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March 15, 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: Senate Bill No. 621, S.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 Senate Bill No. 621, S. D. 1, Relating to Firearms.

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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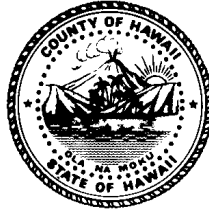
David P. Nilsen, Acting Major
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APPROVED:

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March 13, 2019

Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and Military Affairs

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and Committee Members:

RE: SB 621, SD1 Relating to Firearms

SB 621, SD1, 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 SB 621, SD1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim
MAYOR

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 7:20:28 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon	Hunting Farming and Fishing Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly opposed. Making criminals out of victims of crimes! So not right.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 8:57:03 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kainoa Kaku	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 8:58:46 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malia Kaku	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 9:00:31 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Kaku	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 8:59:47 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Kaku	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 10:27:10 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this measure as there is no specific way, under the current verbiage, that a firearm owner can prove the reported date of loss, destruction, or theft of a firearm did occur within a 24 hour period. Thus, it leaves the firearm owner, a victim of a crime if stolen or vandalized, open to accusations he or she did not report the incident in time.

The exact verbiage in SB621 reads as: "Every person or designee shall report the loss, theft, or destruction of a firearm that the person owns or possesses to the county police department of the county within which the loss, theft, or destruction occurred, within twenty-four hours upon the discovery or such loss, theft, or destruction."

Again, how is the firearm owner able to prove their reported date and time of loss falls within the proposed 24 hour guideline without being accused of not reporting such an incident in time?

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 11:07:14 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB621. 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.

Yet here again we penalize the passive law-abiding citizen. There are other categories of persons who don't abide by the laws, and that's where the legislators should be focusing their attentions. 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.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 11:47:12 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it will discourage the reporting of stolen firearms if they have not reported the theft in a timely manner. It is inappropriate to criminalize law abiding firearm owners who are protected by the 2nd Amendment.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 11:55:28 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

No honest gun owner would not report a lost or stolen gun; no criminal would report a lost or stolen gun, nor are they required to, due to the 5th Amendment. Why are we passing laws that penalize honest gun owners who are laready suffering a loss? What's the point?

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 1:18:52 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB621 SD1 as currently proposed.

18USC923 and 478CFR39a require federal licensees (including licensed collectors of curio&relic firearms) to report theft or loss within 48 hours to the BATFE and local authorities on ATF Form 3310.11. I request that bill SB621 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

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 1:22:17 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

makes crime victims into criminals? SMH

is there are law criminalizing pailure to report missing or stolen cars? car crashes are a larger risk than firearms

what about knives? large objects? makes no sense whatsoever

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 1:30:19 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
taylor sumida	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

AGAIN THE FOCUSING ON CRIMINILIZING MORE PEOPLE WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION, WE PASS OR LET GO PEOPLE COMMITTING REAL CRIMES WITH MULTIPLE OFFENSES, YET WE SEEM HELL BENT ON ADDING MORE TO THE MIX.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 1:37:03 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judy Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We oppose SB621. You are making criminals out of victims of a crime. There is already a law on the books, HRS regarding liability if you do not report to police your firearm stolen or lost.

Judy Goo, Dan Goo, Sean Goo, Elisha Goo, Mariah Goo, Katherine Goo

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 1:39:01 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dan Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We oppose SB621. You are making criminals out of victims of a crime. There is already a law on the books, HRS regarding liability if you do not report to police your firearm stolen or lost.

Dan Goo, Judy Goo, Sean Goo, Elisha Goo, Mariah Goo, Katherine Goo

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 3:16:47 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 5:35:30 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Yokota	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This bill will do nothing to improve officer safety on the job. CRIMINALS don't register their firearms - which are the kinds of people who are MOST LIKELY to harm an officer. A recent court ruling established that criminals don't have to register their firearms because it would violate their 5th Amendment right. Rather than burden law abiding citizens with over-regulation, in the interest of PUBLIC SAFETY, more funds and effort should be made towards local law enforcement.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 7:39:21 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This testimony is in OPPOSITION to bill SB621. 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

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 7:51:53 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Turns a victi into a criminal

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 8:06:43 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB621

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 8:10:09 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jason Pierce	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Law abiding citizens are going to report lost/stolen firearms as soon as possible. Adding criminal prosecution based on an arbitrary timeline does nothing to help law abiding citizens.



