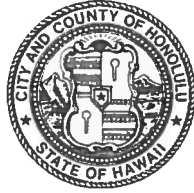


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February 13, 2019

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Veterans,
and Military Affairs
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 430
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 720, 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, 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 is requesting a change be made to this bill. We recommend that the time allowed for the surrender of firearms upon a third offense be stated in Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Section d (3) (A) as being seven days, not five days. This will bring this bill in agreement with the provisions of HRS Section 134-7.3 (b), which allows seven days for the surrender of firearms upon disqualification of ownership and possession.

The new section should read, "Surrender all firearms and ammunition to the chief of police of the appropriate county within seven days of disqualification; and..."

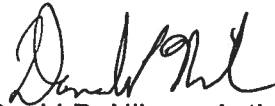
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Additionally, the HPD questions this bill's proposal for the creation of a new section in Chapter 134 of the HRS requiring licensed firearms dealers to report any attempt to purchase a firearm unlawfully. Unlike many other states, firearms dealers in Hawaii do not conduct background checks on persons attempting to purchase firearms and would not know if a person was attempting to purchase a firearm unlawfully. These checks are conducted by the county police departments during the firearms permitting process. Without an approved permit, a firearm may not be purchased. Persons denied permits are already known to the respective police departments and reported to the county Prosecuting Attorney, the state Attorney General, the U.S. Attorney, and the state Department of Public Safety in accordance with HRS Section 134-2(j).

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

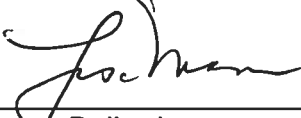
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



David P. Nilsen, Acting Major
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:



Susan Ballard
Chief of Police



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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February 11, 2019

The Honorable Gregg Takayama
Chair, House Committee on Public Safety, Veteran and Military Affairs
Sent Via Email

Re: **House Bill 720 – OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Takayama:

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

Submitted on: 2/9/2019 2:25:52 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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February 9, 2019

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

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.

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.

Thank you,

George Pace

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/9/2019 3:16:10 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

It is hard to imagine that an honest person would not report a stolen or lost firearm and hard to imagine that a criminal would report either, given that a criminal has no obligation to register a firearm (no responsibility to self-incriminate). Why pass a bill that will only burden honest gun owners?

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 5:52:32 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 5:54:23 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Desiree Koki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 8:53:55 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erik Meade	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Irresponsible firearm manufactures, sellers, and owners should face consequences for irresponsible behavior which threatens the safety of the general public

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 8:25:55 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Requires an individual to prove that they didn't know that their firearm was stolen should it turn up in nefarious hands. As there's no way to prove this and because I routinely go weeks at a time without handling or making an inventory of my firearms this places me at risk of inadvertently breaking the law through no fault of my own. Hawaii one of the highest property crime rates in the nation so the risk of a firearm being stolen unbeknownst to me is a very real concern.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 8:44:56 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kainoa Kaku	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose any legislation that leads to firearms confiscation.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 8:46:16 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malia Kaku	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 8:57:20 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adam Lipka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I disagree with how this is written as it creates an unnecessary burden on firearm owners and stores and criminalizes what is already a liability issue for gun owners and is well regulated by the ATF as part of the federal firearms licensing. This law will not prevent a single violent crime and should not be passed into law.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:07:52 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Logue	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:17:06 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leon Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The further infringement on our rights as United States Citizens has shown us the tyranny that can stem from the idea that confiscation of the weapons of law-abiding and rightfully fearful citizens of the government; should not be tolerated. Less fortunate citizens of other nations have been disarmed and killed by federal, state and local governments. Because of this I oppose. Because of the willingness of the local government to continue to tread on my right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; I oppose. I pray that the Hawaii state and city governments come to their senses and realize the troubled road they are about to embark on.

"The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

- Thomas Jefferson

"I ask who are the militia? They consist now of the whole people, except a few public officers."

- George Mason

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:20:42 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Kaku	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:25:49 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Kaku	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 11:38:18 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 1:28:40 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this because 24 hours is not that much time. Typically if there is a home break in and things are stolen, calling HPD is the first thing people do. But we really don't know what is missing until later. And although the bill reads "as soon as the lost is discovered", what's the definition of that? I reported the break in and some items missing to HPD, I didn't know 1 of my 50 guns were stolen until later. So will the initial report to HPD be used against me?

