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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. 1486, Relating to Guns

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 opposes House Bill No. 1486, Relating to Guns.

Renewing firearms licenses to carry every six months would place a serious strain on the county police departments who are required to conduct the background investigations for these licenses.

The training requirements stated in this bill for those requesting a license to carry a firearm, under proposed Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 134-2 (g) (5), would be better placed in HRS Section 134-9 (b) (1), which deals with licenses to carry firearms. Placing this requirement in HRS Section 134-2 will confuse the training requirements for obtaining a firearms permit to acquire a handgun with the training requirement to obtain a license to carry a firearm. Additionally, this bill seems to allow for significant leeway in the training each county may offer for those pursuing a license to carry a firearm. Is it the intent of the Legislature to allow each county to determine its own training standards, as currently provided for in HRS Section 134-9(b) or to provide for a more standardized statewide training program?

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The use of electric guns by the general public without training and registration requirements being placed on the process through which these electric guns are obtained allows for potential abuse in the use of these weapons. Law Enforcement undergoes significant training in the use of electric guns before they are issued to our officers. As written, this bill does not provide for any registration or training requirements before any member of the public may obtain these weapons.

Additionally, the intent of this bill appears to require armed security guards to be relicensed every six months and to also carry electronic guns.

The HPD urges you to oppose House Bill No. 1486, Relating to Guns.

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

Aloha Members of the House Committee,

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition OPPOSES HB1486.

Any person in the state of Hawaii who wishes to purchase a handgun must go through a safety training course that covers the safe use of firearms, Hawaii state laws regarding firearms and a live fire at a firing range. The total class time required is 6 hours. This bill would add an additional 4 hours of training now requiring two days to complete.

The bill requires additional training in

- (A) Properly carrying concealed and unconcealed weapons in public;
- (B) Situation de-escalation;
- (C) Interaction with law enforcement;
- (D) The proper use of a weapon as a last resort.

These measures serve no safety purpose whatsoever and only serve to hamper the ability and increase the costs on those wishing to carry a firearm for self-defense. Millions of people carry firearms daily across America with none of these training requirements. Legal firearms owners have some of the lowest crime rates across the country. They do not escalate situations, they do not go looking for fights, they carry a firearm to defend themselves and their loved ones.

The above-mentioned training would serve only to make a person second guess themselves in a situation where deadly force is necessary to protect themselves (others). This hesitation may very well lead to their own death or injury. Most self-defense shooting situations last seconds, with little or no time to react and having a person worry about whether they deescalated the situation or if this is their last resort option would only server to delay action. This has been seen time and time again with police officers who delayed responding for fear of legal action resulting in the officers getting injured or killed.

The training requirement in this section could be filled with a video lasting no more than 20 minutes contained within the already required 4 hours of training.

This Bill also requires that a Carry permit/license be renewed every 6 months. This would not only be a burden on gun owners wishing to legally carry a firearm but would also put a strain on the county police departments. Even a yearly permit would put a heavy burden on them. There is an estimated 14 million permit holders in the country, this does not include states who do not require permits. This works out to 4.6% of the population.

If we apply that same percentage to Hawaii's population (4.6% of 1.4 million) this would be more than 64 thousand permits needing to be issued twice a year. The county police departments are already burdened and strained handling firearms registrations and permits (around 30 thousand a year). This would bring the total interactions for firearms related business to more than 150 thousand permits/registrations a year.

The requirement to carry a Taser whilst also carrying a firearm is burdensome and unnecessary. It would only serve to cause confusion and doubt in a situation where someone's life is in danger. It would lead to lawsuits and criminal charges against those who don't use it before using a firearm even when a firearm is justified. We already see this situation with police officers. Putting this burden on law-abiding firearms owners only serves to create a dangerous and confusing situation.

For these reasons the Hawaii Firearms Coalition Opposes HB1486. Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo

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February 12, 2019

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

RE: House Bill 1486 – Oppose

Dear Chairman Takayama:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, we oppose House Bill 1486.

House Bill 1486 would decrease the duration of the concealed carry permit from the current one year to six months, impose additional training requirements, and require a person to carry an electronic stun device anytime they carry a firearm. This legislation appears nothing more than an attempt to place additional costs and burdens on those attempting to exercise their constitutional rights.

Concealed carry permit holders have consistently proven across the nation to be among the most law-abiding. Incidents and accidents involving concealed carry permit holders are rare across the country regardless of the amount of training a particular state may require.

For the foregoing reasons, the National Rifle Association urges your opposition to HB 1486.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reid
Western Regional Director

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 5:45:58 AM

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

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/12/2019 9:16:32 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 3:21:15 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill. Each death by gun violence is a failure by our community to have adequate training, protections and safeguards for firearms. Safety is the first criteria for gun ownership, and should be a high standard for maintaining a firearm. This bill has creative and reasonable measures that should help reduce our deaths by gun violence at the same time as we help assure gun owners are properly trained and equipped to minimize improper use of firearms. Thank you.

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/9/2019 2:24:31 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:

While I support the intent of the bill, I feel that to renew training and permit every 6 months would be unreasonable. Mahalo.

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/9/2019 3:21:13 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:

Although repealing the electric stun gun provision is a good idea, the addition of burdensome training requirements for concealed carry permits is not.

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 2:11:02 PM

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

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

Comments:

There is no good reason for any additional laws I oppose HB 1486 in its entire teaTo Whom it may concern,

There are already more than sufficient gun laws in the state of Hawaii, Hawaii has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the country. There is no good reason for any additional laws. I oppose HB 1486 in its entirety.

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 2:47:06 PM

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

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

Comments:

I absolutely OPPOSE this measure on the fact this does NOT support Hawaii becoming a SHALL ISSUE state. Considering the training required in this bill, no citizen should show "extraordinary" circumstances to protect themselves. Citizens are NOT a seperate class of human being from state entitites that are less deserving of being able to exercise their NATURAL HUMAN RIGHT OF SELF PRESERVATION.

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 5:54:06 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-1486

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 5:56:07 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-1486

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 7:41:03 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Fuchikami	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm in opposition to HB1486 because it essentially is unnecessary and unwarranted. It concerns requiring firearms training prior to obtaining a concealed carry permit which is ridiculous because the police chiefs NEVER ISSUE carry permits to any private citizen not associated with law enforcement or some other politically-connected person. I personally have received classroom education and live-fire range time using various tactical techniques required by the Utah BCI in order to obtain their concealed carry permit which I possess. The class was taught by former HPD officer Butch Helemano who is also an NRA instructor besides being a Utah certified instructor. I have more than adequate training in using my firearm yet Hawaii will NEVER issue me a Hawaii permit despite my squeaky clean record, etc. Hawaii's requirement for "showing cause" is unconstitutional and will eventually be overturned by SCOTUS. Perhaps if federal reciprocity becomes law then all of this becomes moot anyway. It's a waste of taxpayers' money to spend time on this bill and make these changes to HRS. Thank you for your time and consideration. Aloha!

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 7:59:22 AM

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

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

Comments:

I generally oppose this bill because most of it is unconstitutional. Delete everything in it except the repeal of the ban on electric guns. That is the only good thing about it.

Completion of a training course within thirty days before applying for or renewing a license to carry a concealed or unconcealed weapon is an unconstitutional infringement of our second-amendment rights. What other right is so burdened? What is next? Will we need to complete an English class before we make a political speech? Must we demonstrate knowledge of spiritual matters before exercising our freedom of religion? Have you seen who is on the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS)? Already SCOTUS has resumed hearing gun-related cases, presumably with the intent of striking down those that violate the constitution. This bill is unconstitutional because it violates the second and fourth amendment to the US constitution. It also violates the Hawai'i state constitution that is supposed to guarantee the right to keep and bear arms.

Anyone paying attention to the news knows that Hawaii already has a low violent crime rate. This is because of the Hawai'i demographics and the aloha spirit. A low crime rate has nothing to do with the already very restrictive gun laws that criminals don't follow anyway. Gun control does not work here or anywhere else. It only serves to empower the criminal by disarming the victims. Even in Hawai'i, the many cases of criminal acts already show how criminals actively ignore and render gun control laws as detrimental to the lives of those who follow them. Gun control has been proven by many current studies to be totally ineffective at achieving their supposed purpose and actually harmful. Studies done by the CDC, University of Harvard Law, Crime Prevention Research institute, and the FBI all have shown consistently that gun control does not work. The public does not need protection from licensed gun owners with concealed-carry permits and concealed-weapons licenses. People with such permits have been shown to be 13 times less likely to commit a crime than people who are not so licensed, and 6 times less likely to commit a felony than police. Read the amicus briefs in the Peruta case and you will know all you need to know about the benefits of concealed carry and how safe it is overall. This bill is another lie to the public that is designed to produce a false sense of security.

Given that this is the case, we need reform to our concealed-carry laws, but not to impose additional useless requirements. All we need to do is to pass a bill to recognize and honor (and, I might add welcome) the concealed-weapons licenses and concealed-

carry permits issued by other states. It would require no additional government spending, impose no threat to constitutional rights and make the public safer. Hawai'i already recognizes out-of-state marriages and motor vehicle drivers licenses. To drive a car is a privilege, not a right. We have no constitutional right to keep and bear motor vehicles. To keep and bear arms is a right. Why do we treat privileges more favorably than rights?

Hawai'i already has a low rate of violence that involve firearms, but overall violence is almost always ignored. Hawaii has a low population in comparison to the rest of the states. This contributes to a low gun death total statistic, but the rates at which criminals violate gun laws is no different from what criminals do in the mainland. Even recent shootings today have shown how criminals disobey gun laws and how defenseless the people of Hawai'i are. If carrying a concealed and loaded pistol can prevent one violent crime from being perpetrated on an otherwise potential victim and lawful gun owner, it is worth reforming the overly restrictive concealed carry laws in Hawai'i.

Therefore, I OPPOSE gun-control bills that do nothing but infringe on gun owners' rights.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 8:35:56 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:

This law adds an arbitrary step to the carry permit application. By adding the cost of a training course to the requirement it places a what amounts to a pole tax on who can even apply for a carry permit.

A State may not impose a charge for the enjoyment of a right granted by the Federal Constitution.

Murdock v. Pennsylvania, 319 U.S. 105 (1943)

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 8:36:55 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:

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 8:46:44 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:

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:09:55 AM

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

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:20:49 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:

The extra training requirement does nothing more than make it even harder for a private citizen who has already passed numerous federal and state background checks to legally own a firearm from using the same firearm as a tool for their own self defense. As the section is written to acquire a permit to carry one must first prove to police they have an immediate need to carry. This goes against the second amendment as one shouldn't ever need to prove a need to do what is their right to do. It also does not adequately define how people should prove their need either, and permits have been denied for failure to prove a need even when there have been documented assaults and even restraining orders issued. The other issue is that because the word "may" is used instead of "shall" nearly all permit applications are denied currently as the police departments believe that they are liable for the actions of the permit holder since they weren't required to issue the permit even if the applicants met all the other criteria because of this one word. Ask the police departments how many applications they receive annually and then ask how many are approved.

I am for the decriminalization of electric guns for the general public as they have proven to be an effective less than lethal tool. However the training requirements you are setting for them are unnecessarily high and currently unattainable in Hawaii and could make people choose lethal weapons and force over them because it would be easier for them to deal with.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:20:59 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:

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:26:06 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:

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:34:39 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

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 10:03:35 AM

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 HB1486 The training course required is at this time non-existent, There are virtually no liscensed carriers in Hawaii, This is yet again another waste of taxpayer money and a way for you to infringe on our inevitable right to carry a firearm for self defense.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 10:43:49 AM

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 do believe in conceal carrying a firearm for protection, but the way the bill is written is not economical. The bill should move to it's next committee with amendments. Change the permit term from 6 months to 5 years. Most states conceal weapons permits are good for many years. Because to have to re take all classes before the 6 month expiration is not logistical. By the time you get the permit in the mail, you would have to already take another class.

Also to have to carry an electric gun at all times is also not possible because tasers/stun guns are currently illegal. So by requiring to do so would deny ALL conceal carry weapons permits because no one non law enforcement is allowed to own an electric gun.