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March 13, 2019

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Re: SB621

To be heard: Friday, March 15, 2019

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members,

Please vote NO on SB621.

There are many erroneous assumptions and fallacious arguments contained in the rationale for SB621. There is also no evidence of any sort presented that would validate the supposed arguments for enacting SB621. If there are no valid arguments, nor any substantiated evidence for a law such as SB621, 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 SB621.

“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 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 SB621.

Thank you,

George Pace

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 8:44:00 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marcella Alohalani Boido	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and all Committee Members:

Thank you for hearing this bill.

The proposed law increases the strength of our community safety net. It is entirely reasonable in its reporting requirements. It respects and supports our community's county law enforcement officers, who are responsible for tracking firearms, by requiring the timely provision to them of important information.

Mayor Kim, as is often the case, is a voice of sanity, reason and courage. He has stated the situation succinctly and accurately.

I am delighted to see this proposed improvement to our firearms laws.

Please support this bill. Thank you.

Marcella Alohalani Boido, M.A.

Hawaii State Judiciary Certified Court Interpreter, Tier 4, Spanish/English

Resident & Voter, Senate District 10, House District 21, Moili'ili, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 9:13:43 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Carreira	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE Bill SB621. Requiring a person to report a lost or stolen or destroyed firearm within 24hrs of the occurrence puts an unfair burden on gun owners who may already be dealing with the unfortunate circumstances of their personal belongings being stolen. This essentially turns a victim into a criminal. By its nature, this bill requires the defendant to somehow furnish proof of when a firearm was stolen which makes the defendant guilty until proven innocent. This bill does nothing but put undue stress on someone who is already a victim.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 9:20:31 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benel Piros	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose this Bill due to the fact that if i ever have my firearms stolen I (a victim of a crime) will be turn into a criminal myself. If a firearm is already destroyed I feel it will not pose a threat or danger to anyone since its already deemed inoperable. Again the law will be ignored by all criminals.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 9:22:15 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Creeland Burrows	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill will only create criminals out of victims. People need to be responsible in reporting a stolen firearm but making them a criminal is insane.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 9:33:25 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dwayne Lim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

I oppose SB621. This is another example of the State imposing their strong arm tactic on the firearm population in the State of Hawaii. There is no reason to state a punishment on the law abiding citizen in this bill. I believe all gun owners in the state of Hawaii want to keep firearms away from unauthorized persons; and are knowledgeable and responsible to report lost or stolen firearms. I believe SB621 reveals that the state doesn't trust responsible guns owners to do the "RIGHT" thing. It implies that gun owners a guilty until proven innocent. I am a responsible firearm owner, Hawaii citizen and resident and I would report my firearms lost, stolen, or destroyed.

V/r,

D. Lim

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 9:53:09 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Makes a criminal out of someone who is already a victim.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 9:54:48 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 9:59:05 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelly Lim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

I oppose SB621. I am a responsible and law abiding firearm owner, US citizen, and Hawaii resident. I believe all gun owners in the state of Hawaii want to keep firearms away from unauthorized persons; and are knowledgeable and responsible to report lost or stolen firearms. I believe SB621 reveals that the state doesn't trust responsible guns owners to do the "RIGHT" thing. It implies that we are guilty until proven innocent.

V/r,

K. Lim

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 10:33:03 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a law-abiding U.S. citizen and resident of the State of Hawaii, I believe there are adequate federal and state laws to effectively deal with the unlawful possession and use of firearms by any perpetrator.

I support legislation that mandates a consistent, swift and appropriate penalty for any illegal possession or use of a firearm.

I do not support any effort or legislation that infringes upon the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 10:37:46 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tony Sylvester	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My job requires me to travel out of state for weeks at a time. If someone broke into my home and stole my firearms while I was away and committed a crime with that firearm before I return and discover my firearm was stolen what happens to me then? Just curious, how many lost or stolen firearms are recovered before it is used in a crime? Also, this seems to be a direct retaliation towards firearms owners due to comments made by some who said if the state bans AR platform style guns and impound such firearms that they would say their firearms was stolen or lost. It is beyond comprehension that our government creates a problem then strips our rights and freedoms away to justify their reactionary behavior. I oppose this measure. Aloha

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 10:46:41 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Requirement to Report Lost or Stolen Guns. While I do own firearms I do not see them daily. Often I go weeks without seeing them. My expectation is that when I lock the door to my house that I will not have my dwelling broken into and my property stolen. I do not approve of being victimized by the theft of my property and then be subjected to the further indignity of proving I was unaware that it was stolen should it end up in the hands of HPD after being used in a crime. Victim blaming is UNACCEPTABLE.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 12:45:59 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Rapozo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB621, because it could potentially cause law abiding citizens that has been victimized into felons. Victims of stolen firearms would be inclined to retain an attorney to demonstrate their innocence, and be place in a financial burden because of that. The law does not protect law abiding citizens, and criminals will ignore this bill.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 8:32:55 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Call	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 8:43:44 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicholas J Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB621. This bill only further victimizes firearm owners who have suffered a crime against them. This bill is not needed because there are already requirements on the books regarding this issue. Oppose SB621

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 9:41:59 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael A. Wee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill. This measure will turn victims in criminals. The owner of a firearm may not even realize it is missing until it is used in a crime and recovered by police. Penalizing owners for not reporting a crime that they were unaware of makes no sense. Gun owners would report a missing firearm to absolve themselves of liability, just as you would notify the DMV when you sell a car. Do not approve this bill.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 9:50:52 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB621 SD1. A law is not required for this. Any law abiding citizen that has a legally acquired gun that is stolen is going to report their property stolen to the police in order to have a report filed to help recover their property. It is common sense that a person will report this as soon as they realize that their firearm is missing.

Brandon Leong

HRA Board Member

Lessons In Firearms Education Instructor and Board Member

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 9:53:56 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB621 SD1.

This law will hurt victims. It is bad enough 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. This could lead to victims having to hire an attorney and pleading their case in court to prove they were unaware that their firearms were lost/stolen within the time allotted.

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. I do not agree with this law, but it covers the intent of this bill.

Oppose SB621 SD1.

Todd Yukutake

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SB-621-SD-1

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Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Kawai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strenuously oppose bill

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

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Testimony : I oppose this bill due to the fact that 1. Our state will not setup a system that will make it easy to report. 2. There are situations where someone would not know if a firearm is missing and our state will not accommodate for this.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

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Testimony : I oppose bill SB621 As a voting member of the community, I will simply vote against any member of the Senate who signs this from here until my last vote.

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Testimony in Oppostion to SB621

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Testimony : This is in OPPOSITION to SB621. Although do 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 goes beyond the bounds of the constitution and would make it so that a person who does not report lost of firearms within 24 hours would 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 this would make them a criminal.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

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Testimony : I OPPOSE bill SB621. There should be no penalty. A person may not be aware of the loss.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

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Testimony : I OPPOSE bill SB621

"There are many erroneous assumptions and fallacious arguments contained in the rationale for SB621. There is also no evidence of any sort presented that would validate the supposed arguments for enacting SB621. If there are no valid arguments, nor any substantiated evidence for a law such as SB621, 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 SB621.

"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 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 SB621.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

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Testimony : I oppose bill SB621. It is fine for lost, stolen, or destroyed firearms to be reported but there shouldn't be penalties for failure to report. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely Brandon from Pahoa

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Testimony : I strongly oppose bill SB621. It's time to stop attacking law abiding citizens. They are the victim to a crime. It's time to go after the criminals. How about severe penalties for being in possession of a stolen firearms. Make it so bad that the criminals steal everything but leave the guns. That's how you fix the problem

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Testimony : I OPPOSE bill SB621!

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

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Testimony : I OPPOSE bill SB621 because this bill puts legitimate victims of crime (theft, arson, vandalism, etc.) at risk of becoming criminals for exercising their 2nd amendment right, i.e. owning a gun. A victim of crime has already suffered enough, I cannot in good conscience support further punishment on the innocent.

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Testimony : I OPPOSE SB621.

This bill will criminalize victims of a crime in some cases.