Also the bill mentions it shall include a bunch of info. It does not say the word "or" when describing what was lost/stolen/destroyed. So if someone owns 50 guns, do they really know all 50 serial numbers? And even though all guns are required to be registered to HPD, recent news stories stated that they do not know of all the guns in Hawaii, even though they're supposed to have a date base of all the guns registred.

This bill will not help keep HPD safer like how the first page of it reads. Because if a criminal is going to use a gun, the serial number if it's still on the gun and not scratched off won't be know until the gun is found. As in the bad guy is stopped or tosses the gun and it's recovered. So HPD won't be any safer. And since no one is legally allowed to carry a gun out side of their home (ALL CCW and Open Carry Permits are denied), everyones gun would be either at home, at the range, place of repair, business, sojourn. Or enclosed in a container while in route. So any gun found not enclosed, 1 can assume it's being carried illegally. So already HPD should be alert when dealing with that individual.

I also oppose the 2nd part of the bill where it mentions gun dealers must also report anyone who fails the background check. All permits must be obtained via HPD. So this would add uneccesary risk to the Federal Firearms License dealer. Hawaii is maybe the only state that requires a mental health waiver. Only HPD knows if someone passes or not. The federally required form to buy a gun (4473), does not include this check. So this bill is also asking the gun store to check the persons mental health history on top of HPD already doing so. Will a doctors office accept a letter from someone who is not HPD asking for someones mental health background? The answer is probably no.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 1:35:13 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 2:06:06 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am against imposing penalties on crime victims. No evidence is presented by the authors of this bill to show that his law would further deter firearm thefts, or the use of lost or stolen firearms to commit crimes. New laws should focus on punishing criminals, not their victims.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 3:42:26 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Yuen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB720. This bill criminalizes the victim in cases of theft, deception, or coercion. This bill has ambiguous language and does not take into account that a single registered firearm may operate with a multitude of different calibers.

Jerry Yuen

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 5:18:09 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter J Long III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I submit this testimony in OPPOSITION to the passage of this bill.

Why not enforce the many gun control laws that are already on the books?

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 6:22:58 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
mitchell weber	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE HB720, although responsible firearms owners should always report lost or stolen firearms, this bill could criminalize children of deceased parents. People away on vacation/out of state work.

Mahalo,

Mitchell

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 6:32:33 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shaun Woods	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please note my **OPPOSITION to HB720.**

Requiring a person to report lost, stolen, or destroyed property **exceeds the authority of government.** A person's property is their own business, and **any requirement to be accountable to the state for one's privately-owned property is an infringement** on the person's rights to privacy, property, and due process.

There should be no such thing as an "unlawful purchase." **The purchase of an item does not in and of itself create any victims,** and is therefore **not a real crime.** Please devote your time to solving actual crimes. I'm sure there are plenty.

Very respectfully,

Shaun

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:15:59 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shanell Holton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:38:06 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gershon Holton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:45:48 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Lawful firearm owners should not be penalized for not reporting a stolen firearm within a set time limit. i do believe that stolen firearms should reported.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 11:38:32 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Yukutake	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I oppose HB720.

This law will hurt victims. It is bad enough to be 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 it's 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 tramatic 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.

Oppose HB720.

Mahalo

Todd Yukutake

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 7:17:22 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 8:16:26 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert A Okuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 9:02:50 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Although I believe a responsible gun owner should report lost or stolen firearm, this bill will make it a criminal act not to do so. The wording of this bill is a direct attack on the protections of the constitution and would make it so that a person who does not report loss of firearms within 24 hours may lose their firearms rights for the rest of their life.

If a firearm is stolen and the owner is not aware, if that firearm comes into contact with the police this person would now be a criminal, unless they can somehow prove they had no knowledge of it being stolen. As its impossible to prove you did not know something there is no way a person could present a legal defense.