This bill is an attempt to pass a poorly written bill to make all those who want a conceal carry weapons permit in Hawaii happy. By saying "Hey we proposed a bill, but everyone opposed it". We are opposing it because it has a catch 22 (electric gun requirement) and the term is way to short.

Marcus Tanaka

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 11:09:16 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Kerr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am in opposition to any new gun control requirements in Hawaii. Hawaii is already the least supportive of our 2nd Amendment rights.

No to HB1486 !

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 11:39:28 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:

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 1:52:59 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 HB1486. To be allowed to defend ones' self by non-lethal means should not be encumbered by the same unnecessary bureaucracy foisted upon Hawaii's gun owners. The only purpose of this bill is to prevent Hawaii's law abiding citizens from defending themselves, whether it be at home, or on a dark street after working late and walking to the parked car.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 2:59:01 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 support shall issue concealed or open carry permits, but I do not support this bill because it is seriously flawed. For example, a renewal period of only 6 months is not justified. Carry permits issued in many states have renewal periods of around 3-5 years. There is no evidence from the results of these programs to suggest an extremely short renewal period would increase the safety of the permit holder or the public. It would however increase the burden on those needing a permit for self protection. Additionally, the requirement to carry both a firearm and an electric gun is dangerous and unwise. A citizen in immediate peril and under intense stress should not be required to choose between a lethal and a less lethal weapon. Being trained to carry and use a single weapon in an emergency is the most effective means of self protection for the average citizen. Police may be required to carry two weapons, but their response protocols demand it.

I believe these restrictions are intended only to complicate the permit process, and to discourage citizens needing protection from applying for a permit, because they otherwise serve no real world purpose.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 5:42:28 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:

Strongly oppose this bill.

Can you imagine having to renew your drivers liscense every 6mo. and forced to take an 8 hour class 30 days prior?

Given the fact there are much more vehicle deaths per year than firearm related deaths, this bill shows a flagrant disregard and prejudice to the second ammendment and lawful gun owners.

Thank you,

Robert Hechtman

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 5:59:48 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:

While support the idea of Concealed Carry in Hawaii, I offer this testimony in OPPOSITION to this proposal as it is written poorly. There are better bills in this session that meet the needs of the people of the state.

PJ Long III

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 6:43:35 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 **HB1486**.

This bill is a calculated attempt to impose **prohibitive and burdensome requirements** on the right to keep and bear arms. Gun owners in Hawaii **have already completed state-mandated firearms safety education**. The right to keep and bear arms is a **natural, civil, and constitutionally-enshrined right**. Because its primary purpose is to empower citizens against oppressive government, it follows that **only oppressive governments strive to make the keeping and bearing of arms difficult or impossible**.

Gun owners are already the most law-abiding, level-headed, responsible citizens in the state. Imposing **unconstitutional burdens** in an effort to disparage the right to self-defense is **wrong**.

Very respectfully,

Shaun

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:36:05 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:

I believe individuals should seek training and continue to train with firearms on a regular basis to remain proficient in their use but i do not support a mandate.

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:36:19 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:

The bill is restrictive given the fact that CCW is issued on a "may issue" basis rather than a "shall issue" basis. I believe that our constitutional right to bear arms for self-protection and the protection of our family should include being able to obtain a CCW permit as long as the individual completes the required training and passes all background checks needed.

The same goes for individuals rights to obtain and use electric guns for self-defense purposes.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:49:42 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:

As to CCW, I oppose the fact that permits are "may issue" and would like the bill to be amended to reflect that permits should be "shall issue" so that it is in line with the equal protection clause of the United States Constitution.

I also feel that the citizens of Hawaii should be able to possess and use electric guns for self-defense because they are a less lethal option.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:51:21 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Russell Takata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE this measure. Aside from state and military certified instructors, subsection (g)(5) should include NRA certified instructors.

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: HB1486 Relating Guns

I oppose HB1486 due to restrictive requirements on concealed carry permits but otherwise support lifting the ban on electric guns.

I am a former law enforcement officer certified on tasers, retired military veteran, and a concealed carry weapons firearms instructor. I believe firearms' training is important when it comes to self-defense. However I have a stronger belief in civil rights and the 2nd amendment where the government should not place requirements and burdensome restrictions for a person to practice those rights. Especially for a right that can save their life.

This bill requires training every 6 months which will be a burden to many overworked people. Taking time off of work to attend the course. The cost of the course and ammunition. Having to reapply for the course every 6 months. What other civil right requires these burdens? Regular people do not need the training regimen that police officers need for their day to day duties.

Nationally Hawaii has the lowest Concealed Carry Weapons permitting period of only 1 year. The national average is 5 years for a permit, with a few states offering lifetime permits. There are currently 14 states with constitutional carry where no permits are required to carry a handgun in public. The number of constitutional carry states are growing year by year. Government leaders in other state's can trust their good law-abiding citizens. What makes Hawaii different where we cannot trust our good law-abiding citizens

The requirement to carry an electric gun alongside a handgun is dangerous for the permit holder. People in a possible life and death situation may have only a split second to think and act. People whose life is in immediate peril may hesitate and decide to use an electric gun for liability reasons when a handgun is needed.

I support a clean repeal of the ban on electric guns. Electric guns are not as effective as handguns in stopping a dangerous threat. However there are some people who do not want a handgun for a variety of reasons so an electric gun is an alternative they can use.

For these reasons I oppose HB1486 due to the restrictions on concealed carry permits but otherwise support a clean repeal of the ban on electric guns.

Mahalo

Todd Yukutake

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Concealed carry handgun license expiration dates by state.			
Constitutional Carry = no license required to carry a handgun in public.			
Alabama	1 to 5 years	Montana	4
Alaska	Constitutional Carry	Nebraska	5
Arizona	Constitutional Carry	Nevada	5
Arkansas	Constitutional Carry	New Hampshire	Constitutional Carry
California	2	New Jersey	2
Colorado	5	New Mexico	4 to 5
Connecticut	5	New York	2 to lifetime
Delaware	5	North Carolina	5
Florida	7	North Dakota	Constitutional Carry
Georgia	5	Ohio	5
Hawaii	1	Oklahoma	5 or 10
Idaho	Constitutional Carry	Oregon	4
Illinois	5	Pennsylvania	5
Indiana	4 or lifetime	Rhode Island	4
Iowa	5	South Carolina	5
Kansas	Constitutional Carry	South Dakota	5
Kentucky	5	Tennessee	8
Louisiana	5 or lifetime	Texas	4 to 5
Maine	Constitutional Carry	Utah	5
Maryland	2 initial, 3 renewal	Vermont	Constitutional Carry
Massachusetts	6	Virginia	5
Michigan	4 to 5	Washington	5
Minnesota	5	West Virginia	Constitutional Carry
Mississippi	Constitutional Carry	Wisconsin	5
Missouri	Constitutional Carry	Wyoming	Constitutional Carry

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Submitted on: 2/12/2019 7:21:25 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:

training requirements included in this bill are LUDICROUS

look to other states where millions of people carry and see what their training requirements are

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 8:18:07 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:

I do not support a training mandate

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 10:01:53 AM

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

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

Comments:

Support, if the bill is amended to change permit status from 6 months to 5 years.

Carry of arms to protect one's self has been confirmed as a right. Over burdensome regulation of a right is not constitutional.

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 10:42:35 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 HB1486 in its current form. The current language of "may" needs to be ammended to "shall." "May" still empowers the issuing authority to deny a permit application regardless if the applicant meets the requirements as outlined. Additionally, the language of a concealed weapon is being removed and should be included in this. Currently, a applicant for a firearm acquisition already needs to show proof of a training class that meets the requirements of this bill and that should not be increased. Permits should also have a minimum of 1 year and not 6 months as that would also match the length of a rifle permit currenly in Hawaii. The process of renewal should not mimick that of a new application. Once issued, it should be renewable without further considerations.

Thank you,

Davin Asato

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 10:58:26 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-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 11:39:14 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:

I oppose HB1486 for 2 reasons.

First reason is changing of the permit to carry expiration from 1 year to 6 months. What is the reason for this? If someone is applying for a permit to carry they have gone through the proper training, background checks and are already placed in the rapback system that monitors if their name for a felony arrest. The only thing that making a person apply every 6 month will do is further burden the person to take more time off from work to go to the police station to do more paperwork.

The second reason is that this bill still keeps the state as a may issue state and not a shall issue state. If we are going to invest the time and money to get trained, miss work to apply and have a background check run on us then there should be no reason that we should have to prove that we have a need to carry a firearm for protection. Criminals do not follow these laws and carry firearms without any care for your laws. You will never know when you will be in a situation where you will need to protect yourself and keeping the law as a may issue and not a shall issue will further keep the law abiding citizens at a disadvantage.

Other than that I don't have a problem with requiring applicants to be trained 30 days before they apply. Being proficient with a firearm is a perishable skill and regular training throughout the year is a must if a person is going to carry a firearm for protection.

Brandon Leong

Secretary and NRA Certified Instructor, Lessons In Firearms Education Hawaii (LIFE)

Director At Large, HRA

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Submitted on: 2/12/2019 11:49:15 AM

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

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

Comments:

While I support the repeal of the ban on electric guns, these new requirements for is unnecessary and yet another hurdle for those wishing to legally defend themselves in this state. Handgun safety classes are already required to purchase a handgun in this state, and additional CCW classes are required to get a carry permit, these classes can total to more than \$400 together. This amounts to a tax on a right, and would be unnecessary for maintaining skills. It is just another attempt to keep law abiding citizens from defending themselves.

HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 12:13:43 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.



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February 12, 2019

Re: HB1486

To be heard: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members,

Please vote NO to defer HB1486.

HB1486 would not enhance public safety.

It's hard to take HB1486 seriously. And it's hard to know where to begin to discuss why it's hard to take it seriously. I'll only be able to address some of the major points and have to leave the rest to others to explain or yourselves as committee members to discern.

First, the context of this proposed legislation. HB1486 is (obviously) not even a thinly-veiled attempt to enact highly restrictive requirements that would make it extremely difficult (financially prohibitive and time-consuming, etc.) for the “typical law-abiding citizens” of Hawaii to be able to exercise their right to bear arms outside their homes for self-defense. This bill is presented at this juncture only because Hawaii is on the brink of having its current clearly unconstitutional laws regarding bearing arms, aka “carry”, overturned by the courts. As phrased in the Constitution of the United States, and in the constitution of the state of Hawaii, “the right of the people to... bear arms shall not be infringed.” The case of *Young v. Hawaii* in the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has determined that the laws re carry in Hawaii are unconstitutional, which is obvious to anyone who can count to ZERO: the number of persons in the state of Hawaii who may lawfully exercise their right to bear arms outside their home. How many other rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights require some kind of licensing from the government prior to their exercise, and for which no licenses are issued? This “process” required by the state of Hawaii relegates an enumerated unalienable fundamental natural civil right to the realm of a mere privilege. It's not the “Bill of Privileges”. The Ninth Circuit ruled that it is indeed a right, and as such cannot be relegated to a mere privilege to be exercised by ZERO citizens at the whim of government bureaucrats. And thus we see HB1486: a preemptive attempt to again relegate a constitutionally-protected right to be subject to the whims of bureaucrats, in this case by making the process extremely costly and time consuming, and thus out of reach of most “typical law-abiding citizens” even if the courts eventually mandate that Hawaii adopt a “shall issue” scheme, as opposed to the current ostensible “may issue” scheme, which is in fact “no issue”. (The two licenses issued in the past 19 years were issued to a judge and a military member, or a member of a military family, and thus

are really outside the realm of Judge O'Scannlain's terminology of "typical law-abiding citizen".)

The requirements that would be enacted by HB1486 are not only absurd compared to all other such laws in the entire United States regarding requirements to carry firearms outside the home for self-defense, but they are absurd on their face, as can be seen from the purported rationale as presented by the introducers of the bill in their preface to the actual text of the bill.

I don't have the time to go into all the details of their absurd claims, for which no evidence at all exists, but here is a lowlight:

"...all too often, during an active shooter event, innocent bystanders are wounded or killed by gunfire that was intended to stop the active shooter."

Seriously?! This is a justification for requiring people to take a costly and time-consuming training course TWICE A YEAR (as a requirement to renew the license which will be granted for A TERM OF SIX MONTHS) and CARRY AN ELECTRIC GUN whenever carrying the firearm for which they qualified as part of the licensing procedure?