Enforcement of this bill should it become law will further burden taxpayers indirectly not only fiscally but by over-stressing Law Enforcement coverage of Police Department personnel which is already insufficient Statewide.

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Testimony : I OPPOSE bill SB621

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

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Testimony : I oppose SB621 as you are giving more power to the real criminals and making a law abiding firearm owner and victim of a criminal act into a criminal. This needs to be rejected or revised to protect law abiding individuals.

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Testimony : I OPPOSE bill SB621

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Testimony : I oppose this bill.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

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Testimony : Dear Sirs,

Did you watch the news about the home invasion in Waianae on February 3, 2019? A older woman and young child were assaulted by 2 people with a baseball bat. Many home invasions occur in Hawaii. How are people to protect themselves in their own home if you take away their guns. Put yourself in their position. What would you do? Think about it.

Criminals will not follow any laws made. Only good citizens will be punished and hurt by your gun laws.

You are attempting to use SB621 to violate the 2nd Amendment. Citizens have a right to bear arms, to protect themselves.

You cannot limit how a person can protect themselves or the number or rounds a rifle or pistol can contain. I watch the news, when home invasions occur, there is always more than 1 person. It usually is a group of thieves. Why limit the number of rounds a person can have to protect themselves.

These laws were brought about due to news constantly reporting criminals committing shootings. Those individuals are criminals, there is no logical reasoning that criminals will follow any laws you create. Why punish the many non-criminals when a minority of criminals commit a crime. There is no sound reasoning to this. Every time a criminal commits a crime, it's the good citizen that is punished, you have the victim, then the public.

I will take legal action if my rights are violated and so will many others. This is a violation of my constitutional rights and there will be no compensation for my property. How am I to defend myself, how are elders and the weak to defend themselves against criminals? Have you given any thought of this?

All you are doing is punishing good people.

These lawsuits will cost tax payers. The constituents will blame you for bringing this about.

Sincerely,
Ed

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Testimony : I oppose bill SB621.

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Testimony : I OPPOSE bill SB621. This bill will penalize people who have already been victimized (eg. firearm being stolen). The firearms owner may not know what happened to their firearm (eg. being deployed or on vacation). It would penalize the firearms owner twice.

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Testimony : I respectfully Oppose Bill SB621

Being separated from a legal personal possession (Lost, Stolen or Destroyed), should not require a report to a governmental agency or being penalized.

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Testimony : I oppose SB621 because in no way is it law abiding citizen's fault that they're firearm is stolen. And should they be absent during the theft and have no way of knowing that said firearm is stolen must they report the theft and be incriminated.

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Testimony : I oppose SB621 due to the penalties imposed on personal property ownership.

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Testimony : I oppose bill SB621.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

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Testimony : I oppose SB621

This law would do nothing to help prevent or solve crimes while having potentially devastating effects on gun owners. It sets up a catch-22 where victims of property crime are presumed guilty until proven innocent.

If for some reason a police officer doesn't believe my story (or simply doesn't like me period) then I have to go out and hire an attorney to defend myself. We already have laws against giving false statements, and any law enforcement agency worth it's salt should be able to figure out which ones are bogus in fairly short order.

The real question is how much would reporting stolen guns benefit investigations? The people who steal guns are generally prohibited from owning them anyway, so if they are caught with stolen guns it doesn't matter if the serial numbers are on a list or not. If crimes get committed with those guns it's not like having such a list could have somehow stopped those crimes from occurring and their registered owners will still have a lot of uncomfortable and possibly incriminating questions to answer.

All this law would accomplish is making unregistered weapons a more attractive option, especially when confidence in the impartiality of HPD and the prosecutors office is at an all time low.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

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Testimony : I OPPOSE bill SB621 because it is poorly written and results in overreach as is.

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Testimony : I oppose this bill

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Testimony : I oppose bill SB621

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Jon Abbott

E-mail : jonwebsterabbott@yahoo.com

Zip code : 96822

Testimony : I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB621.

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 SB621.