This law does nothing to stop straw purchases and theft of firearms and that is what the legislators should be focusing on.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 9:34:04 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 10:14:57 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
davin asato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

Please oppose HB720. The language of this proposed law is such that a lawful citizen would have their 2nd Amendment rights removed by confiscation or forced turn in of firearms and ammunition for not reporting within 24 hours of a incident where firearms are discovered lost, stolen or destroyed, is not only incredibly burdansome and unconstitutional, but to add to have to gather information on make, model, serial numbers and calibers to report within that time all the while trying to figure out if other things are missing from their residence that is found to be broken in to or invaded while the are present is unreasonable to require of a VICTIM of a bold crime.

Please oppose HB720.

Thank you,

Davin Asato

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 10:45:36 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is a no brainer. I don't need a law to tell me I need to report a stolen, missing or destroyed gun. It is common sense. This is a waste of time and tax payer's money for you to make a law like this. OPPOSE!

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 10:57:48 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Craig Kashiwai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 11:23:03 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
scott shimoda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. 24 hours is not a realistic time frame to report if items are stolen.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 11:54:01 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is an unnecessary and vastly overreaching bill that seeks to intimidate lawful owners of firearms by penalizing them for not timely reporting. A firearm owner may not even know a firearm is missing if they are not daily looking at it.

There are other safeguards in place and this bill does nothing but try to intimidate citizens from legally owning a firearm and exercising their constitutional rights.

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HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 2:47:55 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Devin Sasai	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

LATE

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 4:28:31 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Byon Nakasone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 4:48:13 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Savard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. HB 720 would further victimize those who have the misfortune of suffering a loss or theft of their property by imposing a one-size-fits-all requirement for how they must report lost or stolen firearms.

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HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 6:03:16 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gregory Friel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

LATE

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 6:18:43 PM
Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
keoni de la cruz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a retired Federal Law Enforcement Officer I am in support of this bill. If firearms owners have their weapons stolen then they have a duty to report it. Weapons should be properly secured so they can not be stolen and if the weapon was secured in an improper way and used in a crime then the owner should be held responsible. Others should not be prosecuted for properly having their weapons secured and someone breaks in and steals it.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 7:15:40 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Fujii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a stupid bill. If I'm broken into -I got bigger problems. This is a stupid bll. I remember when I vote in Novmber boys!

LATE

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 6:27:25 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE bill HB720.

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HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 7:17:19 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
charles Ferrer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. There is no way for a firearms dealer to report an unlawful purchase attempt. They do not know if the person can legally purchase or not, they do not do the background check at the gun dealer or shop.

LATE

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 7:27:55 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lance Sugimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB720. Although I feel a firearm owner should notify HPD if a firearm is lost, stolen or destroyed, I do not feel there should be criminal penalty if he/she does not do it within 24 hours.

Lance Sugimoto. Waipio, HI

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 7:40:13 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glennon T. Gingo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly Oppose

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HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 8:49:34 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

LATE

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 9:03:42 PM
Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan J. Wurtzburg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support HB 720 (relating to firearms), and urge its passage. Guns are dangerous, and their ownership is a privilege that comes with certain responsibilities. A major responsibility of ownership is to keep track of said weapon, since stolen weapons are often used to commit crimes. Please pass the bill.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Wurtzburg, Ph.D.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 9:58:39 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 10:20:51 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy Shimoda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB720. This bill sets a one-size-fits-all requirement for gun owners to report lost or stolen firearms within 24 hours, further victimizing gun owners who have suffered a loss or theft of their property. It would also criminalize a law abiding gun owner (who did nothing wrong but had their firearms stolen) for failing to report the loss or theft within 24hrs.

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HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 10:28:52 PM
Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

At it's core, an individual is potentially guilty of a crime directly after being a victim of a crime. There is no other law that punishes a victim of criminal activity, much less one that has the potential to strip an individual's rights after dealing with the consequences of suffering from such a crime.

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HB-720

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 11:47:34 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hung Hei Cheng	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Why are victims being punished? I'm been a victim of theft and it is bad enough to lose my personal property but you are now going to punish me if I lose my guns, deal with the police reports and the questions from my wife on what to do and all the drama that comes with being a victim and now you are going to make me a criminal. Thank you for caring! That is sarcasm in case you don't see it.

LATE

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 1:49:23 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald G Livingston	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 7:42:14 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Soon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I can understand the reason for proposing such legislation. However this is practically unenforcable and just adds to the legal morass of the Hawaii revised statutes.

Please stop wasting my tax dollars by processing useless laws. Take my tax dollars and use it to actually do something useful.

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HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 7:43:10 AM
Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clifford Goo	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB720. Responsible firearms owners who make every effort to secure their firearms may be subject to unreasonable time constraints if they need to report stolen firearms within a 24 hr. period. Penalizing the victim is already a slap in the face, especially if the firearms were secured properly. If the person was on vacation, military obligations, etc. and then came home to find out there was a theft, the 24 hr. reporting requirement would put them in violation. Responsible firearms owners WILL report firearms stolen, why make them into criminals.

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HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 9:14:09 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Choy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 9:15:30 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 9:29:38 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Legislator(s)

Mr. Chris Lee, I am in opposition of HB720, because the law does not protect a lawful gun owner from further persecution and discrimination in their attempt to report a lost or stolen firearm. HB 720 is a one size fit all bill that if it becomes law further victimizes a lawful gun owner and puts the lawful gun owner in the position of guilty and a law violator, he/she is not protected under this law from due process. Please do not support HB720

LATE

Rep. Gregg Takayama, Chair

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Dear Chair Takayama and Committee members:

Re: HB 1543, RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS

HB 1486, RELATING TO GUNS

HB 720, RELATING TO FIREARMS

Three bills on today's agenda deal with gun rights and gun safety. I thank you for scheduling them for hearing, and hope you will be able to approve them.

HB1543 would provide for protective orders, a concept that has gotten much national attention in recent months. The idea has grown out of the need to curb the gun violence that has become so prevalent in the United States, and as the Preamble to HB1543 correctly points out, to which Hawaii is not immune. While there are details in HB1543 that are beyond my expertise, 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.

HB 1486 would require a person to take a training or safety course before getting a permit to carry. I have no doubt that someone 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.

HB 720 would require that lost or stolen 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 will be aware of the expectations that are placed upon them.

I urge you to act favorably on HB 1543, HB 1486, and HB 720.

Respectfully submitted,

LATE

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 9:46:14 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Richter	Lessons in Firearms Education	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 9:47:02 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malcolm Yee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Requiring citizens to report their firearms stolen within 24 hours is not realistic. Placing such stringent requirements on citizens who have either loss their property due to theft or other crime will only succeed in further victimizing the individual.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 10:36:21 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This measure infringes on our Second Amendment right as well as our right to privacy.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 10:42:45 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Harper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

and yet another proposed law that will only burden the law abiding, when will this nonsense end ?

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 11:12:03 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Dasalla	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

This bill if made into law makes the victim into into a criminal.

There are owners that only shoot there forearm once or twice a year, they will have no idea if there firearm os stolen until they decide to look for it.

What will happen to those individuals that are deployed or go on vacation? This law will make them into a criminal even though they are the victims.

Why is there no bill seeking harsher punishment for the criminal committing the crime of stealing a firearm.

I oppose this bill.

Thank you,

Matt Dasalla

LATE

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 11:26:42 AM
Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in opposition to HB720. It provides a way for straw purchasers to absolve themselves of their illegal activity. I am also opposed to the fact that this bill allow the government to confiscate firearms during national emergency or crisis and rob law abiding owners of the right to protect themselves.

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 11:14:08 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Eric Valledor	HLSL	Oppose	No

Comments:

Just being responsible enough to say report it right away than you say i forgot to report it, or you dint know was stolen., how you can be sure if some one telling the truth. Again if you own a gun its hard if your away on a vacation for 1 week and your gun has stolen, off coures your the owner report it stolen and you can't report it in 24 hrs because your away you have ltirenary.

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HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 11:34:11 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Rosa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this very important public safety bill which will insure that firearms owners continue to be responsible in their ownership of firearms and the accurate tracking of all firearms to keep it out of the hands of individuals who can not possess a firearm.

LATE

HB-720

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 2:06:04 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Hechtman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Strongly oppose this bill.

Every responsible gun owner should and would report a stolen firearm. But to make it a criminal offense to not do so within 24 hrs is ridiculous.

Thank you, Robert Hechtman