I asked the introducers of this bill for their source re the claimed "all too often" shootings of innocent bystanders by licensed carriers during active shooter events (public "active shooter" events are extremely rare in and of themselves, intervention by licensed civilian carriers takes place only in a minority of those rare events, and the suggestion that "too often" bystanders are shot by licensed carriers is unwarranted by any stretch of the imagination). (See Note 2 for listing of many news reports of "concealed handgun permit holders have stopped mass public shootings and other mass attacks" wherein there is not a single mention of bystanders being injured: *"A concern is often raised that a concealed handgun permit holder who stops an attack might accidentally shoot a bystander or might himself be accidentally shot by the police. In none of these cases has that occurred. As noted below, it is very likely that we do not have all the cases where a permit holder stops a mass public shooting, but if a permit holder were to shoot a bystander, it seems clear that such a case would get news coverage. Thus it seems pretty certain that such cases don't occur during these types of events."* But I'm completely open to having the introducers of this bill provide contradictory evidence.) Not surprisingly, they didn't respond to my request, for one very good reason: THERE IS NO SUCH EVIDENCE. This is a pure fabrication (to use a euphemism) on the part of the introducers. The first rationale they list as justification for this egregious restriction on a constitutionally-protected right is made up out of thin air. Even the most virulent of the civilian disarmament advocate groups (aka "commonsense gun safety regulation" advocates like (Bloomberg) Moms Demand, (Bloomberg) Everytown, Giffords, Brady, et al.) don't make such a claim. Laughable, except the introducers want to deny me, and all other "typical law-abiding citizens" of Hawaii, our rights by promulgating such lies. Shameful!

A term of SIX MONTHS for a license? Unbelievable. Most states the term is 5 years. There are a few states, that like Hawaii attempt to deny their citizens the right to bear arms, such as California, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia, which have adopted two year terms... FOUR TIMES the length proposed here! They've got some catching up to do!

Where is the evidence that a six month term will create greater "public safety" than an one year term? Or even a 5 year term? I'll tell you where: nowhere, because there isn't any. This is just another pure fabrication that the introducers would have people believe is "commonsense", just like one of the introducers and another member of the legislature have asserted that "shall issue" licensing would result in "the Wild West" with voluminous public shootings over trivial events like disputes over

parking spaces. The facts are that there is no such evidence from the 42 states that have “shall issue” laws, not to mention from the 14 states that have “permitless carry” laws, where no permission of any kind, much less training of any kind, is required. (Those 14 states also issue licenses to residents who want one for the purpose of acquiring reciprocity with those states having an agreement with their state of residence.)

This leads me to have to confront what is the most serious problem for me. Given that the vast majority of states have laws that are “shall issue”, most have lengthy terms of licenses, most require no training, **none** require carry license holders to carry non-lethal weapons, much less an electric gun, and **NONE** have problems with “typical law-abiding citizens” committing crimes, including with their carried firearms. (See Note 1, following) These facts lead to one and only one possible explanation for the necessity of such laws in Hawaii as HB1486 with its draconian costly and time-consuming requirements (not to mention ludicrous for requiring a licensee to always carry an electric gun! Who makes this stuff up?!): There is something these lawmakers know about the **abnormal and deficient nature of Hawaii residents** that assures the lawmakers that the people of Hawaii are not capable of handling responsibilities in the same manner as all other residents in the United States where there are no problems with people handling the responsibilities of bearing firearms in public. What is it they know about us, and how do they know it? I've asked them. Repeatedly. Tell me how you know that the people of this state will act in a manner contrary to the manner in which people in all the other states act in regard to the responsibility to carry and use firearms lawfully? They must know something, otherwise why the completely different far outlier laws enacted and proposed? Why won't they tell us what they know? I suspect that what they must know to justify such draconian laws would be highly detrimental to tourism, and thus they refuse to make it public. If any of you members of the committee are privy to that information and would be willing to make it public I would appreciate it. Because if there is data that would prove that Hawaii residents are irresponsible in this matter compared to all other residents of the United States, I would be willing to change my position: maybe even to ban all guns, not just carry. I really want to see the evidence. It would need to be clear, convincing and indisputable evidence.

Re the term of the license being made six months (with repeated training required for each renewal application): Where's the evidence that that term results in greater public safety than a 5 year or 3 year or even a one year term? For that matter where is the evidence that a six month term is safer than a three month term? What about a one month term? Perhaps if re-licensing and re-training certification was required every weekend the public would be safest of all? We don't know, because the introducers don't provide us with any evidence of how they came up the the term they did. In fact the evidence that does exist shows that there is **NO** correlation, much less causal relationship between length of the licensing term and public safety. None. It's almost as if the introducers of this bill are making something up out of thin air and assuming people will buy it as “commonsense”. If it's “commonsense” that more frequent training is “safer”, then the “every weekend” option makes the most “sense”.

Whatever the term of licensing the introducers and this committee decide upon, the cost of such training will be a hindrance to many people, as such classes that include live-fire training typically cost at east \$200. Twice a year, as per HB1486, would make Hawaii many **times** more costly than the next most expensive state to hold a license to carry. I suppose that is only fitting given Hawaii is already the most expensive state in the U.S. for cost of living... but why further such outlandish expense in the name of “public safety”? I'll tell you why (we actually have evidence of the effectiveness of this portion of the bill): studies have shown that **the more financially costly, and the more time-consuming the requirements for acquiring licenses** for firearms, including acquiring licenses to carry, **the fewer people choose to attempt to acquire firearms and carry licenses**. Again, this is an overt attempt to short-circuit what is likely to be an eventual court-mandated imposition of “shall

issue” carry laws. The only option to then stop people from carrying will be to impose requirements that make doing so prohibitive in one way or another. HB1486 does exactly that.

Adding to the expense of the twice a year training and renewal fees is the cost of purchasing and maintaining an electric gun. The introducers of this bill generously repeal the electric gun ban (remaining in only three total states, including Hawaii, after the SCOTUS unanimous Caetano per curium ruling that such bans are unconstitutional, with a current lawsuit challenging Hawaii's continued ban) only so that they may then make it a requirement that any person granted a license to carry a firearm **MUST**, at all times when carrying their licensed firearms, **ALSO CARRY AN ELECTRIC GUN** (failure to carry the electric gun at all times **requires** revocation of the carry license), which they have been trained and certified to use (every six months renewal on that training too?... not stated in the bill, but why not?). Seriously, who makes this stuff up? We know who: the introducers of this bill. Of course no such preposterous requirement exists anywhere else in the United States. Hawaii leads the way again! But in what? Where is there even a scintilla of evidence that carrying a non-lethal weapon along with a lethal weapon enhances public safety in any manner to any degree? I'd like to see it, but I can't find any. I asked the introducers of the bill for it, but they have provided me with any.

If there were any evidence that carrying less-than-lethal weapons by “typical law-abiding citizens” along with lethal weapons enhanced public safety, there would likely be such requirements elsewhere in the United States. And, if such evidence existed, one would think the list of required non-lethal weapons would include not only electric guns (which can prove fatal in certain circumstances), but also “pepper”/chemical sprays, batons, stun batons, expandable batons, etc. It would be “reasonable”, that if such evidence existed, the requirements would not only extend to such devices, but also to requisite martial arts training, which while potentially lethal, could be limited to six month re-training certifications in martial art styles and moves limited to non-lethal potential, as to be determined by each of the county police chiefs, as per their prerogative under HB1486 to determine the specifically-required firearms and legal information training. You may think I'm being facetious or sarcastic here, but actually I'm not. I'm serious. If we are going to base laws upon reason and evidence, and there is evidence that carrying less-than-lethal devices along with lethal devices enhances public safety, where is the evidence showing that the limitation of this bill to only carrying a less-than-lethal electric gun is more efficacious than all the other means listed above? I want to see the evidence that justifies the choices of this proposed legislation in this regard, but haven't been provided by any by the introducers, and I strongly suspect the reason for that, again, is that there isn't any evidence that will support their premises.

The bottom line: HB1486 has no evidence that would support its requirements as enhancers of public safety. **The only evidence** regarding those requirements that exists, as far as I can find (and none has been provided to me by the introducers of this bill) **is that such requirements result in far fewer people attempting to acquire a license to carry** because it is cost prohibitive and time-consuming prohibitive. And that, I think is plain to see, is **the real intent and goal of HB1486**.

HB1486 does nothing to enhance public safety. HB1486 merely reinforces Hawaii's already unconstitutional infringement of Hawaii citizen's rights by denying them the lawful exercise of the right to self-defense outside their homes.

The underlying assumption, no evidence being provided in response to requests for such, is that Hawaii residents, unique in the United States, are incompetent and irresponsible in matters of firearms safety and responsibility, and therefore must be subject to draconian requirements that will continue to severely limit their ability to lawfully exercise their right to bear arms for self-defense outside their homes. I resent that. I really resent that.

Please vote NO to defer HB1486.

Thank you,

George Pace

Note 1. In the rest of the United States Permit Holders are Extremely Law-abiding. (Why would Hawaii be different?):

Permit Holders are Extremely Law-abiding

It is very rare for permit holders to violate the law. In order to appreciate how incredibly rare those problems are, one needs to remember that there are over 12.8 million permit holders in the US. Indeed, it is impossible to think of any other group in the US that is anywhere near as law-abiding.

To get an idea of just how law-abiding concealed handgun permit holders are, we need only compare them to police. According to a study in *Police Quarterly*, police committed an average of 703 crimes per year from 2005 to 2007.⁸ 113 of these involved firearms violations. This is likely to be an underestimate, since not all police crimes receive media coverage. The authors of the study may also have missed some media reports.

So how law-abiding are police? With about 685,464 full-time police officers in the U.S. from 2005 to 2007, we find that there were about 103 crimes per hundred thousand officers. For the U.S. population as a whole, the crime rate was **37 times higher** -- 3,813 per hundred thousand people.

Perhaps police crimes are underreported due to leniency from fellow officers, but the vast crime gap between police and the general populace is really undeniable.

Concealed carry permit holders are even more law-abiding than police. Between October 1, 1987 and June 30, 2015, Florida revoked 9,999 concealed handgun permits for misdemeanors or felonies.⁹ This is an annual revocation rate of 12.8 permits per 100,000. In 2013 (the last year for which data is available), 158 permit holders were convicted of a felony or misdemeanor – a conviction rate of 22.3 per 100,000. Combining the data for Florida and Texas data, we find that **permit holders are convicted of misdemeanors and felonies at less than a sixth the rate for police officers.**

Among police, **firearms violations** occur at a rate of 16.5 per 100,000 officers. Among permit holders in Florida and Texas, the rate is only 2.4 per 100,000. That is **just 1/7th of the rate for police officers.** But there's no need to focus on Texas and Florida — the data are similar in other states.

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Note 2:

Compiling Cases where concealed handgun permit holders have stopped mass public shootings and other mass attacks

This past Friday, an Uber driver with a permitted concealed handgun stopped what likely would have been a mass public shooting. Police arrived on the scene quickly, but the Uber driver had still already taken care of the situation before they arrived. From Mitch Dudek in the *Chicago Sun-Times* (April 19, 2015):

An Uber driver put his concealed carry permit to use Friday night when he pulled a gun and opened fire on a man he saw firing a pistol into a group of people on a Logan Square sidewalk, according to prosecutors.

Six blasts from his gun injured a 22-year-old man identified as Everardo Custodio.

Custodio suffered wounds to his shin, knee and lower back . . . Cook County Judge Peggy Chiampas refused to grant [Custodio] bail on charges of aggravated battery with a firearm and illegal possession of a firearm.

The 47-year-old Uber driver “was acting in self-defense and **in the defense of others,**” Assistant State’s Attorney Barry Quinn said. . . .

The Uber driver had dropped off a passenger minutes before the shooting occurred, said Uber spokeswoman Jen Mullin. She had no comment on the driver’s actions other than to say the company requires all its drivers to abide by local, state and federal laws pertaining to transporting firearms in vehicles. . . .

Police patrolling the area heard the shots and arrived to find Custodio on the ground and bleeding. Police also recovered a handgun found near Custodio, Quinn said. . . .

[The Uber driver is] a registered gun owner who has a concealed carry license. He doesn’t face any charges. . . .

In a Washington Post in an April 20, 2015 column, Eugene Volokh asks: “Have civilians with permitted concealed handguns stopped such mass shootings before?” We provided Volokh with a list of cases that used permitted concealed handguns.

The Uber driver case isn’t even the first mass public shooting in Chicago that has been stopped by a concealed handgun permit holder.

Chicago, July 7, 2014, from Geoff Ziezulewicz in the Chicago Tribune:

A Gresham man fired on a group of people leaving a party, only to be shot himself by one of the victims, a military service member with a concealed carry permit, authorities said.

The military member and three others were leaving a party Friday night . . .

One of the victims had noticed a cup of liquor on top of her vehicle and asked attendees of a party next door who it belonged to, Hain said.

When she removed it, Denzel A. Mickiel approached her, shouting obscenities and threatening her and her friends, according to Hain and court records. . . .

As Mickiel fired at the victims’ vehicle, the military member retrieved his gun and took cover near the vehicle’s front fender, according to Hain. Two unidentified people also shot at the group, she said.

The military service member fired two shots and struck Mickiel twice, she said.

A 22-year-old woman in the group was injured by Mickiel in the shooting, suffering wounds to the arm and back, according to court records and Hain.

The four victims escaped the melee in two vehicles as two unidentified people continued to shoot at them, Hain said. . . .

A note: A concern is often raised that a concealed handgun permit holder who stops an attack might accidentally shoot a bystander or might himself be accidentally shot by the police. In none of these cases has that occurred. As noted below, it is very likely that we do not have all the cases where a permit holder stops a mass public shooting, but if a permit holder were to shoot a bystander, it seems clear that such a case would get news coverage. Thus it seems pretty certain that such cases don't occur during these types of events.

Some other cases include [This section has been updated. Cases have only been systematically collected since 2014. Because of the lack of news stories that accompany these cases, we believe that we have found a greater percentage of the cases since 2014 than earlier.]

Note that most all these cases have just a couple of local news stories on them. There is no reason to believe that this list is comprehensive given how little media coverage is given to mass public shootings that were stopped by concealed handgun permit holders. Even in the cases that got massive news coverage, only a few of those stories would mention that it was a permit holder who stopped the attack. In addition, there is no attempt here to list here the very large number of defensive gun uses that are reported daily in the US. This list here only includes cases where mass public shootings were stopped.

Birmingham, Alabama, October 27, 2018

A masked man entered a McDonald's restaurant and immediately started firing his gun. A concealed handgun permit holder returned firing killing the attacker.

"He's my hero," he said. "Because I can only imagine how it would've went if he wasn't armed. We might not be here having this interview." . . .

He said he heard more than 15 shots fired. . . .

— Markus Washington, an employee at the McDonalds', to WAFF Channel 48 News

From WBRC Channel 6 in Birmingham, Alabama has this note:

A masked man entered the restaurant when an employee opened the door for a father and his sons to leave. The masked man then opened fire in the restaurant. At that point, the father began shooting at the masked man. Both the father and the masked man were struck along with one of the children. Police later confirmed that the masked man is now

deceased, and the father had non-life threatening injuries. A minor had non-life-threatening injuries.

The motive of the attacker isn't clear. While it is possible that robbery was the motive, the fact that the attacker immediately began firing his gun as soon as he entered the restaurant means it is very likely that his goal was most likely just to kill people.

Louisville, Kentucky, Wednesday, October 24, 2018

The national media has picked up on this story because of the killer, Gregory Bush, is racist, but they are ignoring the fact that a white civilian with a concealed handgun permit stopped the attack. Both the people murdered at the Kroger — Maurice Stallard, 69, and Vickie Jones, 67 — were black. Bush had apparently tried to do an attack at a black church before shooting blacks at the Kroger indicates he was trying to kill as many blacks as possible and that the number of blacks killed could have been much worse if it wasn't for the concealed handgun permit holder.

The Louisville Courier Journal reports that after Bush had visited the church:

The first call came into MetroSafe at 2:54 p.m. reporting that shots were fired inside the store. There were reports of "multiple injuries." . . .

According to the Jeffersontown police, the suspect, Gregory Alan Bush, entered the grocery store and "gunned down" the first victim, and then exited the store where he killed the second victim.

While in the parking lot, a citizen who possessed a concealed carry permit engaged with the suspect, according to Jeffersontown police.

"Multiple rounds were fired by both the suspect and the intervening citizen," Jeffersontown police wrote in a statement. "Neither the suspect nor the involved citizen, nor any other bystanders were injured with this exchange of gunfire."

Bush fled the scene in his vehicle. Police located Bush and his vehicle on Hurstbourne Parkway, next to the Stony Brook Center, where he was taken into custody. . . .

Another story on the case notes: "The police chief clarified that . . . the woman killed in the parking lot was shot by the suspect before the exchange [with the permit holder] began"

Titusville, Florida, August 4, 2018

A shooting at a back to school event for children and their families had a shooting that was quickly stopped by a concealed handgun permit holder. Something between 150 and 200 people ([video here](#) puts it at over 200), primarily children, were present at the event.

From Fox 32 WOFL in Orlando, Florida.

Titusville Police still have not released the name of the man who stopped the shooter at a park on Saturday, but they are calling him a hero.

The gunshots still echo across social media, after the emcee at Titusville's Peace in the City event posted a Facebook live video of the shooting. When a good Samaritan carrying a licensed concealed weapon shot the attacker, police say he did the right thing.

"Based on the information that we've gathered," said Titusville Police Sgt. William Amos. **"This person stepped in and saved a lot of people's lives."** . . .

Here is another statement from the Titusville Police via the Orlando Sentinel on the evening of August 6th, 2018.

Titusville Police are calling the bystander who shot a gunman who opened fire at a park full of kids on Saturday a "hero." On Monday, police said they aren't releasing the names of those involved and said the citizen who returned fire on the suspect won't be facing charges.

"He's a hero," Titusville Police Sgt. Bill Amos said. "This park was filled with families and children and, at that time, it was an active shooter situation for him and he was trained enough to deal with it and he did." . . .

Tumwater, Washington, June 18, 2018

"He is a hero," Adams said. "He took action. I really think more people could have been shot... he saved us all."

A wild rampage at a Walmart in Tumwater, Washington was stopped when three concealed handgun permit holders confronted and killed the attacker. The attacker had carjacked a vehicle that he drove to the Walmart. Once there, the attacker stole ammunition and then went out of the store, continuing to shoot at people. He unsuccessfully tried to carjack another vehicle, seriously wounding the driver. When he attempted to carjack a second car, two armed customers shot dead the attacker.

According to the local Fox affiliate and Fox News, the man who killed the attacker is a pastor with five kids who was out with his family.

More details are available at KOMO News [here](#).

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Thursday, May 24, 2018

Two men who had handguns in their cars, Juan Carlos Nazario, 35, and Bryan Whittle, 39, stopped what likely would have been a mass shooting at Louie's Grill & Bar in Oklahoma City. Police Capt. Bo Matthews said: "You can say they're heroes, which is a very good thing to say." Nazario is a security guard, and Whittle was able to legally carry a gun openly without a permit (it is unknown whether he had a concealed handgun permit, though it wasn't necessary for this case). The shooter, Alexander

Tilghman, shot at people “**from a position outside the front door**” of the restaurant. It was from that position that he was stopped by these two heroes. It turns out that Whittle’s shot **killed** the gunman.

From USA Today:

The two, police say, **prevented what could have been a deadly attack** Thursday night after they armed themselves and took down the shooter, Alexander Tilghman. Both say they don’t feel like heroes. . . .

The police captain also said this:

“They were able to shoot the suspect and put an end to a very dangerous situation,” Mathews said.

The way that the attack was stopped was described this way:

“Drop the gun!” [Nazario] yelled repeatedly. Tilghman didn’t respond. He raised the gun again and fired a round in the parking lot.

Nazario fired two shots. “He just fell to the ground.”

Despite a restaurant full of innocent lives potentially saved, Nazario said he doesn’t feel like a hero.

“I just can’t understand being called a hero when someone’s life was taken,” he said. “I just did what I had to do. I’m very glad no innocent lives were taken but ultimately, there was a life taken.” . . .

Both Alexander Tilghman, the killer, and Juan Carlos Nazario were security guards. We will continue to check whether Whittle had a concealed handgun permit.

The District Attorney issued this statement: “**The two civilians who engaged, and ultimately neutralized the threat posed by Tilghman, were justified and compliant with the law when they employed deadly force.**”

San Antonio, Texas, December 7, 2017 (ABC 13 in San Antonio, Time Magazine)

This case is an exception to all the other cases shown here in that it received national coverage on **Time magazine’s website**. A man with a gun was about to start shooting a father’s children as they were walking out of a restroom when the father killed the attacker. This case was also unusual from the other cases above is that the attack was part of some other crime, a robbery. Police stated that the permit holder saved at least several lives. From ABC 13:

. . . **Police say the robber approached the father around 8:30 Wednesday night while he was waiting for his kids to leave the bathroom.**

That’s when the robber pointed his gun at the family.

The father pulled out his own gun and killed the robber in the middle of the dining area.

Police say the father is a **licensed carrier**. He is not facing any charges.

Officials also say the father saved several lives. . . .

Rockledge, Florida, November 17, 2017 (Florida Today, WFTV.com in Orlando)

Two concealed handgun permit holders stopped an attack at Schlenker Automotive repair shop at 4:30 PM on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The attacker, Robert Bailey, was armed with a **.45-caliber handgun and “multiple magazines”** and killed one person and severely wounded another in the business’ parking lot. Bailey continued shooting **inside the shop**. From Florida Today:

Two other workers — both concealed weapons permit holders — confronted the gunman and engaged in a shootout that left the suspect wounded. Bailey continues to recover at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne. . . .

Video here from WFTV stated: **“The police say this could have been even worse.”** “This business was packed today with customers and employees,” noted Karen Parks, a reporter at the scene. Parks also reported that the police referred to the permit holder as a “good samaritan.”

According to news reports, Bailey had no connection to the auto shop. Indeed, he didn’t even own a car. It appears as if Bailey had selected this target simply to kill people.

Clearlake Oaks, California, October 23, 2017 (FBI report on active shooter incidents for 2016-17)

From the FBI report on page 5. At the first target, the killer was forced to stop his attack because of police arriving at the scene. At the second target, a concealed handgun permit holder forced the attacker to break off his attack.

On October 23, 2017, at 11:23 a.m., Alan Ashmore, 61, armed with a shotgun and a handgun, allegedly began firing into several homes and a vehicle in Clearlake Oaks, California, killing two people, including his father, and wounding one. Another person was wounded while fleeing out of a residence window. The shooter then shot and wounded a responding law enforcement officer before fleeing in his vehicle. The shooter drove to a nearby gas station and exchanged gunfire with the vendor, who possessed a valid firearms permit. The shooter fled the scene in his vehicle and drove to another gas station where he fired more shots.

Antioch, Tennessee, September 24, 2017 (Chicago Tribune, Daily Caller) (the above picture shows a picture of Samson after he received treatment for his minor wound)

A 25-year-old shooter, Emanuel Kidega Samson, killed one person in the parking lot, entered the church, and started shooting. A 22-year-old usher, Robert Engle, tried to wrestle with the shooter,

but Samson is a very large bodybuilder, and Engle realized that he was not strong enough to stop him. During the scuffle, Samson pistol wiped Engle causing him to bleed from his head. Samson also shot himself, causing very minor wounds to his chest and arm. Engle then ran to his car and got his permitted concealed handgun. The usher came back into the church and confronted the attacker, holding him there at gunpoint until police arrived. With one dead and seven wounded, the attack could have been much worse.

Don Aaron, a spokesman for the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, said Samson drove up to the church and shot and killed a woman who was standing near her vehicle in the parking lot. The shooter — who police said was armed with two handguns — then entered the church through a rear door, shooting and wounding six people inside.

At some point, the gunman also pistol-whipped a church usher, causing “significant injuries” to the man, Aaron said. The usher, 22-year-old Robert “Caleb” Engle, confronted the gunman, police said, and during a struggle, Samson was injured with a shot from his own gun. The usher then ran to his car and retrieved a handgun, police said.

Aaron said the usher ensured the gunman did not make any more movements until officers arrived on the scene. “It would appear he was not expecting to encounter a brave individual like the church usher,” Aaron said.

Police Chief Steve Anderson praised Engle for intervening: “We believe he is the hero today.” . . .

Video of Police Chief Steve Anderson’s comments:

He is the hero here. He is the person who stopped this madness in its tracks.

Arlington, Texas, May 3, 2017 (Dallas Morning News)

This attack was stopped before more than one person was killed. Yet, the police spokesman made it clear that the concealed handgun permit holder “prevented further loss of life” and that the killer was “shooting at the front door” at the customers who were fleeing the restaurant. The headline on the Dallas Morning News story was: “‘Hero’ stopped mass murder by crazed bar patron who was armed to the teeth, police say.” Emphasis added in quotes below.

A concealed carry holder is being heralded as a “hero” by Arlington police for preventing mass murder by killing an “incoherent” gunman at a bar Wednesday evening.

Before he was shot about 6:15 p.m., the gunman killed the manager of Zona Caliente in the 6500 block of South Cooper Street, police spokesman Christopher Cook said.

Police later identified the gunman as 48-year-old James Jones of Grand Prairie and the victim as 37-year-old Cesar Perez of Duncanville. The man who killed Jones has not been identified.

Authorities later **found two loaded guns and two knives on Jones**, Cook said Thursday.

“We do believe he had the capacity to do much greater harm,” Cook said.

“After he was struck once, the suspect started shooting at the front door,” Cook told *the Arlington Voice*. “We know people were trying to escape, but we’re not sure if he was just trying to harm others.”

More than a dozen customers and a handful of employees were in the sports bar at the time of the shooting.

Cook said the customer, who was dining with his wife, **“prevented further loss of life.”** . . .

Another story in the Arlington Voice mentioned this:

“Had the Good Samaritan not intervened, there could have further loss of life,” Cook said.

Jones did not have a license to carry. . . .

From the Fort Worth Star-Telegram

“because he engaged the shooter there was no further loss of life.”

Other stories are available [here](#) and [here](#).

Townville Elementary School, September 28, 2016 (FBI report on active shooter incidents for 2016-17)

From the FBI report on page 5.

On September 28, 2016, at 1:45 p.m., Jesse Dewitt Osborne, 14, armed with a handgun, allegedly began shooting at the Townville Elementary School playground in Townville, South Carolina. Prior to the shooting, the shooter, a former student, killed his father at their home. Two people were killed, including one student; three were wounded, one teacher and two students. A volunteer firefighter, who possessed a valid firearms permit, restrained the shooter until law enforcement officers arrived and apprehended him.

Lyman, South Carolina, June 30, 2016 (Fox Carolina)

Just a couple of weeks after the Orlando massacre, man, 32-year-old Jody Ray Thompson, started shooting at others at another nightclub. Fortunately, unlike Florida, permitted concealed handguns were allowed in bars in South Carolina. Before he could shoot a fourth person, the permit holder was able to shoot back, wounding Thompson in the leg.

“His rounds struck 3 victims, and almost struck a fourth victim, who in self-defense, pulled his own weapon and fired, striking Thompson in the leg,” Lt. Kevin Bobo said.

Bobo said the man who shot Thompson has a valid concealed weapons permit, cooperated with investigators, and won’t be facing any charges. . . .

Also this

and at least one South Carolina sheriff [is] crediting a man with a concealed carry permit with preventing further violence at a nightclub . . .

Winton, Ohio, Sunday, July 26, 2015, Fox 19 in Cincinnati and Fox News

The shooter in this case directly fired at four different people. Fortunately, because of the permit holder's quick actions, no one was seriously injured.

[Thomas] McCary [62-years-old] **was arguing with a woman around 8 p.m. Sunday night and, when the woman's brother, Patrick Ewing, approached, McCary pulled out a .38-caliber handgun and fired three shots at him, Cincinnati police said.**

Ewing didn't get hit, but he did get his own gun and returned fire, wounding McCary in the leg. Ewing had a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

Injured, McCary went into his house to get a second gun and, holding a weapon in each hand, he fired three shots in the direction of the woman, Jeaneta Walker, her 1-year-old son and a third man.

Ewing fired at McCary again to try to distract him as the victims fled indoors. McCary squeezed off a few more rounds, hitting no one, before withdrawing into his apartment, Cincinnati.com reported. . . .

Conyers, Georgia, Sunday, May 31, 2015, The Rockdale Citizen

Often it is claimed that citizens who stop mass public shootings don't get news coverage because they stop anyone from being killed. But in this case two people were killed before the permit holder was able to stop the attack.

A customer who fired back at the suspect who killed two people in a Ga. Highway 20 liquor store Sunday afternoon is being hailed as a hero.

Rockdale County Sheriff Eric Levett said at a press conference Monday that Todd C. Scott, 44, a resident of Covington, very likely prevented other customers in the store from losing their lives.

Levett said store video from Magnet Bottle Shop showed that the suspect, Jeffrey Scott Pitts, 36, came in the store Sunday afternoon firing a handgun.

"I believe that if Mr. Scott did not return fire at the suspect then more of those customers would have hit by a gun," said [Rockdale County Sheriff Eric Levett]. "It didn't appear that he cared who he shot or where he was shooting until someone was shooting back at him. **So in my opinion he saved other lives in that store.**"

From the Atlanta Journal-Constitution:

Pitts fled after another patron, Todd C. Scott, of Covington, opened fire with his own hand gun. It is still unclear whether Aikens died before or after Scott returned fire with Pitts, but the sheriff credited Scott with saving lives.

“I consider him to be a hero,” [Rockdale County Sheriff Eric Levett] said.

New Holland, Wisconsin, May 5th, 2015, Fox Carolina (cases such as this where the people who stopped the attack didn't fire a gun don't tend to get that much news attention):

**FOX Carolina 21: “CWPs likely stopped deaths of children, firefighters”
Firefighters said they may have stopped a massacre after a gunman surprised them at their station Tuesday.**

The Aiken County Sheriff's Office said deputies responded to the New Holland Fire Department's Station 2 around 6:30 p.m. for a report of shots fired.

Firefighters said Chad Barker pulled up to the crowded fire station parking lot full of children and firefighters, got out of his car, and began firing in the air and at his vehicle. They say he also pointed the firearm at individual firefighters for lengthy periods of time.

“I came out of the office, saw the man with the gun, told everybody to leave out the back quickly that there was a man in the parking lot with a gun, and I was not kidding,” said Gary Knoll, a firefighter for New Holland.

Knoll said he and another firefighter who have concealed weapons permits pulled their guns on the gunman.

Knoll said Barker returned to his vehicle and firefighters carefully followed him with their weapons still drawn. After encouraging Barker to put the gun down, Knoll said Barker ultimately complied and Knoll grabbed the gun. . . .

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 22, 2015, NBC Channel 10:

A 40-year-old man was inside Falah Barber Shop Inc. on the 600 block of Preston Street shortly before 3 p.m. Sunday when police say he began fighting with another person inside. . . .

The fight quickly escalated and the 40-year-old man took out his gun and opened fire on customers and barbers, police said. , , ,

As he was shooting, another man outside heard the gunfire, ran into the shop and took out his own gun, according to investigators. He then opened fire, striking the 40-year-old man once in the chest. . . .

“The person who responded was a legal gun permit carrier,” said Philadelphia Police Captain Frank Llewellyn. **“He responded and I guess he saved a lot of people in there.”**

Darby, Pennsylvania, July 25, 2014, John Lott in the Philadelphia Inquirer (Other details on the case are [available here](#)).

The attacker, Richard Plotts, is a convicted felon, which bans him from legally owning a gun. . . .

At Mercy Fitzgerald, caseworker Theresa Hunt was killed when Plotts opened fire during a regularly scheduled appointment with Dr. Lee Silverman. Fortunately, the doctor had his own gun and returned fire, hitting Plotts three times and critically wounding him.

After firing all the bullets in his gun, Plotts still had 39 bullets on him, bullets that he could have used to shoot many other people . . .

According to the Associated Press:

“Without a doubt, I believe the doctor saved lives,” said Yeadon police chief Donald Molineux, according to the Associated Press.

“Without that firearm, [the shooter] could have went out in the hallway and just walked down the offices until he ran out of ammunition,” Molineux said. . . .

Read more: <http://dailycaller.com/2014/07/24/doctor-saved-lives-by-shooting-hospital-gunman/#ixzz4YM9btwcG>

Portland, Oregon, January 11, 2014, Oregonian

Thomas Eliot Hjelmeland, 43-years-old, was ejected from a nightclub, but he returned 30 minutes later with a gun and wearing a mask. He shot the bouncer who had ejected him and shot at others. The bouncer was shot in the head and critically wounded. Two others were also **wounded: one patron in the foot and a waitress, who had been standing at the front of the club, in both of her legs.** Hjelmeland was on probation at the time of the incident. Given that Hjelmeland was shooting people all around the club, Bouncer Jonathan Baer, a concealed handgun permit holder who fatally shot Hjelmeland, appears to have had good reason to fear that other people at the front of the club would also have been shot by Hjelmeland.

Here is a February 1, 2014, article in the Oregonian.

Baer, 31, followed the masked gunman out of the club’s interior doors to the entrance foyer and drew his own Glock .40-caliber pistol from his hip. He looked back one or two times to check on Rizzo, who hadn’t gotten up.

While using one foot to prop open the club’s inner door, Baer said he saw the masked man reach the front door. The man stopped and looked as if he were going to turn around. Baer said he leaned forward and fired two to three rounds.

Baer, who has a concealed handgun license, . . .

Baer later explained to detectives that he had thought about two dancers and two customers who were standing outside the club smoking. He said he didn't want anyone else to get hurt. . . .

And this January 21, 2014, article in the Oregonian.

Club co-owner **Connie Barnes said she did not know Baer was armed that night, but she called him a hero.**

In a Facebook post, Baer wrote, "I did what I felt was right to stop the shooter...I carry every day, and will continue to, and will so with the hope that I will NEVER have to pull it out again." . . .

Plymouth, Pennsylvania, September 2012, article by Bob Kalinowski Citizensvoice.com

. . . **It's the gun prosecutors said Ktytor used to put an end to a 26-year-old man's shooting rampage on Sept. 9, 2012 in Plymouth.**

Ever since Ktytor, who has a concealed carry license, dropped the killer with several shots on Main Street in Plymouth, . . .

In October, the murder suspect, William Allabaugh of Plymouth, pleaded guilty to third-degree murder and attempted murder, then was sentenced to 25 to 50 years in state prison.

Authorities say Allabaugh critically wounded Stephen Hollman, 30, by shooting him in the head inside Bonnie's Food and Spirits on Main Street. A short time later, Allabaugh fatally shot Scott Luzetsky, 39, outside the bar. Police said both victims were innocent bystanders who didn't provoke the attack by Allabaugh, who was angered he was being kicked out of the bar.

More importantly, see this (emphasis added):

"The video footage and the evidence reveals that Mr. Allabaugh had turned around and was reapproaching the bar. Mr. [Ktytor] then acted, taking him down. We believe that **it could have been much worse that night,"** Luzerne County A.D.A. Jarrett Ferentino said.

Early, Texas, August 2012, KTXS ABC Channel 12:

An armed citizen, Vic Stacy, shot and stopped a deranged man who had just murdered two neighbors and was firing at police with a rifle. Stacy made a very long shot with his revolver, three times as far as the perpetrator was from the police officer, who had an AR-15 type rifle.

Santa Clara, California, July 26, 2012, Reuters:

. . . **21-year-old Richard Gable Stevens, was subdued after tense moments Monday evening at a shooting range and gun store in this town 30 miles (48 km) south of San Francisco.**

“He intended to go out in a blaze of glory,” Morec said, noting Stevens had accumulated more than 100 rounds of ammunition for his rented 9mm semi-automatic weapon.

“It certainly looks like he intended to take a lot more people out.” . . .

After several minutes on the range, however, Stevens returned to the club’s gun store and shot at the ceiling. He then herded three store employees out the door into an alley, saying he intended to kill them, Morec said.

Unknown to Stevens, one store employee was carrying a .45 caliber handgun concealed beneath his shirt. When Stevens looked away, the employee fired, hitting Stevens several times in the chest and bringing him to the ground. . . .

Salt Lake, April 27, 2012, ABC Channel 4, the Original story is [no longer available](#), but this is its content:

A citizen with a gun stopped a knife wielding man as he began stabbing people Thursday evening at the downtown Salt Lake City Smith’s store. Police say the suspect purchased a knife inside the store and then turned it into a weapon. Smith’s employee Dorothy Espinoza says, “He pulled it out and stood outside the Smiths in the foyer. And just started stabbing people and yelling you killed my people. You killed my people.” Espinoza says, the knife wielding man seriously injured two people. “There is blood all over. One got stabbed in the stomach and got stabbed in the head and held his hands and got stabbed all over the arms.” Then, before the suspect could find another victim – a citizen with a gun stopped the madness. “A guy pulled gun on him and told him to drop his weapon or he would shoot him. So, he dropped his weapon and the people from Smith’s grabbed him.” . . .

Another media report is available here: Lt. Brian Purvis noted “[This was a very volatile situation that could have gotten even worse. We can only assume, judging from what we saw, that it could have gotten a lot worse so he \[the permit holder\] was definitely in the right place at the right time.](#)” A brief description is [available here](#).

Aurora, Colorado, April 2012, Fox 31 Denver by Tammy Vigil:

[Kiarron Parker rammed his car into another in the church parking lot, got out and attempted to kill multiple church members.](#) He was only able to kill one before a member of the congregation, the nephew of the lady killed, and an off duty police officer, drew his handgun and shot Parker, stopping the killing.

Spartanburg, South Carolina, March 2012, article by Jenny Arnold at GoUpState.com (see also [here](#)):

. . . About 11:20 a.m., Jesse Gates returned to the church. The Rev. Guyton's grandson, Aaron Guyton, 26, was in the recreation building separate from the church and saw Gates get a shotgun from the trunk of his car.

"At that point, I knew I had to do something," Aaron Guyton said. "I wanted to try to contain him outside."

Aaron Guyton went into the main building and locked the doors.

Henry Guyton said he was in the pulpit, preaching about how Jesus spoke the word of God and healed the sick, when Gates kicked open the side door of the sanctuary and entered with the shotgun, pointing it at the pastor and congregation.

Church members, including Aaron Guyton, a concealed weapons permit holder, acted quickly.

Aaron Guyton held Gates at gunpoint, as church members Jesse Smith and Leland Powers held him on the floor and waited for deputies to arrive. The Rev. Guyton said he stepped onto a chair, climbed down a 3-foot bannister surrounding the pulpit and took the shotgun from Jesse Gates. . . .

No shots were fired and no one was injured, according to deputies.

During a news conference Sunday, Wright called Aaron and Henry Guyton, Jesse Smith and Leland Powers "everyday heroes." . . .

Oklahoma City, December 2009, KWTN NEWS Channel 9:

. . . Police said the man started firing multiple shots in the parking lot of the Tammaron Village apartments around 4 p.m. Thursday.

Witnesses said the man initially went into the apartment complex's main office. When employees locked him out, he opened fire in the parking lot.

As the man was firing shots, another citizen armed with a gun came around the corner and ordered the gunman to put his weapon down. The gunman dropped his weapon and ran into his father's apartment and barricaded himself inside. . . .

Richmond, Virginia, July 2009 (this first description is based on a video of the shooting and a [talk on the attack is here](#)):

The gun owner was in the store [the Golden Market] waiting in line to pay for an item when the bad guy came in wearing dark sunglasses and trying to coverup his face while brandishing a revolver. The [bad guy] yelled for everyone to get down and before anybody could react, immediately walked over to the store owner and in a cold-blooded fashion shot him twice. The owner then dropped down behind the counter. . . .

The [bad guy] ran towards the back of the store, aiming his gun at an innocent man laying prone on the floor. Luckily the [bad guy] was too distracted by the [gun owner] to shoot the man. There is no doubt in my mind that the man would have been shot in cold blood that day if it weren't for that [gun owner] returning fire. . . .

As he approached the front of one aisle, he again pointed a gun at a person on the ground and was about to execute him, when he was again distracted by the [gun owner]. . . .

College Park (near Atlanta), Georgia, May 7, 2009, WSB-TV 2

“Apparently, his intent was to rape and murder us all,” said student Charles Bailey.

Bailey said he thought it was the end of his life and the lives of the 10 people inside his apartment for a birthday party after two masked men with guns burst in through a patio door.

“They just came in and separated the men from the women and said, ‘Give me your wallets and cell phones,’” said George Williams of the College Park Police Department.

Bailey said the gunmen started counting bullets. **“The other guy asked how many (bullets) he had. He said he had enough,”** said Bailey.

That's when one student grabbed a gun out of a backpack and shot at the invader who was watching the men. The gunman ran out of the apartment. . . .

More information is available from WFXI in Atlanta:

The resident of the apartment, Charles Bailey, told police that he thought it was the end of his life. He and ten other people were in his apartment celebrating at a birthday party when two masked gunmen burst through the patio door. . . .

Bailey further informed authorities that the suspects counted their bullets. Apparently Hill was guarding the men when one of the victims retrieved a gun from a backpack and turned the tables on the situation. Hill reportedly fled the scene. The victim with the gun then proceeded to the next room where Lavant had watch over the females at the party. The guy was apparently was about to rape one of the females, said Bailey. . . .

Bailey said **if not for the quick thinking of that party goer, it is likely that all the victims would have been killed.** I am thankful that one student risked his life for others. . . .

Winnemucca, Nevada, May 25, 2008, KOLO ABC Channel 8 (Reno):

. . . Winnemucca Police Chief Bob Davidson says the violence erupted around 2:30 A.M. Sunday when a man entered the crowded Players Bar and Grill. He fatally shot two

brothers, 20-year-old Jose Torres and his 19-year-old brother, Margarito. The shooter was later identified as 30 year old Ernesto Villagomez. All three were from Winnemucca.

According to witnesses, Villagomez at some point stopped to reload his high-capacity handgun and began shooting again when he was shot and killed by another patron – a 48-year-old Reno man who had a valid concealed weapons permit. . . .

Colorado Springs, Colorado, December 2007, by Solomon Banda with the Associated Press:

After a year of accolades that followed her shooting of a gunman who killed two teenage sisters at her church, security guard Jeanne Assam remains “low key” and says she thinks of the family of gunman Matthew Murray. . . .

Assam shot and wounded Murray after he opened fire at New Life Church on Dec. 9, 2007. Murray then killed himself, ending a spree that killed four people in two cities.

Assam said volunteering as an armed security guard at the church remains the highlight of her week. . . .

Murray began his shooting spree at the Youth With a Mission center in the Denver suburb of Arvada just after midnight Dec. 9. There, he killed Tiffany Johnson, 26, and Philip Crouse, 24.

Hours later, he drove 65 miles south to New Life Church in Colorado Springs and began shooting as worshippers left a Sunday service. Sisters Rachel Works, 16, and Stephanie Works, 18, were killed. . . .

Wearing a trench coat and carrying an assault rifle [sic], Murray opened fire in the church complex’s parking lot and headed into the church. He walked past a playground, which church spokeswoman Amie Streater said was empty that day because it had been snowing, and entered a hallway that led toward the sanctuary past a children’s worship area.

Outgunned and stationed near the children, Assam stepped out from a doorway, confronted the gunman and then fired 10 shots from 63 feet away, hitting Murray once in the wrist and twice in a leg. Murray died in the hallway barely 40 feet from where he entered. . . .

Memphis, Tennessee, March 2007, WBIR TV NBC in Knoxville, TN:

Police in Memphis say a gunman firing a pistol beside a busy city street was subdued by two passers-by who were also armed.

No one was hurt during the incident that apparently began with a minor traffic accident, but one passing car was believed hit by a bullet.

Brothers William Webber and Paul Webber told police they stopped their car and pulled their own pistols when they saw a man firing a handgun yesterday.

The brothers said they ordered the man to drop his weapon and then held him at gunpoint until police arrived a few minutes later. Police say the Webbers did not fire their pistols.

Police arrested Dementrius Roberson and charged him with reckless endangerment. Police say the Webber brothers and Roberson have licenses to carry firearms.

Paul Webber says Roberson was firing across traffic and they couldn't tell why he was shooting. . . .

Memphis, Tennessee, July 21, 2006. Here is another knife attack that was stopped before the police were able to arrive. From Fox News:

A knife-wielding grocery store employee attacked eight co-workers Friday, seriously injuring five before a witness pulled a gun and stopped him, police said. . . .

The attack apparently stemmed from a work dispute, police said.

Five victims, one in critical condition, were admitted to the **Regional Medical Center**, the main trauma hospital for the Memphis area. Three others were less badly hurt and treated at another hospital.

The attacker, chasing one victim into the store's parking lot, was subdued by Chris Cope, manager of a financial services office in the same small shopping center, Higgins said.

Cope said he grabbed a 9mm semiautomatic pistol from his pickup truck when he saw the attacker chasing the victim "like something in a serial killer movie."

"When he turned around and saw my pistol, he threw the knife away, put his hands up and got on the ground," Cope told **The Associated Press**. "He saw my gun and that was pretty much it."

Police arrived within minutes

Tyler, Texas, February 2005, Fox News (see [also here](#)):

. . . Wilson, a licensed concealed handgun permit holder, heard Arroyo's shots and saw the commotion from his apartment window. He grabbed a handgun and headed toward the attacker. Arroyo had already wounded several police officers and there was no one left to prevent his rampage.

Arroyo had also shot his 22-year-old son and was about ready to shoot him again from very close range when Wilson fired his gun, hitting Arroyo several times in the chest. Arroyo was wearing a bullet resistant vest and flak jacket and Wilson's shots did not seriously wound him. Yet, Wilson's shots forced Arroyo to come after him, and it used up a couple of

minutes of his time. Unfortunately, in the exchange of gunfire, Arroyo eventually fatally shot Wilson. With police arriving, Arroyo fled the scene and was later shot to death by police as they pursued him. . . .

Grundy, Virginia, Jan. 16, 2002, Josh White in the Washington Post recounting the testimony of Mikael Gross, one of the two students who had:

. . . Odighizuwa accepted responsibility for the shootings that began after school officials told him that he was failing out of the program. On Jan. 16, 2002, he took a .380-caliber pistol to the offices of Dean L. Anthony Sutin and Prof. Thomas Blackwell and killed them before opening fire on a crowd, killing student Angela Dales, 33, and wounding three others. Odighizuwa was subdued without incident by armed students. . . .

— More details of the attack are [available here](#), including interviews that Lott conducted with the two students who stopped the attack as well as various reporters who covered the case.

Edinboro, Pennsylvania, April 1998, from Robert Moran and Susan Q. Stranahan in the Philadelphia Inquirer

. . . Yesterday, Andrew Wurst, 14, was charged with fatally shooting John Gillette, 48, a science teacher at James Parker Middle School, as Gillette was chaperoning a prom for Wurst and his eighth-grade class at Nick's Place.

After Wurst shot Gillette in the head, police said, the teenager entered the banquet hall where his dressed-up schoolmates were dancing Friday to the final song of the evening, "My Heart Will Go On," from the movie Titanic.

Wurst shot and wounded two students and another teacher, police said, then fled from the hall. None of the three was seriously injured.

As the 240 youngsters and teachers ran for cover – some diving into a closet for protection, singing and praying to stay calm – hall owner James Strand grabbed a shotgun and followed Wurst out the door, police said. Strand caught up with Wurst, who lives in nearby McKean, and held him until authorities arrived. . . .

Pearl, Mississippi, October 1997: In the Pearl, Mississippi, case, Myrick stopped the killer from [proceeding](#) to the nearby junior high school and continuing his attack there.

Student eyewitnesses and shooting victims of the Pearl High School (Mississippi) rampage used phrases like "unreal" and "like a horror movie" as they testified Wednesday about seeing Luke Woodham methodically point his deer rifle at them and pull the trigger at least six times. . . . The day's most vivid testimony came from a gutsy hero of the day. Assistant principal Joel Myrick heard the initial shot and watched Woodham choosing his victims.

When Woodham appeared headed for a science wing where early classes were already under way, Myrick ran for his pickup and grabbed his .45-caliber pistol. He rounded the school building in time to see Woodham leaving the school and getting into his mother's white Chevy Corsica. He watched its back tires smoke from Woodham's failure to remove the parking brake. Then he ordered him to stop. "I had my pistol's sights on him. I could see the whites of his knuckles" on the steering wheel, Myrick said. He reached into the car and opened the driver-side door, then ordered Woodham to lie on the ground. "I put my foot on his back area and pointed my pistol at him," Myrick testified. [Bartholomew Sullivan, "Students Recall 'Unreal' Rampage," Commercial Appeal, June 11, 1998, p. A1 as quoted in the 1st edition of "More Guns, Less Crime"]

Muskegon, Michigan, August 1995, The Chronicle:

Plans to slay everyone in the Muskegon, Michigan, store and steal enough cash and jewelry to feed their "gnawing hunger for crack cocaine" fell apart for a band of would-be killers after one of their victims fought back. Store owner Clare Cooper was returning behind the counter after showing three of the four conspirators some jewelry, when one of the group pulled out a gun and shot him four times in the back. Stumbling for the safety of his bullet-proof glass-encased counter, Cooper managed to grab his shotgun and fire as the suspects fled. . . .

Anniston, Alabama, December 1991, J. Neil Schulman in the Los Angeles Times:

. . . two men armed with recently stolen pistols herded 20 customers and employees of a Shoney's restaurant in Anniston, Ala., into the walk-in refrigerator and locked it. Continuing to hold the manager at gunpoint, the men began robbing the restaurant.

Then one of the robbers found a customer who had hidden under a table and pulled a gun on him. The customer, Thomas Glenn Terry, legally armed with a .45 semi-automatic pistol, then fired five shots into that robber's chest and abdomen, killing him instantly.

The other robber, who was holding the manager at gunpoint, opened fire on Terry and grazed him. Terry returned fire, hitting the second robber several times and wounding him critically.

The robbery attempt was over. The Shoney's customers and employees were freed. No one else was hurt. . . .

The preceding list is not meant to be anything near comprehensive. One can see how hard it is to identify these cases when there is often just one or two stories on a case.

Possible cases

Rock Hill, South Carolina, December 21, 2017 (The State newspaper (Columbia, South Carolina), WYFF Channel 4 TV)

The attacker wielding a large wrench threatened to kill several people. The attacker had cornered one of the employees, and he would have likely killed her. Fortunately, two concealed handgun permit holders stopped the attack. This case is only included as possible because it isn't clear that the attacker would have been able to kill more than the one female employee. From The State newspaper:

A pair of customers legally carrying guns held a pipe-wielding attacker at bay at a York County car dealership until police arrived in a December incident where the suspect threatened to kill dealership employees, prosecutors said in court Friday.

Alonzo Seegars, upset with service at Stateline car dealership on Gold Hill Road in Fort Mill on Dec. 21, arrived armed with a pipe wrench, said Aaron Hayes, 16th Circuit assistant solicitor. Seegars told a service employee, "I know who you are and you are a dead man," then "threatened to kill" a female employee, Hayes said.

Seegars then shouted out "Watch this!" as he smashed at least three vehicles with the pipe wrench, Hayes said.

Two customers, whom prosecutors said had legal concealed carry permits and were armed legally at the time, intervened and "held Mr. Seegars at bay" with the handguns at the crowded dealership until police arrived, Hayes said. York County deputies tackled Seegars after using an electric stun gun. Seegars suffered a broken leg in the scuffle. . . .

North Naples, Florida, July 11, 2018

It looks as if the permit holder stopped what otherwise would have been a drive-by shooting. WINK television news -had this headline "Good Samaritan with a gun stops possible shooter outside restaurant."

If it wasn't for Good Samaritan, named Tom, standing by, an evening out could have turned into someone's worse nightmare.

"You wonder, is this ever going to happen to me, and it did," Tom said.

According to witnesses, what Tom did may have prevented a tragedy.

"I pulled into Jack's, just walked in to grab a beer. Walked outside to sit down, and there was a table of ladies to the right of me," Tom said. "Almost immediately, this black Lincoln pulled up with all dark windows and he did a hell of a burnout." . . .

Tom says a man, who deputies later identified and arrested as Keith Zavattaro, 55, of Naples, drove back to the front of the building, stopped and then slowly rolled down his window to then point what looked like a gun.

"So I got behind the cement pillar and showed my pistol, and he took off out of there really quick," Tom said.

According to the arrest report, other people outside also saw the gun.

Houston, Texas, Sunday, May 29, 2016, The UK Daily Mail

Dionisio Garza III from San Bernardino County, California, has been named as the man behind the gun attack that left two people dead and six wounded.

He served four tours of duty in Afghanistan and was discharged from active duty in 2014, and doesn't appear to have a criminal history. . . .

He killed 56-year-old Eugene Linscomb and critically injured father Byron Wilson, who police say was trying to fight back and stop the deadly attack.

Authorities said Wilson had a concealed carry permit and fired at the suspect. He was shot three times in the process.

He is expected to survive. . . .

more on this case is here on KHOU-TV:

All the while, feeling grateful that her friend still has his life and his actions may have kept others from losing theirs.

“He could have prevented more people from being shot,” Guerra said. “He’s a hero, even though he was shot. He’s a hurting hero.” . . .

Las Vegas, Nevada, June 8, 2014

A Concealed Carry Permit Holder may have limited the carnage in North Las Vegas shooting that left three people dead. While the permit holder lost his life, it appears as if he was able to delay the killers' attack on others and give people a chance to escape.

Portland, Oregon, December 2012 KGW Staff:

Meli is emotionally drained. The 22-year-old was at Clackamas Town Center with a friend and her baby when a masked man opened fire.

“I heard three shots and turned and looked at Casey and said, ‘are you serious?’” he said.

The friend and baby hit the floor. Meli, who has a concealed carry permit, positioned himself behind a pillar.

He was working on his rifle, said Meli. He kept pulling the charging handle and hitting the side.

The break in gunfire allowed Meli to pull out his own gun, but he never took his eyes off the shooter.

“As I was going down to pull, I saw someone in the back of the Charlotte move, and I knew if I fired and missed, I could hit them,” he said. . . .

I'm not beating myself up cause I didn't shoot him, said Meli. I know after he saw me, I think the last shot he fired was the one he used on himself. . . .

Eugene Volokh has a discussion [available here](#) about why he doesn't include this on his list of four cases that he has.

Manchester, New Hampshire, April 15, 2007 (the links to the original New Hampshire Union Leader are broken, but I have links to a blog that quotes the articles).

Bullets flew outside the Uptown Tavern early yesterday when a peeved patron began shooting at a doorman after being thrown out of the club. The shooter himself was shot twice by an armed customer who rushed to the bouncer's defense, a club owner and police said.

The shooter had missed doorman Chad Ryan after firing about four shots at him in the 1301 Elm St. club's parking lot when the alleged gunman was himself hit twice by the unidentified patron who returned fire about 12:45 a.m., said club co-owner Dave Somers.

Tacoma Mall in Tacoma, Washington, November 20, 2005. While this case ended with the permit holder not stopping the shooter, the exchange of gun-fire with the shooter delayed him and thus gave others a chance to escape and police more time to arrive.

Off-duty police have also had some dramatic cases

Lenexa, Kansas, November 26, 2017

As the chaotic scene unfolded and the gunman methodically walked through the aisles of the Lenexa Costco on Nov. 26, . . .

When the gunman, later identified as Ronald O. Hunt, announced, "I'm an off-duty U.S. Marshal, I'm here to kill people," Howell realized that he had only one option.

"I knew that there was a threat that had to be stopped," Howell said Friday as he recalled the incident. . . .

In announcing that the retired U.S. Army veteran would not face criminal charges, Johnson County District Attorney Steve Howe said Howell "acted with extreme courage, and **saved an unknown amount of innocent lives.**" . . .

"You never know what situation you are going to find yourself in whether it is a restaurant or a shopping mall, or just driving down the road," he said. "I think it would be ludicrous not to be prepared." . . .

Plymouth County, Massachusetts, May 11, 2016

A stabbing rampage that left two victims dead and several others injured ended when an off-duty police officer fatally shot the suspect.

Plymouth County Sheriff's Deputy Jimmy Creed was off-duty "with his bride, just having dinner," when the chaos unfolded, police sources told ABC News.

They were dining at Bertucci's Italian restaurant in the Galleria Mall in Taunton, about 40 miles south of Boston.

Suspect Arthur DaRosa had walked into the restaurant and "armed himself with a knife and stabbed two people," District Attorney Thomas Quinn said in a statement released early this morning.

Quinn said today that DaRosa's sister told police he had checked himself into a local hospital Monday night and was released Tuesday morning, hours before the attacks. . . .

San Antonio, Texas, December 2012, WOAI (possibly shouldn't be included in the list of off-duty police officer as the person was moonlighting as a security guard):

"It started at the restaurant and then went into the parking lot and then into the movie theater," Deputy Lou Antu told 1200 WOAI news.

Investigators say some of the terrified restaurant patrons poured into the movie theater, and the gunman followed.

He opened fire, shooting one man in the chest, before Antu says an off duty sheriff's deputy who was working security at the theater shot him once.

"The officer involved, she took the appropriate action to try to keep everyone safe in the movie theater," Antu said.

The gunman and the patron are hospitalized.

Antu says the gunman never made it into the theater itself, thanks largely to the heroic work of the off duty deputy.

"She did what she felt she had to do," Antu said. **"I feel that she saved a lot of lives by taking the action she had to take."** . . .

Aurora, Colorado, April 24, 2012, Fox Channel 31, Denver

. . . **Aurora Police say Kiarron Parker, 29, of Denver, shot and killed Josephine Echols, 67, just before 3 p.m. outside the Destiny Christian Center in the 10600 block of E. Bethany Dr.** That's not too far from Parker Rd. and Havana St.

Parker had a lengthy criminal record.

An off-duty Denver police officer shot and killed Parker. . . .

That gave him enough time to hide behind a car.

Then, the **bullets started raining**, and hit Mama Jo.

That's when an off-duty Denver policeman—also Mama Jo's nephew—shot the suspect dead.

“Thank God for him because if it wasn't for him **there's no telling what would have happened,**” says Martin. . . .

New York Mills, New York, May 2010, WKTV:

. . . Shortly before 1 p.m. on that Thursday afternoon, Dicken walked into the cellular phone store on Commercial Drive, with a 357 magnum in his hand, and a list in his pocket containing the six names of the AT&T store employees to which he was holding such deep anger, and planned to kill as a result.

“The suspect had no prior history,” said Lt. Troy Little of the New York State Police.

That man with no prior criminal record walked into the store and shot Seth Tyrk, a store employee who was doing no more than working at a computer at his job. Authorities believe Dicken could have been even more successful with his list of six victims, if not for the instantaneous actions of Rome Police Officer Donald J. Moore, who was off-duty, but in the store as a customer at the time of the shooting.

“He heard and sees the gun, draws his weapon, and fired,” Lt. Little said of Officer Moore's reaction.

Officer Moore was carrying his own 40 caliber handgun.

“It's his own personal choice,” said Moore's boss, Rome Police Chief Kevin Beach. “We do encourage our officers to carry off-duty.” . . .

Salt Lake City, Utah, February 2007, CBS News (note this off-duty officer carried his gun where he was not allowed to do so (more [details here](#))):

An off-duty police officer having an early Valentine's Day dinner with his wife was credited Tuesday with helping stop a rampage in a crowded shopping mall by an 18-year-old gunman who killed five people before he was cut down.

A day after the shooting, investigators struggled to figure out why a trench-coated Sulejmen Talovic opened fire on shoppers with a supremely calm look on his face.

The teenager wanted to “to kill a large number of people” and probably would have killed many more if not for the off-duty officer, Police Chief Chris Burbank said.

Ken Hammond, an off-duty officer from Ogden, north of Salt Lake City, jumped up from his seat at a restaurant after hearing gunfire and cornered the gunman, exchanging fire with him until other officers arrived, Burbank said.

“**There is no question that his quick actions saved the lives of numerous other people,**” the police chief said. . . .

Santee, California. In 2001, a student (Charles “Andy” Williams) shot and killed two of his classmates and wounded 13 others before being subdued and held at gunpoint by an off-duty police officer who was bringing his daughter to school.

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 1:08:14 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Antya Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 2:47:26 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:

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 2:47:40 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Boyd Ready	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Lee, and Committee members:

How would you like to retrain on driving an automobile every 6 months, on pain of losing your right to drive a car?

Far more innocent persons are killed by automobile drivers than are ever killed by stray bullets.

We have a right to keep and bear arms, but it is merely a privilege to drive a car.

This bill would not, and should not, survive legal challenge: it amounts to an infringement of the right to bear arms.

I recommend that it be voted down in committee.

With respect,

Boyd Ready

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 4:29:23 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-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 6:04:02 PM

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

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

Comments:

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 6:29:37 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 do support this bill but as the rules stand now and with the supreme court ruling on open carry and the lack of concealed carry or open carry permits being issued by Hawaii, this measure would be well suited for someone going through the process of obtaining open or concealed carry permits or even stun gun training for the carry of stun guns. At this point stun guns in Hawaii are illegal and as a retired Federal Law Enforcement Officer qualified under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, we are not even allowed to carry a stun gun even with proper training. The Attorney General does not include Retired Law Enforcement in HrS 134 nor any other laws which should exempt Retired Law Enforcement from rules of the private citizen.

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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-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 7:43:10 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alvin Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

First off you should not put two completely different items on to a single bill. Please separate and or designate a bill for guns and a bill for electronic guns. This bill is a horrible piece of legislation GET RID OF THE IDEA THAT WE NEED TO HAVE THE POLICE CHIEF DETERMINE A NEED. this is why Hawaii lost its 9th circuit case and will lose its appeal. IF WE ARE LAW ABIDING CITIZENS THAT HAVE THE PROPER TRAINING WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO ASK FOR PERMISSION FROM THE KINGDOM OF HAWAII, WE ARE AMERICANS WHO HAVE THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS PERIOD. nex having to apply for a license every 6 month's is absolutely asinine. I have three concealed weapons license from three different states that are good for 5 years, and I ain't even a citizen of their states. (Six months is retarded) also why can't the four hour training be done by certified NRA instructors? Given the amount of money, time and effort needed to be able to qualify for a concealed or open carry license charge 30 days to 90 days. Please stop treating this issue as it is a citizens privilage and start treating is a our constitutional right. Thank you.

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 7:44:03 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 HB 1486. The language is far overreaching and restrictive. The majority of the 50 states allow some sort of carrying of firearms whether it be concealed or open. It would be very wise of our state to look at how others successfully do this and model our requirements similarly. This bill clearly does not do so. We should also be allowing reciprocity to all other state CCW permittees to be allowed to carry in our state with out of state permits.

Lance Sugimoto. Waipio, HI

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Submitted on: 2/12/2019 7:54:41 PM
Testimony for PVM on 2/13/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yu Xian He	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support HB1486. The additional training required for a concealed carry permit seems to be more of a deterrent to prevent lawful and rule-abiding citizens from keeping their firearms, than act as a safety measure.

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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:

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Submitted on: 2/12/2019 9:14:20 PM

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 bill has some good elements and some bad ones but I have selected oppose because of the unnecessary restrictions added to CCW. There is no reason to shorten a concealed carry license down to just 6 months as there is no evidence of any problems with year long licenses. Additionally it is an unnecessary burden to require that a gun safety course be completed within 30 days of application for the license. Honolulu Police officers only get training once a year on firearms. It is like requiring driver's education every time someone renews a license.

I do applaud the revocation of ban on public ownership of electric weapons such as the Taser. Tasers are an extremely safe and extremely effective less than lethal device. The risk of permanent damage is very low and they are more effective than pepper spray. I believe they are a good tool that members of the public could carry to protect themselves and others. I have been trained in the use of Tasers so I am familiar with their operation and effectiveness.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2019 9:39:19 PM

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

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

Comments:

This bill only stops the average person from maintaining a conceal carry licenses.

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

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James "Jim" O'Keefe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am an NRA Certified Training Counselor (I teach Instructors), Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Range Safety Instructor, Chief Range Safety Officer, a Concealed Carry License holder, recognized in thirty one states, a Utah Concealed Carry Instructor, and was most recently trained as an NRA Concealed Carry Training Counselor and Instructor.

I wholeheartedly oppose this bill as it is nothing more than a attempt to add yet another obstacle in the State of Hawaii's ongoing prohibition against armed self-protection, a poison pill to guard against possible further recognition by the courts of the individual right to keep and bear arms, as enshrined in both the U S Constitution's Bill of Rights, and the Hawaii State Constitution.

I oppose this bill, even though I could profit as one of only a handful of people certified to teach the NRA's Concealed Carry Course. I opposed this bill because it would institute a tax on a right, a poll tax on the right to self-defense.

We do not license reporters, churches, or government petitioners, nor do we require onerous training requirements in order to invoke the right to counsel, or to assert the right to not incriminate oneself, nor do we tax citizens to afford them a speedy trial by a jury of one's peers.

We don't do those things because they are recognized as rights, not privileges. While the 2nd Amendment has long been treated as a second-class right, the U S Supreme Court has recognized in both Heller and McDonald that it is, indeed an individual right, and that it also applies to the several states.

Please do the right thing, and cast your vote against this violation bill.

Thank you,

James D O'Keefe

Hilo, Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/12/2019 10:32:02 PM

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

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

Comments:

This legislation appears to be nothing more than an attempt to discourage persons seeking a carry permit in Hawaii by putting unrealistic barriers for compliance.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2019 10:47:08 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:

The timeframe of regular renewals has no bearing or effect on the individual's retention of skills aquired during training, and a qualified instructor will only notarize individuals behind whom they are willing to stand when the individual's actions are questioned in a court of law. The reduction in timeframe only creates additional paperwork for both applicant and law enforcement to process and additional reductions in economic efficiency akin to sick days away from work.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2019 11:57:20 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:

It's obvious this bill would not affect the average citizen because the police departments have shown they are never going to issue carry permits to the general citizen. This bill would affect businesses that want to train new employees, personal protection personnel, or security guards. It will cost more to train these already professional people. It will take more time for these train professionals to comply with state laws to make a living. The six months term is unreasonable. This laws is going to make it harder to do business in Hawaii - so what's new!

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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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Submitted on: 2/13/2019 7:32:46 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 HB1486. This carry permit bill is nothing more than a way to discourage citizens to pursue their right to self protection with a firearm. Though it is a step in the right direction, the criteria set forth way exceeds Law Enforcement standards. This would make everyday citizens much more qualified than our Law Enforcement Agencies. They don't even re-certify there officers that frequently. I think it should be the other way around. Having to also carry Stun Guns opens up the question of "why didn't you use that first?" Even Law Enforcement folks don't always go to the Taser first.

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

Comments:

Generally this is a good bill except for the onerous requirement of renewal every 6 months.

That is ridiculous. I see crazy drivers almost every day kill or maim other people or themselves.

Let's propose to renew driver's licenses every 6 months. That would save a LOT more lives.

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

Comments:

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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,

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 9:46:55 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-1486

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

Comments:

Shortening the duration of carry permits to every 6 months is not appropriate. So is requiring the individual to carry and electric stun gun. All these aim to accomplish nothing more than to discourage law abiding citizens from applying for a carry permit due to the burden of extra expences and effort. You is going to pay the expense and deal with the impracticality of carrying both a firearm and stun gun on their person?

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 10:05:48 AM

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

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

Comments:

Honorable Representative Lee,

I am a law abiding citizen, I pay my taxes, volunteered for city and county kids programs and been on the neighborhood board # 30 for many years. I am also a gun owner which the State of Hawaii and the U.S. Constitution allows me to be gun owner.. I have lawfully fulfilled all the legal, medical and HPD permit process to own a gun. I currently do have a CCW permit. Regarding HB1486 I do not support it because with in the bill it requires a burdensome financial and personal permitting process levied on the gun owner and will over burden the HPD firearms processing & permitting system and there is no proof having a carry permit for a pistol or stun gun will increase the crime rate or make our streets more dangerous. The National statistics are states where there is Carry permits to private citizens shows the crime rate is lower. Also FBI studies with active shooter incidents such as with Columbine and other shows the perpetrator of these crimes had emotion, social isolation and mental problems, which should have been recognized by family, friends, teachers, etc. Also those state where these individuals obtained firearms legally did not have the medical processing and permit firearms process which we have in Hawaii. So those individuals should have never made it thru the permitting process. The finding of the FBI statistics were perpetrators obtained guns by theft, or from family members who did not properly follow the law in gun storage, gun loaning and gun safety. which the this state has in numerous HR statutes, is taught in the Hunters Education classes, Firearms safety classes, etc..

I am against HB1486 because again it lumps the lawful citizen gun owner with unfair and overburden some red tape, should Hawaii allow open carry permits for every citizen who can legally apply for this kind of permit.

It should be noted statistically more people have gotten killed or injured in accidents and killings by folks using their cell phones while driving or crossing the street or by drinking and driving in Hawaii than any thing to do with lawful gun owner ship. One thing you might consider for Open Carry is the gun owner show proof of liability insurance such as NRA carry insurance or USCCA Liability insurance as part of the permitting process. I believe if gun legal gun owners knew they had to have a liability insurance it would keep many who cannot afford the insurance would not go out and get a gun and a gun permit. This places the burden on the citizen and putting money on it increases the value and responsibility of ownership.

Please do not penalize the lawful gun owner citizen for doing what they are told and follow the law. PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT HB1486.

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 10:39:48 AM

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

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

Comments:

this bill will do nothing to stop crime, it will only make burden on law abiding, there are over 20K gun laws on the books at present, we don't need more, enforce what laws exist.

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 10:42:50 AM

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

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

Comments:

HB 1486 presumes that we law-abiding gun owners are not trained to handle guns. We are. Furthermore under Part 1 (8) (3)

"Reducing the length of a license to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun from one year to six months"

is illogical. For my State of Florida Concealed Weapons permit as well as my State of Utah Firearms permit both are valid for one year. The State of Hawai'i should not infringe on the Second Amendment rights of its citizens as according to the FBI crime rates have increased

<https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2016/crime-in-the-u.s.-2016/tables/table-2>

I respectfully ask the House to strike down HB 1486. Mahalo and Aloha.

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 11:04:34 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.

The renewal period and expectations are unrealistic and costly to law abiding citizens. Criminals and those with the intent to do harm will not follow this process. This bill only burdens and deters the innocent law abiding citizens trying to protect themselves.

Requiring someone to carry stun gun in addition to a firearm is also burdensome and dangerous.

If a person has to decide to use a stun gun, they most likely feel an immediate threat to their or someones life.

A stun/electric gun will be less effective at deterring a criminal. People on drugs will walk right through it, placing then victims at greater risk.

Thank you,

Matthew Dasalla

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 11:38:47 AM

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

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

Comments:

gun owners are more aware of safety for your Family's, The good guy with a gun can protect an individual innocent people when bad people around, a proper training to handle fire arm is mandate to the Training Instructor,. Just an example of taking the Driving test if you fail you fail the test Drive, this is only 1 day you take the exam and drive test you just need to make schedule. A car is a moving weapon that can cause death its a fact.

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 11:49:47 AM
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Rosa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Although I totally agree that more training is always beneficial, to have to go through the entire process twice a year only makes the trainers giving the classes more income to collect from the students.

Keep it annual and come up with a training strategy in which the permittee will log all hours training on the range, or attending a firearms training event annually. This training is beneficial to the permittee as if he/she is involved in a shooting event, they will need this documentation for litigation.

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HB-1486

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 12:15:37 PM

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 oppose HB1486. The requirements in this legislation do nothing to enhance public safety and only serves to further restrict the law abiding citizen. It unfairly requires applicants to renew permits every 6 months and if/when tied to a renewal fee places an excessive financial to those wishing to protect themselves and others. Additionally, re-applying for a carry permit needs to be done 30-days before the current permit expires, and, permit applicants would be required to complete another safety/training course prior to re-applying. Although training is necessary, carry permits in other states are valid for several years and this bill is overly restrictive and burdensome for those who choose to protect themselves, loved ones, and others.