Mahalo,

Jon Abbott

Director, Hawaii Firearms Coalition

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Jonagustine Lim

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Zip code : 96818

Testimony : I oppose SB621 as it further penalizes a victim of property theft.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Kaulana Silva
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Zip code : 96744

Testimony : I oppose

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621
Name : Keith Kawai
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Zip code : 96825

Testimony : I oppose sb621

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621
Name : Kenneth Tom
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Zip code : 96797

Testimony : I OPPOSE bill SB621

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Kristin Hood

E-mail : k-salyers@hotmail.com

Zip code : 96797

Testimony : Stop with taking away our rights. No one will ever read these testimonies anyways. This is a sad repressed state we live in.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Len Fergusen

E-mail : lenfergusen@gmail.com

Zip code : 96797

Testimony : I oppose Bill SB621. I am a 52 year resident of Hawaii, a teaching professional and I VOTE.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621
Name : Louis Martin
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Zip code : 96707

Testimony : Start with I OPPOSE bill SB600

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Testimony in Oppostion to SB621
Name : Maricor Dela Cruz
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Zip code : 96817

Testimony : I oppose bill SB621

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : martin lau

E-mail : kmconceptshawaii@gmail.com

Zip code : 96813

Testimony : I also OPPOSE bill SB621.

Mahalo,

Martin Lau

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Matt Smith
E-mail : matt96813@gmail.com
Zip code : 96813

Testimony : I Oppose SB 621 on the grounds that it seeks to intimidate and make criminals of people who are already victims of crimes.

There may be legitimate reasons a firearm is not known to be missing and this is nothing more than harassment of law abiding citizens who have been victimized by those who do not care what laws are passed.

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Testimony in Oppostion to SB621

Name : Michael Elliott

E-mail : mike_elliottthi@icloud.com

Zip code : 96701

Testimony : I oppose SB621

I'm a life long gun owner, veteran and small business owner.

You are attempting to make the victims of crime by ACTUAL criminals, criminally responsible for the actions of criminals.

I can't be any clearer.

Kill the Bill!!

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Miles Higa

E-mail : miles.higa@gmail.com

Zip code : 96797

Testimony : I oppose SB621. It will make criminals of many citizens who have had property stolen from them when they are the victims. What reasonable society does this? Putting a penalty on people who fail to report lost or stolen property is completely ludicrous.

Is there a penalty for failure to report a stolen or abandoned car? Why does this bill seek to punish crime victims? Again I oppose SB621.

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Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Testimony in Opposition to SB621
Name : Mitchell Weber
E-mail : Mdotweber@icloud.com
Zip code : 96789

Testimony : I strongly OPPOSE SB621,
The wording of this bill will be abused by prosecutors, how would a victim of crime be able to prove when they became aware of a lost or stolen firearm. Victims of theft do not deserve to become criminals themselves. Firearms cost a lot of money, it is always in the owners best interest to report lost or stolen firearms. This proposed bill is in fact senseless, the money required to prosecute would be violators could be better spent.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Nathan Okamura

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Testimony : I OPPOSE bill SB621!

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Nathan Roldan

E-mail : nr24769@hotmail.com

Zip code : 96786

Testimony : I oppose this legislation because it makes a law abiding citizen a criminal if their firearm gets stolen unbeknownst to them. If that firearm is used in the commission of a crime before the lawful owner finds out that it was stolen, then the owner becomes a criminal by no fault of his own. I urge you to vote no because this bill is flawed.

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Testimony in Oppostion to SB621

Name : Philip Tong

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Zip code : 96738

Testimony : I oppose SB621

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621
Name : RICHARD ARGUELLES
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Zip code : 96782

Testimony : OPPOSE bill SB621

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Robert Gerwig
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Testimony : I oppose bi sb621

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621
Name : Robert Hechtman
E-mail : hechtmanr@gmail.com
Zip code : 96706

Testimony : I strongly oppose bill SB621.

While any responsible gun owner would and should report any lost or stolen firearms, this bill places undue burden on someone already victim of a crime.

Creates a criminal out of the victim of a crime.

Again law will be ignored by criminals.

Thank you,
Robert Hechtman

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Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Rocky Riddell
E-mail : ahisailor@gmail.com
Zip code : 96734

Testimony : Dear Sir,

I oppose SB621 because it is unnecessary and unenforceable and adds to bureaucratic bloat in our government. The idea of having to check your gun safe daily is absurd. Government overreach is what this bill is all about. A complete waste of time and resources charged to taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Rocky Riddell

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621
Name : Ronelle Andrade
E-mail : ronelleandrade@live.com
Zip code : 96749

Testimony : I oppose bill SB621, this bill does not benefit me or other law abiding citizens of this state.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Ross Mukai

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Zip code : 96822

Testimony : I oppose bill sb621.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Ryan Arakawa
E-mail : ryana@hawaii.rr.com
Zip code : 96701

Testimony : I OPPOSE bill SB621. Penalizing people for not reporting something that may not even realized is missing, stolen or destroyed in a house fire would victimize a person twice.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Sean Langley
E-mail : viper2681@gmail.com
Zip code : 96701

Testimony : I oppose SB621 as that it will turn any law abiding citizen into a criminal after they were victims of a crime

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Name : sheldon miyakado

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Zip code : 96817

Testimony : OPPOSE bill SB621

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Shelton Yamashiro

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Zip code : 96816

Testimony : I OPPOSE bill SB621.

Its purpose is to provide punishment for failing to report being a victim of a crime or loss or destruction of a firearm.
How does this prevent crime or increase public safety in Hawaii?

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621
Name : Stanley Mendes
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Zip code : 96776

Testimony : I strongly oppose SB621

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Teresa Nakama

E-mail : teresanakama51@gmail.com

Zip code : 96740

Testimony : I Teresa L. Nakama a registered voter in the State of Hawaii, hereby strongly oppose SB621. Enough is enough, you are taking away our freedom to exist in a free environment. This bill if it becomes law infringes on our freedom to exist freely and is actually veiled as a hidden tax burden on we the responsible citizens in this state of Hawaii. We already have existing weapon firearm penalties and fees, through existing laws. Oppose SB621.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Nakama

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Testimony in Opposition to SB621

Name : Wayne Berdon

E-mail : islandromeo81@aol.com

Zip code : 96826

Testimony : I oppose sn621 people already report stolen property all the time they shouldn't be put under threat of criminal charges

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SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 11:43:23 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB621 SD1

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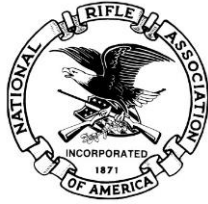
SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 7:15:22 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ricky Ferreira Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



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DANIEL REID, WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

March 15, 2019

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

Re: **Senate Bill 621 – OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Takayama:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, we oppose Senate Bill 621.

SB 621 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 SB 621 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 SB 621.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reid
Western Regional Director

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SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2019 8:38:59 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaala Souza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm opposed to this one sized fits all legislation.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2019 8:41:04 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Albert Morgan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose because the measure further victimizes gun owners.

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SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2019 9:44:10 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ramiro Noguero	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose

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SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2019 9:45:12 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bruce F Braun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/15/2019 9:46:54 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vernon Badua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I "strongly oppose SB621" I do not believe people should be penalized for a weapon being destroyed or stolen.

Thank you for allowing my testimony

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2019 10:31:31 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM



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

Comments:

Please vote no on this Bill.

Please stop making things harder for law abiding firearms owners, we already are overburdened

with what are considered some of the most restrictive laws

just because we choose to exercise our 2ND rights so please just

stop adding on nonsensical laws.

Mahalo,

Dave. C.

SB-621-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2019 10:39:31 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/15/2019 11:58:28 AM

Testimony for PVM on 3/15/2019 10:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephen T Hazam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 621 SD1. Possession of a firearm is not a "privilege" "granted", by the Constitution, but a prior, existing right recognized and guaranteed by the Constitution. This right shall not be infringed. SB 621, by setting a timeframe of within 24 hours, is an unreasonable requirement, It is a harassment on legal owners of firearms and therefore, infringes on their Constitutional right. I strongly oppose SB621 SD1.



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Gregg Takayama, Chair
Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair
House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and Military Affairs

State Capitol, Room 430
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

HEARING: Friday, March 15, 2019 at 10am

RE: SB621 Relating to Firearms

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee,

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition OPPOSES SB621 SD1.

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 SB621 SD1. Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo

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