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March 19, 2019

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: House Bill No. 720, H.D. 1, 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, H.D. 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, H.D. 1, Relating to Firearms, with amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

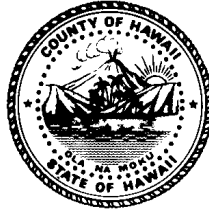
Sincerely,

  
David P. Nilsen, Acting Major  
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March 18, 2019

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

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, 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 prior committees 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



Clarence Nishihara, Chair

Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

State Capitol, Room 229

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

HEARING: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 135pm

RE: HB720 HD1 Relating to Firearms

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee,

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition OPPOSES HB720 HD1.

This law will hurt victims. It is a tragedy to be the victim involved in a burglary, home invasion, or robbery. It's even worse for a victim to be threatened with criminal action and arrested for being a victim. This bill could make criminals out of victims which is outrageous.

In addition this bill would work against its intended purpose if passed. Whenever you attach a penalty to something, people will be reluctant to do it. A person who got their firearm stolen will feel like they did something wrong because of this bill and be afraid to report their stolen firearm. Some people may not know their firearms were stolen for some time, especially after a traumatic experience. This bill will hinder police investigations and make things worse.

There shouldn't be a crime for not reporting a destroyed firearm as it serves no purpose. Firearms are objects and tools. Firearms and firearm parts break all the time and are replaced.

Lastly HRS 663-9.5 already requires the reporting of stolen firearms or else the firearm owner is liable for any injuries and property damaged caused by the firearm. We do not agree with this law, but it covers the intent of this bill.

For these reasons the Hawaii Firearms Coalition Opposes HB720 HD1. Thank you for your consideration.

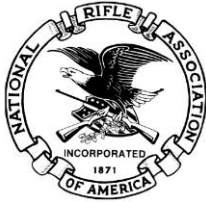
Mahalo

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DANIEL REID, WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

March 18, 2019

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

Re: **House Bill 720 – OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Nishihara:

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

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2019 10:04:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2019 12:38:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB720 HD1 as currently written.

18USC923 and 478CFR39a require federal licensees (including licensed collectors of curio&relic firearm) to report theft or loss within 48 hours to the BATFE and local authorities on ATF Form 3310.11. I request that bill HB720 be harmonized with this existing federal law by changing the reporting requirement to 48 hours and acknowledging that for federally licensed persons or other entities the reporting requirements of 478CFR39a will suffice.

Scott Smart

Mililani HI

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2019 1:31:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steven Melling	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Gun Owners are among the most law abiding citizens in the State and nationwide. 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.

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2019 1:45:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michelle Kerr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2019 3:53:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marcella Alohalani Boido	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I agree with previous testimony submitted by Mayor Kim and the Honolulu Police Department. This bill is a reasonable and helpful measure. Please pass it. Thank you.

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2019 4:35:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2019 4:46:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Toby Rushforth	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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).

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2019 7:41:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Vote NO. This bill turns the victim of a theft into a criminal. Our right to have and bear arms is crucial to maintaining our freedom and ensuring the safety of our people. Laws that infringe on this right are unconstitutional. When you threaten law abiding citizens who are executing their constitutional right to own a gun with laws like this -- you are not serving your constituents -- you are harrassing them. Most people will notify police soon after they become aware of the loss of their personal property -- especially their gun. Mandating a 24 hour reporting period from when they become aware (could have been a year ago it happened but they only become aware today) is meaningless. Do not pass this bill. Stop imposing needless legislation on the general public. Do not pass HB720 HD1.

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2019 8:27:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
SUSAN P HUGHES	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Taking guns away from law abiding citizens is unconstitutional. We have a right to protect ourselves, say if the Chinese or North Koreans were to come over and try to seize our lands. We have a right to own and bear arms so KEEP IT THAT WAY!

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 8:56:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kerry Nagai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 11:34:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

makes a criminal out of a crime victim!

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 11:54:53 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cindy Snow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 12:14:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James Logue	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 12:30:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keith Kawai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose a one-size fits all requirement for LEGAL gun owners - I highly suggest **you craft sensible** bills to go after the **ILLEGAL GUN USERS** OR versus attempt to turn **GOOD LAW ABIDING GUN OWNERS INTO CRIMINALS DUE TO** an **ILL CONCEIVED POORLY THOUGHT OUT BILLS SUCH AS HB 721.**

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 12:31:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
nathan patry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please use common sense on this. Why place the burden and potential criminal consequences on the victim. It would make more sense to require the perpetrator to submit notice of their infraction, and failure to do so would result in additional penalties. Do not punish the law abiding citizenry out of intolerant hate for a different viewpoint. That is not aloha, lacks lokahi, and is far from pono. Respectfully,

Nathan Patry

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 1:03:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Don Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is a slew of anti-gun activity in an already anti-gun state controlled by one party rule. Instead of already addressing the further limitation of guns, there needs to be legislation that allows what our founding fathers intended for us citizens to practice, which is the safe and careful handling of guns, along with the dismissal of any laws that infringe on the ownership and safe operation of guns. Soon we'll be like Chicago where guns flow freely amongst those who ignore laws and the law-respecting citizen is another easy and soft target. Stop this nonsense and rather address our dire problems such as we see everyday on the news and in print. Stop wasting our valuable time and energy on gun laws and solve the problems brought on by one party rule.

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 1:06:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose.

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 1:24:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gregory Friel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 1:38:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephen T Hazam	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 720. Possessing a firearm is not a "privilege" "granted" by the Constitution, but a Right, recognized and guaranteed by the Constitution. This Right should not be infringed. House Bill 720 would place an unrealistic requirement upon firearm owners, and subject them to a punishment. This is both an infringement and harassment. I strongly oppose HB 720 as currently written.

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 1:25:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark R. Hagadone, Ph.D., FACFE	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Honorable Committee Members

I oppose House Bill 720 which would further victimize lawfull gun owners who have already suffered a loss or theft of their personal property by mandating an unreasonable 24 hour window to report lost or stolen firearms.

I urge you oppose its pasage through the House.

Thank you

Mark R. Hagadone



**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 1:49:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John W. Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify against HB 720 HD1.

During my former career as an intelligence officer, including serving overseas for 10 consecutive years in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, I was guided by my oath of office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America from all enemies, foreign and domestic. The Constitution that I served had a Bill of Right which were indivisible and of equal weight. Each right reinforced the others and helped ensure their existence. Any legislation that attempts to erode any one of the first ten amendments of the Consitution erodes them all. For this reason, I oppose HB 720 HD1.

During my career overseas, I lived and worked in countries governed under the principles of communism, socialism, as well as various degrees of democracy, at least in name if not fact. All of these countries shared in having taken away the unfringed right of their citizens to keep and bear arms. In each of these countries, I witnessed with my own eyes the tyranny that followed in the name of protecting the security and welfare of those citizens. **Once the people's right to keep and bear arms was infringed, the governments quickly lost respect for their own citizens. With the loss of respect for their citizens, the rule of law and civil liberties rapidly disappeared and was replaced by various degrees of tyranny. In other words, after the unfringed right to keep and bear arms was limited or removed, citizens then lost the freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, etc. I observed with my own eyes that the civil servants became civil masters and the citizens became their servants.**

The Bill of Rights creates a society that is inherently messy, but that messiness pales by comparison with the abuses and deaths of citizens in countries who have lost their unfringed right to keep and bear arms. Our society is imperfect, but with all of its imperfections, it is far superior to any other nation. For these reasons, I urge you to oppose HB 720 HD1.

Thank you for your consideration.

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 2:15:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Hechtman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a fellow Hawaii resident, I urge you to please oppose House Bill 720.

HB 720 would impose a one-size-fits-all requirement for how citizens must report lost or stolen firearms and potentially further victimize those who have the misfortune of suffering a loss or theft of their property.

Again, please oppose House Bill 720.

Thank you,

Robert Hechtman

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 3:30:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Frank Schultz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 5:28:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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.

This is one of those bills that anti-2nd-amendment folks tell people will help reduce gun crime, when in actuality it does nothing except penalize innocent law-abiding citizens that vote.



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March 18, 2019

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members

Please vote NO on HB720, HD1.

There are many erroneous assumptions and fallacious arguments contained in the rationale for HB720, HD1. There is also no evidence of any sort presented that would validate the supposed arguments for enacting HB720, HD1. If there are no valid arguments, nor any substantiated evidence for a law such as HB720 HD1, 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.

Let's examine the rationale.

“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 it's 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 a 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 thousand 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, HD1.

Thank you,

George Pace

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 6:01:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM



<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Aronson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a fellow Hawaii resident, I urge you to please oppose House Bill 720.

HB 720 would impose a one-size-fits-all requirement for how citizens must report lost or stolen firearms and potentially further victimize those who have the misfortune of suffering a loss or theft of their property.

Again, please oppose House Bill 720. Thank you.



**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 9:25:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
james	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**This is plainly gun grabbing.If anybody wants to act like communist they should go communist country.Right to bear arms is my right not governments rights,alright commie?**

**HB-720-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 7:06:50 PM

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Tom Galli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Ronald G Livingston	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael A. Wee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill. It makes victims of a burglary/robbery into criminals. A responsible gun owner who has suffered a loss of property would want to report it immediately to absolve themselves of any liability. This is the same as informing the DMV that you have sold your car. There is no need to criminalize a delay in reporting. Do not pass this measure.

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Michael	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: