that firearms that are lost, stolen or destroyed are reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement, having knowledge of these missing firearms, will then be able to enter this information into national and local databases, disseminating their status to as many agencies as possible.

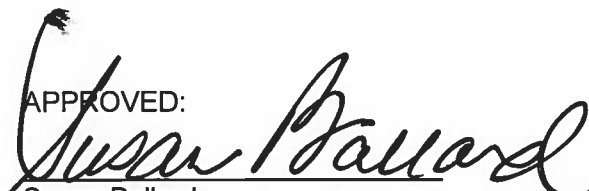
The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 720, HD 1, Relating to Firearms, with amendments.

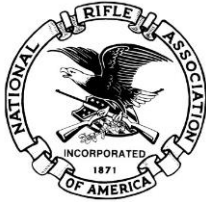
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


David P. Nilsen, Acting Major
Records and Identification Division

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STATE & LOCAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
DANIEL REID, WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

February 18, 2019

The Honorable Chris Lee
Chair, House Committee on Judiciary
Sent Via Email

Re: **House Bill 720 – OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Lee:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, we oppose House Bill 720.

HB 720 would place firearms owners in jeopardy of criminal prosecution for failure to report lost, stolen or destroyed firearms within 24 hours.

Firearm owners voluntarily and regularly report stolen firearms to the appropriate authorities. However, the criminal penalties associated with HB 720 could turn victims of loss into criminals and compromise cooperation with law enforcement. A firearms owner who was unaware of the legal requirement to report the loss, theft or destruction of a firearm and who is contacted by police investigating a crime faces possible criminal prosecution for failing to report that the firearm was stolen or missing. Such an owner will need to hire a lawyer, who will advise them to remain silent while immunity is negotiated, rather than quickly supplying police the information they need to properly and promptly investigate the crime, which may be time sensitive.

For the foregoing reasons, we urge your opposition to HB 720.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reid
Western Regional Director



LATE

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
The Honorable Cedric Asuega Gates
House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and Military Affairs
State Capitol, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
HEARING: Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 10:00am

RE: HB720 Relating to Firearms

Aloha Members of the House Committee,

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition **STRONGLY OPPOSES** HB720.

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition finds that this bill seeks to criminalize both gun owners and licensed firearm merchants and manufacturers based upon personal disaster or the unlawful actions of others. In short, this bill seeks to criminalize the victims of crime and disaster.

The first part of the bill seeks to criminalize the failure to report the loss, theft, or destruction of any firearm to the State of Hawaii. Gun Owners are among the most law abiding citizens in the State and nationwide. Hawaii Firearms Coalition maintains that this bill is an insult to these law abiding citizens in seeking to criminalize their failure to file a report in the midst of a profound personal crisis or disaster (theft, fire, natural disaster). In effect, this bill sees the gun owner as a criminal for not reporting to the state on the loss of their property, even if it resides in a state where registration is not required or falls under the pre 1992 registration requirement.

The second part of the bill seeks to criminalize firearms sellers and manufacturers by failing to report the “unlawful attempt” to purchase a firearm. This bill fails to define “unlawful attempt” specifically and thus could be interpreted broadly to include activities that do not violate Federal Law.

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition believes that criminalizing lawful sellers and manufacturers of firearms due the illegal actions of others only reveals this bill to be a thinly veiled attempt to entrap these legitimate businesses, deny them the licensing required to continue to conduct business in Hawaii, and punish them under criminal penalty.

For these reasons, Hawaii Firearms Coalition **STRONGLY OPPOSES** HB720.
Mahalo,

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HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 6:26:25 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brett Kulbis	Honolulu County Republican Party	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 7:22:51 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



Institute for Rational and Evidence-based Legislation

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February 17, 2019

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Re: HB720

To be heard: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members,

Please vote NO on HB720.

There are many erroneous assumptions and fallacious arguments contained in the rationale for HB720. There is also no evidence of any sort presented that would validate the supposed arguments for enacting HB720. If there are no valid arguments, nor any substantiated evidence for a law such as HB720, then it obviously must not become law. On top of that, the idea of making criminals out of people who have been subjected to criminal theft is a form of completely unwarranted usurpation of Constitutionally-protected rights.

I argue against this bill in its entirety below, however, if the majority of members of this committee decide they want to make these requirements and penalties law, given that the ostensible justification for this bill is “*accurate information in the national and local databases*”, I hope you add the following amendments in order to insure that said local database contains “accurate information”:

1. Any firearm registered in Hawaii that is reported by its registered owner transferred out of Hawaii SHALL BE REMOVED from the database of registered firearms in Hawaii. In addition, any associated information regarding the owner of that particular firearm, in relation to that transferred firearm, SHALL BE DELETED from the database.
2. Any firearm owner registered in any database of firearm information in Hawaii, upon request after moving from Hawaii with the firearm(s) registered in Hawaii, SHALL BE DELETED from any Hawaii database regarding firearms and firearm owners.
3. Upon notification by a former Hawaii resident that they are no longer a resident of Hawaii, that former resident's name and information SHALL BE DELETED from enrollment in the “Rapback” database.
4. Any government employee who is responsible for failing to remove any and all information regarding a transferred firearm and/or person who is no longer a resident of Hawaii from said database

and/or “Rapback” upon request of that owner, shall forfeit all forms immunity and in the first instance be guilty of a misdemeanor, and for the second and following instances be guilty of a felony.

Those amendments would further the stated goal of “*accurate information in the national and local databases*”, and, obviously, if a firearm and/or person are no longer in Hawaii, but the database inaccurately lists the firearm(s) and/or person as present in and/or a resident of Hawaii, that database is grossly inaccurate and misleading and would in no way serve to protect public safety.

Let's examine the rationale presented for HB720.

“Law enforcement officers must have knowledge and an accurate record of lost or stolen firearms to protect the public.”

Do tell. How will the public be protected if a firearm is reported lost or stolen any more than if a firearm is not reported lost or stolen? Imagine a person is off island for several months and the day after they leave a firearm is stolen from their vacant residence. How is the public in that situation any more in danger than if a firearm is stolen and the theft is reported to the police? This is nonsensical. Is the public suddenly safer when the resident returns after two months and then reports the firearm stolen? Why? Is the underlying assumption that once a firearm is reported lost or stolen that the police will then go arrest the thief and recover the firearm? Why would anyone believe that? Where's the evidence that that is true? That's absurd on its face. What is being reported in the case of a theft is merely the theft of a firearm, not a report on who stole the firearm, much less who currently possesses it and where that person and the firearm currently are. Reporting the theft in no way enhances law enforcement's ability to recover the stolen item. Again, how would that reporting enhance public safety? In the case of a loss of a firearm, what difference would it make for public safety whether it was reported or not. Reporting the loss does not make the recovery of the lost firearm any more likely than not having it reported. How is law enforcement going to find a lost firearm that the owner cannot find? I challenge the author of this bill to provide any evidence at all that public safety would be enhanced by such a bill.

“Access to accurate information in the national and local databases for lost or stolen firearm enhances police officer safety in situations involving firearm ownership and possession issues.”

This is a repetition of the same fallacious and evidence-free argument above except this time the claim for enhanced safety is not for the public, but for “police officer safety”. How? How will any police officer be safer in any way knowing that a firearm has been stolen or lost? Now if they knew who had the stolen or lost firearm, that might be different, but merely knowing that a firearm has been stolen or lost does absolutely nothing at all to enhance police officer safety. How could it? Show me the evidence. Even just one piece of evidence. How would an officer know that someone he is approaching is the thief of a stolen firearm? How would an officer know that someone he is approaching is a person who found a lost firearm? The firearm might be listed in some database, but the thief or the finder would not be listed in the database as the thief or finder. How could an officer have any idea about “ownership and possession” with these people?

The information allows police officers to timely investigate and seize lost and stolen weapons quickly and surely.”

More flights fantasy totally unwarranted by real world evidence. Yes, it would allow law enforcement to investigate a theft or loss, but how would that end in the result that they “seize lost and stolen

weapons quickly and surely”? Give me several examples. I'll grant that in the case of a theft it is possible that some evidence, such as fingerprints that are in a database, could be recovered from a crime scene that would lead to the apprehension of the thief and possibly the stolen property, BUT how often has this happened in the real world? I'm sure the various county police departments have records of all reported firearm thefts, the ensuing investigations, and the rate of success in recovering the firearms. Show us the statistics, because the “commonsense” just isn't there. And, needless to say, it's impossible to see how reporting a firearm lost would result in making it possible for law enforcement to “seize lost... weapons quickly and surely”. How would that happen? How will they “quickly and surely” find a lost weapon that the owner can't find? How many times has this happened in the real world? Please provide the detailed accounts, and the rate at which lost firearms were “quickly and surely” recovered by law enforcement for all cases of reported lost firearms.

These arguments, presented without any shred of evidence are absurd on their face. Anyone taking a minute to think about the claims being made could see that. Please note, I will retract that claim once I'm presented with convincing accurate indisputable evidence that law enforcement has “quickly and surely” recovered lost and stolen guns that were reported lost and stolen. Please show me the evidence.

Now, what's REALLY harmful and abusive is the fact that, given the faulty premises, fallacious arguments, and apparent lack of any evidence whatsoever to corroborate the effectiveness of the claimed intent of the law that would be created by HB720, is the fact that law-abiding citizens who are victims of theft will be made into criminals for not reporting, including the possibility that they could lose their Constitutionally-protected right to keep and bear arms.

I see no valid reasons or evidence that would warrant declaring a crime victim a criminal for failing to report an accident (loss) or crime (theft) involving a firearm.

What good will come of prosecuting such people who are already crime victims?

We already know that all the years of keeping registration data on every single gun and gun owner in the entire state has not yielded a single solution to any crime despite tens of thousands of work hours and millions upon millions of taxpayer dollars wasted on the claimed “public safety” benefits of registration. It has had no such effect. It exists only as a threat hanging over gun-owners and would-be gun owners to make sure they know that their constitutionally-protected rights are mere privileges in Hawaii, subject to the whims of legislators and law enforcement bureaucrats.

I see no difference with this proposed legislation, which only serves to further criminalize law-abiding citizens through no fault of their own.

Leave the law-abiding alone. Don't invent new crimes to entrap the previously law-abiding, especially when there is no evidence that the proposed law would have any of the effects claimed. Go after the criminals. How is it that the recidivists getting arrested over and over already have 20 or 30 or more prior arrests and convictions? Those are the people you should be targeting with legislation aimed at securing “public safety” by incarcerating recidivists for life after their second “serious” crime, not gun owners who have lost or had firearms stolen from them and are already victims.

Vote NO on HB720.

Thank you,

George Pace

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/15/2019 5:07:24 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honest people will report a stolen or lost firearm, and there is no reason to further compel them to do so. Criminals will not, and additional laws will not compel them to do so. In fact, in doing so, a criminal would incriminate themselves, contrary to the constitution, and cannot be compelled to do so, This law would be additional harassment of honest gun owners in already difficult circumstances, and have no real effect on criminals.

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 9:08:31 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is a backdoor method to further victimize a gun owner who has already had their property stolen. Should a firearm be stolen without its owners knowledge and be recovered from a crime it places the burden of proof on the original gun owner to prove that he/she had no knowledge that their firearm was stolen. As this would be impossible to prove I do not support the law. I have an expectation as a citizen that my property will NOT be stolen on a daily basis. I don't think this is an unrealistic expectation. Rather than penalize gun owners please put our states resources and my tax dollars towards reducing the real and tangible causes of human misery that are contributing to our unacceptable property crime rates.

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 10:06:48 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB720. A person might inadvertently fail to report a lost, stolen, or destroyed firearm for various reasons, there are many scenarios: house burglarized, something overlooked, away on vacation, etc. This bill does not address the legislatures' "findings" that prohibiting gun possession by certain individuals enhances public safety, but instead uses that to come to the erroneous conclusion that we must further punish law-abiding citizens by criminalizing them.

The greatest cruelty in the world is to tell people you will help in their situation with legislation and then try to pass off legislation that would do nothing, normally, that's called fraud.

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 1:00:23 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is unconstitutional and difficult to enforce. The police will be required to keep track which will inevitably lead to mistakes and misunderstandings. The bill will also encourage people to not report for fear of penalty. Even though it is against the law, people might believe that it might be easier to claim ignorance rather risk reporting late. Responsible gun owners will report (without fear or reprisals) because they do not want their firearms to be in the hands of criminals.

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 2:01:06 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill dose not provied eough time. The police department can take more then a month just to make the Report.

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 3:53:22 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

oppose

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 6:14:58 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Quentin Kealoha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB720 HD1

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 9:43:54 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randall Leonard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm in opposition to any and all bills that could turn a law abiding citizen into a criminal

by not meeting an arbitrary timeline. I've personally known people who've spent extended periods

away from home, only to find their belongings missing upon return. Laws of this nature only seek to

criminalize good people, already faced with bad circumstances. Thank you.

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 1:16:44 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support a bill that would make someone a criminal just because they forgot to report within 24 hours. By having such a short time limit, this may cause people to not report at all because they do not want to be caught breaking the law.

I don't know if anyone on committee has ever had their home broken into. This is a very invasive and traumatic event. Many times, we don't really know what's missing until days, sometimes even weeks later. No you're going to make someone a criminal. How will the state define "discovered" when the gun was stolen? When the 1st police report was made? Or what if discovered is used loosely. Then 1 could say that they didn't know 1 of 50 guns were missing until 2 years later.

This law would do nothing to keep HPD any safer. Because a criminal will not go to the police station to register a stolen gun. Unless if you know that criminals don't break the law. So if a gun is found on a criminal outside of their home, they are already breaking 1) Places to keep law since NO conceal carry or open carry permits are issued (Young vs. Hawaii). AND 2) No valid conceal carry or open carry permit. So is really adding in 1 more charge going to impact that criminal at all? The gun is already possessed illegally.

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 2:17:49 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
hiro caballes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Sirs,

Aloha. My name is Hiro Caballes and I am a law abiding citizen. I have never been involved in a crime, nor have I ever participated in any illegal activities. I have lived a humble life and I am a humble man. However, the one aspect of my life that I am not humble about is my pride of being an American. I am true believer of the Constitution of the United States and the bill of rights contained within it.

It is with that pride that I am writing to you today to make my (American) voice heard by the people that I (and the other proud Americans in this state) have elected into office to act as our representatives.

I hereby say on to you that I am vehemently opposed to House Bills HB720 HD1, HB1303 and HB1531. In fact, I oppose any and all "laws" that seek to infringe on my 2nd Amendment rights. As the text in the 2nd Amendment states,

"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."

I appreciate you taking you taking time to read my email, and I hope that you take my humble words to heart.

Thank you and Aloha,

Hiro Caballes

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 2:40:21 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 2:43:34 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

Victims of crime should NEVER be penalized. Making it a crime to be a victim of theft or robbery is ridiculous!

This is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars. Gun violence is a NON issue in Hawaii, compared to ALL the other problems that need IMMEDIATE ATTENTION in this State. Do not waste time on these anti gun agenda bills. They go against the Constitution of the United States, the constitution of Hawaii, AND are in contrary to your sworn oaths when you took office!

I am a voter, and I promise you, no gun control and anti-Constitution legislator will never get another vote from me, or from those who would defend freedom.

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 6:13:25 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill legally and willfully punishes those already victimized by crime (theft, burglary, etc.), as though the victim of said theft was already guilty of a crime by merely owning a gun, an inanimate object. If any other object is stolen, it's seen as a loss. If any other non-firearm weapon is stolen, it's seen as a loss. If it's a firearm, the former owner is cast in the same lot as the perpetrator...this is unacceptable.

The scene of a crime is a place the victim does not want to revisit. I myself still remember from years ago finding my car broken into in the Dillingham area...papers all over the floor, tools and my uniform for my night job strewn about in the trunk and back seat. I didn't know what was missing...I didn't care. The trauma of knowing I was victimized...I just prayed to God to let the nightmare be over. Luckily it was only some loose change and some emergency cash missing.

Now, replace my car with your home, and my missing change with a prized family heirloom or a \$2000-\$3000 laptop missing. How soon can you truly re-enter that crime scene and 'remember' what's not there anymore? Hours? Days? Months?

The potential of ACTUALLY becoming a criminal BECAUSE and ONLY BECAUSE I was a victim of a crime is ludicrous. I can only support this bill if victims in these circumstances are guaranteed to remain only that...victims, not the criminals who perpetrated this crime.

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 8:25:38 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shelton Yamashiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose this bill. It's purpose is only to punish the victim of a crime.

With all the problems facing the people of the state, our legislators should be addressing meaningful issues that impact our daily lives.

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 8:38:53 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bryan Jeremiah	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Why is it that we support a woman's right to abort a child but try to take away the right for an individual to own a firearm? There have been more lives lost to abortion by far than to all gun related violence since the time we have kept records in this State.

What do we as a people do when we are no longer able to defend ourselves? who will defend us? The government? We continue to push to reshape the constitution a little at a time disguising it as an attempt to show concern.

How can we continue to support the right of one individual to take a life, but not support the right of one individual to defend it? I strongly oppose any bill introduced that modifies gun laws contrary to our 2nd amendment rights.

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 8:54:41 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stefani jeremiah	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

At first this bill may sound like it is great. But it comes down to one thing taking away our rights. No matter how you try to write the bill it all comes down to taking away our gun rights. If we were on vacation and someone broke into our home and took our register gun and went out and killed someone and we were not able to report this due to us being on vacation the way this bill is written we could become a felon. Once again this is just one more attempt to take away our constitutional right. That is why I am opposed to this bill. Thank you very much Stefani Jeremiah

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:17:43 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and submit testimony for HB720.

As a lifelong liberal I'm sure it will come to a shock to many committee members that I and my wife are in opposition to this proposed bill. We are both technology professionals and many times find ourselves partnered with legal team members navigating through legal wrangling while attempting to implement technology advancements that might carry disruptive, both socio-economic and established regulations, consequences.

The "heart" behind this bill is intended for the good of public safety, but we feel HB720 misses the mark. This bill already overlaps with many existing/established federal and local firearms laws. It continues to then to lay the burden of federal and state firearms law enforcement onto the shoulders of the average citizen. We view HB720 as forced deputization into the BATFE, HPD, and Federal Trade Commission as a conditional rider for a constitutionally protected civil right.

As racial and socio-economic tensions have been on the rise with the current presidential administration, statistically laws like those proposed in HB720 tend to disproportionately impact minorities. Often lower tier infractions are exacerbated and have a ripple effect on low income communities. Distrust with police in those communities runs high, and additional indictment fodder will not help rebuild it.

This "tell or else..." bill places an awkward and nebulous condition for the permitting of a federally protected civil right. Oppose this bill.

Thanks you for your time and consideration,

Chris & Amanda Yates

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HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:25:51 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Myron Hoefler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against imposing penalties on crime victims. The authors of this bill have presented no evidence that shows how his law would deter firearm thefts, or the use of lost or stolen firearms to commit crimes, or even solve a crime. New laws should focus on punishing criminals, not their victims.

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:57:51 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

This testimony is in OPPOSITION to bill HB720. This bill puts an undue burden on victims of crime or disaster. To make these victims criminals while they are undergoing a great deal of stress make me believe this bill is highly partisan and does not have the citizens best interest in mind.

Respectfully,
Steven Yip

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 11:30:25 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
RICHARD ARGUELLES	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 12:08:11 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Miles Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB720. This bill will make the victims of a crime possibly become the criminal if they don't report a theft within a specific time. This is not a reasonable law. Automobile owners are not required to report stolen or abandoned vehicles, why single out firearm owners? Firearms are dangerous weapons you say? Automobiles kill and maim dozens of people each year compared to firearms yet only firearms are dangerous? This is not reasonable. Yes it is important that stolen property should be reported but do make it a criminal offense to do so at a later date is completely irrational and unreasonable. Will a criminal report that their stolen firearm was stolen? No, only law biding citizens will. Do not make law biding citizens criminals because they fail to meet an unreasonable deadline.

No to HB720.

HB-720-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lana Ululani Robbins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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

Comments:

I oppose Hb720 HD1. I feel it is a violation of due process, can be abused, and that it's a placebo that could do more harm than good.

This bill would remove peoples right to "keep and bear arms" without a trial or conviction for something that has a remote chance of happening in the future. This is not how America works. The 2nd amendment is not a second class right, it is a right equal to all others. Even worse, the protective order can continue indefinitely through renewals without ever being convicted of a crime.

This bill can be abused. Allegations can be made for retribution or blackmail purposes. Something as little as holding a firearm for an innocuous purpose can be seen as threatening to some people. For example competition shooters will "dryfire" their firearm for practice inside of the home. This is where they practice holding an unloaded gun and pressing the trigger at a target to practice muscle memory and aiming skills. People who don't own firearms will see this as unusual and possibly threatening. The burden is on the firearm owner to prove his innocence.

Lastly this bill forms a false sense of security. If a person is such an imminent threat to society that their civil right of owning a firearm is infringed, then that person should be removed from society and placed into treatment or arrested. That person is still able to use their hands, knives, cars, and other methods to harm people. Oppose HB720 HD1

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Submitted on: 2/18/2019 7:31:30 PM
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
C. Pang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to HB720 and ask that you do NOT advance it. I believe it would be ridiculous to criminalize a law-abiding citizen for not reporting within 24 hours the loss or destruction of a firearm, for example, to a house fire when loss of one's home or vehicle or, heaven forbid, a family member is of foremost concern, rendering thought of a firearm or reporting its loss the last thing to come to mind. And in the foregoing example, how would that person ever remember the serial number of the firearm? This Bill goes way too far toward criminalizing the victim.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Castro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:10:37 PM

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

Comments:

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HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:29:48 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this legislation because it may cause victims of crime to become a lawbreaker if they don't report a crime within an arbitrary time period, and that is a shame.

There is also no data given that shows that the law is necessary. What is the number of firearms thefts that went unreported? More tellingly, there is no data given that shows the law will be helpful. What is the number of recovered firearms after reported thefts, and what is the number of recovered firearms after unreported thefts?

In other words, where is the evidence that this law will do ANYTHING to reduce the number of stolen firearms "out there?"

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HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:41:57 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB621 on the grounds that it is another overt attempt at penalizing and harassing legal gun owners after they have already been the victims of a crime by people that don't care what laws you pass.

Please have the courage to stop trying to turn victims into criminals to appease a vocal minority whose ultimate aim is to overthrow Constitutional rights of law abiding citizens.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tish Rothwell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 5:30:16 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

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HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 8:13:36 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill, when will Hawaii Lawmakers respect my Constitutional second Amendment equally as

my other Consitutional rights? Would they propose an age to transport restriction on First Amendment rights because they did not agree with an certain book or publication that a person under a certain age wanted to transport into the State?

Also this proposed law is anti Military in that any person under the proposed age limit currently in serving in Military Services who is transferred to Hawaii would be stripped of their 2ND rights without dud process, so it is saying it is OK to serve, fight and possibly lose their life in battle in far off lands to protect the US Constitution and way of life but you cannot avail yourself of these same rights in your Homeland!

This proposed Bill should not be passed.

Mahalo,

Dave Cunningham.

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HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 8:35:21 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is a terrible idea. Reporting a missing firearm should be voluntary, not mandatory. It further victimizes a gun owner after the criminal stole or destroyed the owner's firearm. It is just another way to get gun owners in trouble. The reporting required is too detailed. It's not like the owner could copy information from the firearm, since the owner would not actually have it. Permit documents can have inaccurate information, so copying the information from a permit with an error could further victimize the owner because it looks like fraud. Forget this bill. It creates more problems than it solves.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerry Nagai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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HB-720-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 9:56:55 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill HB720 because it requires owners to provide information for firearms that have already been submitted when the firearm is registered. Although it punishes false claims, it still allows for illegal straw purchasers, who are already breaking the law, a way to "legally" claim that their illegal purchase is now lost, stolen, or destroyed without any consequences.

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

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Shaheen Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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

Comments: