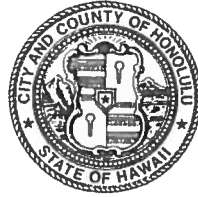


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March 12, 2020

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2744, HD1, Relating to Gun Violence Prevention

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

The HPD supports House Bill No. 2744, HD1, Relating to Gun Violence Prevention.

This bill seeks to establish a gun violence and violent crimes commission. Additionally, this bill seeks to prevent the sale of un-serialized ghost guns in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

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Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

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David P. Nilsen, Major
Records and Identification Division

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March 9, 2020

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chairperson and Committee Members
Committee On Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
415 South Beretania Street, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

RE: HOUSE BILL 2744, HD1, RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Dear Senator Nishihara:

The Hawai`i Police Department **supports** House Bill 2744, HD1, with its purpose to make it a Class C felony to purchase, manufacture, or otherwise obtain firearm parts for the purpose of assembling a firearm having no serial number.

We here in Hawai`i have been a lot safer than certain other locations in the United States in terms of gun violence. This safety factor is not one of happenstance, but rather a result of working very hard on both laws and the enforcement of laws to keep firearms out of the hands of those who are by law disqualified from their possession.

For some of these "disqualified" individuals, the ordering of so-called "ghost guns", have allowed them to get around the regulations associated with gun purchase and permitting requirements by basically ordering them in pieces to be assembled upon receipt. Further, these assembled firearms are devoid of serial numbers with which they could be traced when recovered by Law Enforcement Agencies in the course of criminal investigations. This poses a significant problem for law enforcement and should be of concern to the communities we are sworn to protect.

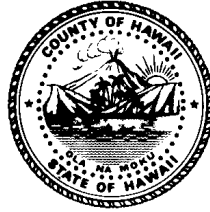
It is for these reasons, we urge this committee to approve this legislation.

Thank you for allowing the Hawai`i Police Department to provide comments relating to House Bill 2744, HD1.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Bugado, Jr.
For
PAUL K. FERREIRA
POLICE CHIEF

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March 10, 2020

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

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Committee Members:

RE: HB 1902, HD2 Relating to Firearms, HB 2709, HD2 Relating to the Uniform Probate Code, HB 2736, HD1 Relating to Firearms Ammunition and HB 2744, HD1 Relating to Gun Violence Prevention

The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides for freedom of religion, speech, and press; and the right to peaceably assemble and to petition the government. Yet, as fundamental and sacrosanct as those values are to America, few if any would argue that those freedoms are not subject to reasonable restrictions (take the cliché of “yelling ‘Fire’ in a crowded theater”).

Similarly, the Second Amendment guarantees the right to keep and bear arms. This right, too, must be subject to reasonable restrictions, or else we would each be able to have our own machine gun mounted on our mantelpiece or strapped over our shoulders.

So the question comes down to what is reasonable. That should be determined by a free people acting through their elected representatives, in this case our State Legislature. And given the times in which we live, and the carnage that we have witnessed both in our own state and across the country, I thank you for taking on the divisive but crucial task of deciding what reasonable restrictions might be.

HB 1902, HD2 would prohibit large capacity magazines for all firearms. They are already restricted for pistols, and HB 1902, HD2 might be the most important bill before you today, given the data on mass shootings that are set forth in the preamble of this bill. HB 1902, HD2 also is an admirable effort to come closer to the goal that both sides of the gun issue agree on—keeping weapons out of the hands of people who shouldn’t have them. Whether problems were manifest during childhood or adulthood should not matter.

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HB 2709, HD2 would close a loophole in ownership laws by requiring that all firearms in an estate are properly transferred or disposed of before the estate may close.

HB 2736 would regulate ammunition the same way firearms are regulated, and require the licensing of sellers of ammunition. It would seem that this proposal would be particularly valuable in the case of a firearm that is lost or stolen

HB 2744, HD1 would prohibit the assembly of a gun that would not have a serial number (a "ghost gun") and mandate a serial number for firearms brought into Hawai'i that do not already have one. It also would establish a Commission that could issue policy reports relating to preventing gun violence and violent crimes. Public policy thrives when based on good data and research.

Can any of the restrictions contained in these four bills be considered unreasonable? I have no doubt that some will say yes, but I would argue that all of these bills would make Hawai'i a safer place without unduly restricting the right to keep and bear arms.

Again, thank you for taking on these issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Harry Kim
MAYOR

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

RE: Testimony Opposing H.B. 2744 H.D. 1, Relating to Gun Violence Prevention
Hearing: March 12, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

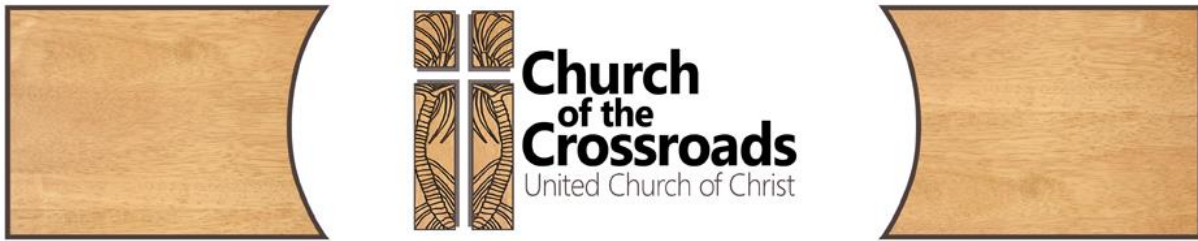
Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Brian Black. I am the Executive Director of the Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest, a nonprofit organization whose primary mission concerns solutions that promote government transparency. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **opposing the Sunshine Law exemption** in H.B. 2744 H.D. 1.

Gun violence is a community concern that deserves community input and scrutiny. Government commissions directed to propose policy – such as the proposed Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission – benefit from public participation in the process. And policies developed with the involvement of engaged and informed citizens are more robust. So it is troubling that this bill currently proposes exempting the new commission entirely from the Sunshine Law.

The bill references concerns about “sensitive” data. It is not clear what data about gun violence is confidential. But, if there are specific datasets that must be kept confidential, other boards that receive confidential information have exemptions that permit executive (closed-door) sessions when discussing the details of information specified in the board’s statutory authority. **The proposed Commission could have similar, limited authority to close meetings in specified circumstances, but it should not be exempt from the Sunshine Law entirely.**

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit testimony opposing the Sunshine Law exemption in H.B. 2744 H.D. 1.



A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation

Testimony of Church of the Crossroads IN SUPPORT OF HB 2744
To the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Hearing Date: March 12, 2020, 1:30pm, Room 229

The Church of the Crossroads was founded in 1922 as Hawaii's first intentionally multiethnic church. We are a Just Peace Church of almost 200 members. **We have voted unanimously to support a ban on Ghost Guns.**

The State should prohibit the purchase, manufacture, and acquisition of firearm parts for the purpose of assembling firearms having no serial number, as this evades important permit procedures and related background checks that are intended to protect the public prior to anyone acquiring a firearm.

Firearms registration and permit requirements provide essential protections for public safety by requiring criminal background checks, mental health background checks, certain standards for safety training for firearms, and other legal requirements.

"Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. Printing 3D plastic guns and creating guns from component parts should be prohibited because, having no serial number, those firearms evade the permit and registration process, thus providing no protection for the public as to who can acquire such guns. Moreover, plastic guns are particularly dangerous because they cannot be detected by many existing security screening devices, thereby endangering us all when plastic firearms are brought onto airplanes and other places where firearms are prohibited.

The State has a strong interest in assuring that all firearms are subject to the same stringent requirements for registration, permit and background checks, based on a unique serial number that accurately identifies each firearm in the State. Any efforts to evade those requirements by private manufacture of firearms without serial numbers and without legal permit procedures, should be prohibited.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Godbey Carson, for the Church of the Crossroads
March 10, 2020

Statement Before The
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Thursday, March 12, 2020
1:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of
HB 2744, HD1
RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.

Chair NISHIHARA, Vice Chair WAKAI, and Members of the Senate Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Committee

Common Cause Hawaii supports the intent of HB 2744, HD1, which (1) establishes the gun violence and violent crimes commission, (2) requires reports to the Legislature, (3) makes it a class C felony to purchase, manufacture, or otherwise obtain firearm parts for the purpose of assembling a firearm having no serial number, and (4) amends certain requirements relating to firearms registration.

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to strengthening our democracy through transparency and accountability in our government institutions.

The purported purpose of HB 2744, HD1 is to prevent gun violence and save lives by establishing the Hawaii Gun Violence Prevention Center within the University of Hawaii with the mission to bring law enforcement and medical stakeholders together to analyze related data and develop evidence-based strategies to prevent gun violence in Hawaii. However, it is unclear why a commission to prevent gun violence would need to be exempted from Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 92 (Hawaii's Public Agency Meetings and Records Law, a.k.a., Sunshine Law). Pg. 4, lines 9-11. Certainly, sensitive data, such those covered by HIPAA Privacy Rules, are already exempted.

A strong democracy requires transparency in our system, especially one as important as this proposed commission. Common Cause Hawaii supports the intent of HB 2744, HD1 but opposes a blanket exemption for the proposed commission from the Sunshine Law. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2738, HD1. If you have further questions of me, please contact me at sma@commoncause.org.

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma
Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 9:40:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sue Hornik	Testifying for Hawaii Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence	Support	Yes

Comments:

On behalf of the almost 800 supporters of Hawaii Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, I am writing in support of HB2744. Ghost guns are being purposefully built to evade our gun laws and this loophole must be closed. Ghost guns allow criminals, felons and other prohibited categories to have guns and are already being used to commit violent crimes locally. Since ghost guns have no identification numbers, they can't be traced, which is a nightmare for law enforcement and for our safety.

We need a system in place that mandates that every gun must have an identification number. We need to continue to keep guns out of the hands of those intent on violence. We need to tighten the definition of "firearm" to end these attempts to make a mockery of our laws.

It's imperative that the legislature act urgently on this issue before 3D printers are used even more widely.



Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Room 229
HEARING: Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 1:30pm
RE: HB2744 HD1 Relating to Gun Violence Prevention

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition **OPPOSES HB2744 HD1**

Gun Violence Commission

We oppose this bill and request amendments. This bill is focused on gun violence when it should be focused on criminal violence in general. Gun crimes make up the minority of murders and all violent crime. The latest public released Attorney General's report from 2017 reported about 10% of murders and violent crimes are due to guns. Even with the recent uptick in crimes, I estimate it is no more than 15 to 20%. Crimes and murders with knives, other objects, and things like beatings and strangulation make up the majority.

This bill will result in bias towards gun owners with unconstitutional laws in the future while neglecting to act on other types of violent crime. This is a reason why crime in general is rising in Hawaii.

"Ghost Guns"

The wording of this bill is so vague that any aftermarket part could be considered as being part of a "ghost gun". The definition of what is a firearm is narrowly defined for good reason. Firearm receivers are only deemed to be a firearm when it is over the 80% limit. This legislation would include any item that may be used to make a firearm receiver, such as a block of aluminum, a block of plastic, or even a shovel. Clearly the authors of this bill have no clue how firearms are made and thus should not be trying to conceive of laws that would make good people into felons. Even worse, the near incomprehensible wording of this bill would include most unregistered aftermarket parts used by most firearms owners.

The right to keep and bear arms very clearly applies to the ability of citizens to manufacture their own arms. If only licensed companies could make firearms, all a tyrannical government would have to do to stop guns from being sold is to suspend the licenses of the manufacturers or make them liable for the actions committed by the end user.

The Federal ATF does not treat 80% lowers as firearms nor regulate them. Hawaii should not either.

Mahalo

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March 11, 2020

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 214
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf our members in Hawaii, I would like to communicate our strong opposition to House Bill 2744HD1 (HB 2744).

The NRA is not opposed to genuine, objective research on firearms, but we are concerned that the commission established by HB 2744 could be used for biased advocacy based research.

Historically, firearms research tends to be fundamentally flawed due to the tendency of researchers to only include data about the negative impact of firearm ownership. An honest attempt to understand the impact of firearms in the United States must also consider the public benefit. Past studies where a true cost-benefit analysis was conducted have repeatedly found that gun owners prevent far more crimes than they commit.

Considering HB 2744 does not include any assurance that the issue will be holistically considered, we are concerned that it would create little more than taxpayer funded anti-gun propaganda masquerading as academic research.

Additionally, HB 2744 includes language that was amended in from HB 1733, which we opposed in committee, in an effort to ban homemade firearms and so called “ghost guns”. Law abiding firearm enthusiasts should be free to engage in their craft free of government overreach, as all other types of craftsmen are.

The language of this legislation is vague and overly broad as to what exactly could constitute a part or parts that could subject a person to felony penalties. Under this legislation it is far too easy for a well-intentioned, and otherwise law-abiding gun owner to accidentally run afoul of the law.

Proponents of the bill will argue that homemade guns constitute a loophole in current law that allows criminals to own firearms. However, that argument fails to recognize that prohibited persons already cannot lawfully possess any firearm, whether home built or produced by a licensed manufacturer.

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For these reasons we urge your opposition to House Bill 2744.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Reid
Western Regional Director
NRA-ILA

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 4:22:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
alice j nagai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Do it your self guns & Ghost guns should not be allowed as there is NO CONTROL over their who has them & is using them very dangerous to our community/country.

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 4:33:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
BELLA HUGHES	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in STRONG support of HB2744, to ban Ghost Guns (3D printable guns and do it yourself assembly of guns), and create a gun violence and violent crimes commission for the State.

The State should prohibit the purchase, manufacture, and acquisition of firearm parts for the purpose of assembling firearms having no serial number, as this evades important permit procedures and related background checks that are intended to protect the public prior to anyone acquiring a firearm. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. Printing 3D plastic guns and creating guns from component parts should be prohibited because, having no serial number, those firearms evade the permit and registration process, thus providing no protection for the public as to who can acquire such guns. Moreover, plastic guns are particularly dangerous because they cannot be detected by many existing security screening devices, thereby endangering us all when plastic firearms are brought onto airplanes and other places where firearms are prohibited.

The State has a strong interest in assuring that all firearms are subject to the same stringent requirements for registration, permit and background checks, based on a unique serial number that accurately identifies each firearm in the State. Any efforts to evade those requirements by private manufacture of firearms without serial numbers and without legal permit procedures, should be prohibited.

I also support the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission to coordinate research and policy recommendations to help reduce gun violence and violent crime in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your attention to this matter. Please protect Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 5:31:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
I. Robert Nehmad	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 7:00:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robin Hart	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Hi--

The idea that ghost guns would be permitted in Hawaii is horrifying. They must not be permitted!

Thank you, Robin Hart

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 7:32:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gaye Chan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 10:49:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Larry Veray	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Although I am Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21; I am submitting my support as an individual.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 8:56:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqueline Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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I also support the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission to coordinate research and policy recommendations to help reduce gun violence and violent crime in Hawaii.

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 8:05:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ELIZABETH AULSEBROOK	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou,

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I also support the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission to coordinate research and policy recommendations to help reduce gun violence and violent crime in Hawaii.

Mahalo piha for your leadership and service.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 6:29:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 8:48:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Y Song	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB2744, to ban Ghost Guns (3D printable guns and do it yourself assembly of guns), and create a gun violence and violent crimes commission for the state.

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I also support the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission to coordinate research and policy recommendations to help reduce gun violence and violent crime in Hawaii.

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 9:20:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah G. Nehmad	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB2744, to ban Ghost Guns (3D printable guns and do it yourself assembly of guns), and create a gun violence and violent crimes commission for the state.

This legislation is sorely needed because ghost guns are an obvious workaround of the protective measures the State has already put in place. I also want to emphasize that the opposition to legislation like this a highly organized and well funded effort by one segment of the community that does not reflect the feelings of the community at large. You are elected to serve the community at large, not just the special interests that have a personal and well funded stake to make their feelings known. Polls have shown that Hawaii's working parents and every day citizens who don't have the time to keep up with actions taken by the legislature or submit testimony are overwhelmingly in favor of common sense guns safety laws. If this legislation isn't common sense, I don't know what is.

TI also support the creation of a Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission to coordinate research and policy recommendations to help reduce gun violence and violent crime in Hawaii.

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 10:24:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jun Look	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the 2nd amendment, but I also support common sense gun laws. HB 2744 do not trample on any rights, but help make our community safer.

Being able to make a gun in your own home by 3D printers is an insane idea. Our community needs to know how many guns are in Honolulu and who owns them. That would be impossible if we permit guns to be manufactured in a home.

I work and cannot attend hearings. So by writing this email I hope you hear my voice.

Please support this bill.

Mahalo.

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 10:48:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Regina Gregory	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony of Ellen Godbey Carson IN SUPPORT OF HB 2744
To the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Hearing Date: March 12, 2020, 1:30pm, Room 229

I am a community volunteer, and formerly served as president of the Hawaii State Bar Association, Hawaii Women Lawyers, and IHS (Institute for Human Services). I testify here as an individual, deeply concerned about safety and justice in our community.

“Ghost guns” are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. Printing 3D plastic guns and creating guns from component parts should be prohibited because, having no serial number, those firearms evade the permit and registration process, thus providing no protection for the public as to who can acquire such guns. Moreover, plastic guns are particularly dangerous because they cannot be detected by many existing security screening devices, thereby endangering us all when plastic firearms are brought onto airplanes and other places where firearms are prohibited. The State has a strong interest in assuring that all firearms are subject to the same stringent requirements for registration, permit and background checks, based on a unique serial number that accurately identifies each firearm in the State. Any efforts to evade those requirements by private manufacture of firearms without serial numbers and without legal permit procedures, should be prohibited, as is done by this bill.

I also support the creation of a Gun Violence and Violent Crime Commission for Hawaii, to coordinate governmental efforts to protect our community from violent crime. Hawai'i has already had one mass shooting and too many other gun-related tragedies. We would dearly love to avoid other tragedies of this nature. Yet we have failed to date to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines; we allow loaning of weapons without permits or background checks; and we have other major loopholes that warrant actions to keep our community safer. We currently have the lowest per capita gun violence of any state in the nation, but this can change overnight, given our proliferation of assault style weapons over recent decades. There is much more we could and should be doing to help provide reasonable safeguards. Coordinated analysis, policy recommendations and actions can keep us as safer from these risks. This Gun Violence and Violent Crime Commission could help aim us in the right direction to be a model in the nation for how best to address gun violence.

Thank you for your consideration of these important issues. Please pass this bill.

Ellen Godbey Carson, Honolulu, Hawaii
March 10, 2020

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 11:12:59 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra Nicholl	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB2744, to ban Ghost Guns. Ghost guns evades the stringent requirements now required based on serial numbers on private manufactured firearms. Ghost Guns should be prohibited.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 12:26:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith White	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a mother, grandmother, clinical psychologist and citizen, I STRONGLY support this bill. Please pass for the protection of our communities.

Mahalo,

Dr. Judith White

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 11:53:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 4:13:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Eger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill as I feel the commission created are well suited to appropriately address gun violence concerns in Hawaii and collectively can arrive at remedies. I strongly support the bill as it pertains to managing "ghost guns". Thank You.

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 3:41:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Coralie Matayoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB2744 to ban Ghost Guns (3D printable guns and do it yourself assembly of guns), and create a gun violence and violent crimes commission for the state.

The State should prohibit the purchase, manufacture, and acquisition of firearm parts for the purpose of assembling firearms having no serial number, as this evades important permit procedures and related background checks that are intended to protect the public prior to anyone acquiring a firearm. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. Printing 3D plastic guns and creating guns from component parts should be prohibited because, having no serial number, those firearms evade the permit and registration process, thus providing no protection for the public as to who can acquire such guns. Moreover, plastic guns are particularly dangerous because they cannot be detected by many existing security screening devices, thereby endangering us all when plastic firearms are brought onto airplanes and other places where firearms are prohibited.

The State has a strong interest in assuring that all firearms are subject to the same stringent requirements for registration, permit and background checks, based on a unique serial number that accurately identifies each firearm in the State. Any efforts to evade those requirements by private manufacture of firearms without serial numbers and without legal permit procedures, should be prohibited.

I also support the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission to coordinate research and policy recommendations to help reduce gun violence and violent crimes in Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 8:11:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valerie Wayne	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB2744, to ban Ghost Guns (3D printable guns and do it yourself assembly of guns), and create a gun violence and violent crimes commission for the state. The proliferation of ghost guns needs to stop, and we need a commission that will address these and other problems of gun violence that continue to develop in our State.

Hawai'i should prohibit the purchase, manufacture, and acquisition of firearm parts for the purpose of assembling firearms having no serial number, as this evades important permit procedures and related background checks that are intended to protect the public prior to anyone acquiring a firearm. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. Printing 3D plastic guns and creating guns from component parts should be prohibited because, having no serial number, those firearms evade the permit and registration process, thus providing no protection for the public as to who can acquire such guns. Moreover, plastic guns are particularly dangerous because they cannot be detected by many existing security screening devices, thereby endangering us all when plastic firearms are brought onto airplanes and other places where firearms are prohibited.

The State has a strong interest in assuring that all firearms are subject to the same stringent requirements for registration, permit and background checks, based on a unique serial number that accurately identifies each firearm in the State. Any efforts to evade those requirements by private manufacture of firearms without serial numbers and without legal permit procedures, should be prohibited.

I also support the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission to coordinate research and policy recommendations to help reduce gun violence and violent crime in Hawaii.

Valerie Wayne, Professor Emerita, UH Manoa

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 5:30:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Nix	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support this important issue for all residents and visitors.

Thank you,

Dr. John and Debra Nix, Kihei

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 9:53:20 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terence Lee	Testifying for Ghost	Support	Yes

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Clarene Nishihara Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai Vice Chair

Aloha. My name is Terence Lee. I am from Windward Oahu. I am a gun violence survivor. I support this bil to ban "ghost guns". I also support more study to gun violence here in Hawaii. I am living a first hand account of how complex this problem is. This would make and keep Hawaii a safer placefor the people.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Terence Lee

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2020 10:20:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Gomes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony re: HB2744 Re: Banning “Ghost” Guns & establishing the Gun Violence & Violent Crimes Commission

I am VERY supportive of passing this important bill to make our beloved state of Hawaii safer. We need to do everything in our power to prevent more gun violence and save lives. Thank you very much for your efforts to close these potentially catastrophic loopholes in our state laws.

As a concerned citizen and an active volunteer in the Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense Hawaii chapter, I appreciate your work to prevent gun violence in Hawaii.

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2020 10:18:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Margaret ANN Renick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill. Ghost guns only serve the criminal element. Mahalo.

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2020 10:22:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bryan Gomes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony re: HB2744

I strongly support this important bill to make Hawaii safer. We need to do everything in our power to prevent more gun violence and save lives. Thank you for your efforts to close loopholes in our state laws.

As a concerned citizen, thank you for your efforts to prevent gun violence in Hawaii.

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2020 11:11:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Kawamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The State regulates firearms through a system of criminal background checks, mental health background checks, registration and permits in order to protect the safety of the public. "Ghost guns" avoid this system, thereby threatening public safety. Moreover, plastic guns cannot be detected by many security screening devices, so they may be taken on airplanes and other places where firearms are prohibited. This bill is needed to ensure that Hawaii's strict gun control laws continue to protect the people of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 12:12:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carolyn Pearl	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

As a longtime resident of Hawaii, I am proud to live in the state with some of the best common sense gun safety laws in the country. These laws protect us from much of the horrifying gun violence that is so prevalent across the mainland, and our legislature is applauded for making that so. Our legislature has done a tremendous job of establishing a foundation of common sense gun safety laws that preserve the rights of gun owners, while requiring the responsible ownership and safe keeping of their weapons.

Unfortunately, there are people who have found a way to circumvent those laws by assembling a guns from purchased or copied parts. This allows people who might not otherwise be able to legally own a gun to possess these "ghost guns" outside the law. This is a loophole that desperately needs to be closed.

Please pass HB 2744, to make obtaining or manufacturing these "ghost guns" a Class C felony.

In addition, by establishing the Gun Violence and Violent Crime Commission, HB 2744 seeks to further the legislature's efforts to keep Hawaii safe from gun violence. Please pass this bill.

Thank you for helping to keep Hawaii safe from gun violence.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 11:02:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing on behalf of HB 2744.

Printing 3D plastic guns and creating guns from component parts should be prohibited because those firearms have no serial number and evade the permit and registration process, thus providing no protection for the public as to who can acquire such guns. Any efforts to evade those requirements by private manufacture of firearms without serial numbers should be prohibited.

Moreover, plastic guns cannot be detected by many existing security screening devices, thereby endangering us all when plastic firearms are brought onto airplanes and other places where firearms are prohibited.

Firearms registration and permit requirements provide essential protections for public safety by requiring criminal background checks, mental health background checks, certain standards for safety training for firearms, and other legal requirements. We need to make sure the same protections will apply for ghost guns.

Mahalo for considering my testimony and thank you for your service.

Richard Tillotson

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 11:34:33 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark K.Wilson III	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 12:29:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Allegra Giacchino	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I support this bill to prohibit undetectable, untraceable guns in our state.

Let's keep Hawaii's existing firearm laws strong, without ways in which people can evade them, such as by using "ghost guns." It's time to close this deadly legal loophole.

Thank you for your commitment to public safety.

Allegra Giacchino

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 12:42:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janie Bryan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS TIME:

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

And other Legislators,

I am writing in support of HB2744 HD1 because I believe establishing the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission is a positive step for Hawaii and basically a common sense step toward protection of the community since the data gathered would be helpful going forward in light of today's serious concerns about gun violence in Hawaii as well as on the mainland. The sharing of the information collected across the agencies designated in the bill would be beneficial to our State leaders to know what we need to do or not do to enhance our community's safety. Particularly in regard to "ghost guns" we need to make it a class C felony to purchase, manufacture, or otherwise obtain firearm parts for the purpose of assembling a firearm having no serial number. While we won't catch all that are already here in our islands, we must start somewhere to circumvent the future production of these types of weapons, and when perpetrators are caught then there is this law to charge them on. I know you will hear contradictory opinions but I support you in going forward with the passage of this important bill.

I have been a resident of Hawaii since 1988 and am shocked at the uptick in violent gun related violence that is now occurring. The reduction of gun violence and common sense legislation is needed and I hope you will vote in support of this bill. Thank you for reading my testimony!

Sincerely,

Janie Bryan

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 1:33:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:52:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

While having a research center to study gun violence seems ok, likely it will be turned to produce anti-gun information and not real research. Folding in the ghost gun legislation to this bill is a ploy to pass portions of a bill that wouldn't stand on it's own because it involves a Federal issue that has to be dealt with by Federal regulation action, not the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 1:35:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Yuh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please OPPOSE HB2744 HD1. This bill requires "80%" receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered which is already in place. The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm. Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime. Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver. Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed. This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment. Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used. Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

Thanks,

Cory Yuh

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 1:56:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE due to LACK OF TRANSPARENCY as HB2744 allows the gun violence commission to be exempt from Chapter 92 without any explanation as to what constitutes as "sensitive data". This "gun violence commission" seeks to propose further laws in a state with the lowest gun crimes and thus law-abiding citizens continue to remain the primary target for such measures.

No transparency as to the results of this commission's findings is absurd.

Furthermore, the language in HB2744 also criminalizes gun owners that retain SPARE PARTS for emergency repairs. Otherwise they would be required to ship an entire firearm out of state to have the manufacturer replace a component that normally costs less than \$5.00 in most cases. This is a poorly worded proposal that potentially would lead to litigation as it stands.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 2:28:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kimo galon	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I oppose HB2744 this is a study that will only find information on what is being targeted. If you look at the CDC and FBI data it gives you a non-bias information and just facts. This type of chair has much too bias. If I want to research suicide deaths by firearm you will only find that. Totally subjective and will not prevent gun violence.

Please do not use my hard earned tax money for unnecessary committees that do not help me and my community in anyway.

ATF also does not find 80% Lowers as a firearm. Possession of a firearm without a serial number is already a crime, how does adding another law going to make criminals abide by it. Again law abiding citizens will be the only ones affected here.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 3:05:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association Board Member	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB2744.

I oppose this bill for the fact that the bill bans the purchase of firearms parts for the use in a so called "Ghost Gun". There are no differences in the parts for commercially manufactured firearms v's "Ghost Guns". Well an overzealous prosecutor or police officer might look at parts that were purchased as replacement parts for a legally owned gun as a part for a "Ghost Gun" and try to charge an innocent person for a crime that they did not or did not intend to commit.

Brandon Leong

Hawaii Rifle Association Board Member

Lessons In Firearms Education Board Member

Certified NRA Firearms Instructor

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 3:36:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shane Cayetano	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Though I partially agree the first part of HB 2744, I strongly oppose Part II, as it is poorly worded and overall goes against the laws and regulations made in place by the BATFE.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 3:37:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonny Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is draconian at best. Please oppose it. It says in the bill that Hawaii already has the lowest gun crime in the country. Why are we attempting to pass laws that are unclear and severely restrictive? I also feel that our tax dollars can be better spent on other programs instead of bureaucracy to study something that barely affects our residents. Why not use that money for schools or roads or any other number of things that could be more useful?

The bill is too vague. Is it the intention of the bill to outlaw 3D printers? What about CNC milling machines? If the ATF does not define an object as a gun how can the Hawaii legislature? Will buying gun parts in general be outlawed? How will law abiding gun owners purchase parts to alter or upgrade the current firearms they own?

This bill is a terrible idea and an infringement on second amendment rights. Anyone that cannot already legally own a firearm in Hawaii will not abide by this law if they are seeking to obtain a weapon. How does this law stop them from doing so? Enforce the laws that are already in place.

This bill is a waste of time and money.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 3:50:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because "ghost guns" should be legal for personal use and education and not commercial purposes. Also, the likelihood that someone will produce a ghost gun to commit gun violence is likely to be low, due to the work involved to obtain the parts and physically put everything together. It's more probable for someone to steal a gun to commit a crime just like how vehicles are stolen to commit crimes. This bill would hurt legal gun owners more who simply wish to produce a gun for recreation or education purposes.

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PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Sen Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Sen Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020
TIME: 1:30pm
LOCATION: State Capitol
405 South Beretania St.

My name is Brendon Heal

I DO NOT support this bill and do not support any politician who will violate their oaths of office to remove our rights and property with no due process or cause.

I have not committed any crime

IT IS ALREADY ILLEGAL TO MANUFACTURE A FIREARM WITHOUT A SERIAL NUMBER IN HAWAII!

I will not ever vote for any politician who supports this or any other unconstitutional and tyrannical bill or law.

OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION

If you have any questions I can be reached at heaviescc@gmail.com or
The above testimony was written and submitted by Brendon Heal

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Sen Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Sen Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020
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My name is Jason Pierce

I oppose this bill. Weapons without a serial number are already illegal in Hawaii. If the ATF does not consider an 80% receiver as a firearm, Hawaii should not use this to solve a problem that doesn't exist. There are enough actual problems that need attention. Hawaii also does not need another commission to waste taxpayer time and money, unless it's mandate is a criminal review of how legislators are currently wasting taxpayer time and money.

If you have any questions I can be reached at jasonpierce612@hotmail.com or

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Sen Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Sen Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020
TIME: 1:30pm
LOCATION: State Capitol
405 South Beretania St.

My name is Hiro Caballes
I oppose this and any bill that infringes on my Constitutional rights. My thoughts on this is in alignment with HIFICO who state:

NOTE: This bill combines 2 bills – Placing restrictions on “Ghost Guns” and establishing a gun violence commission

Ghost Guns:

Requires “80%” receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.
The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm
Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.;
Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.
Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.

Establishing a Gun Violence Commission:

This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment
Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.
Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

If you have any questions I can be reached at hirocaballes@gmail.com or
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Sen Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Sen Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020
TIME: 1:30pm
LOCATION: State Capitol
405 South Beretania St.

My name is Luisito Tadeo
Strongly opposes this bill
If you have any questions I can be reached at euol808@yahoo.com or
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Sen Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Sen Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020
TIME: 1:30pm
LOCATION: State Capitol
405 South Beretania St.

My name is Steven Matsumoto

I oppose this bill because of the following reasons:

Ghost Guns:

- * Requires "80%" receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.
- * The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm
- * Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.;
- * Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.
- * Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.

Establishing a Gun Violence Commission:

- * This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment
- * Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.
- * Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

If you have any questions I can be reached at smats@hawaii.rr.com or

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Sen Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Sen Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020
TIME: 1:30pm
LOCATION: State Capitol
405 South Beretania St.

My name is Sean Lee

Violating our second amendment rights you people to a oath to protect our right but yet you keep on infringing on our right they do not make parts besides a reciever with serial number either your laws do nothing to criminals

If you have any questions I can be reached at Creatureboy808@yahoo.com or

The above testinony was written and submitted by Sean Lee

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Sen Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Sen Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020
TIME: 1:30pm
LOCATION: State Capitol
405 South Beretania St.

My name is Peter Long III

I wish to register my OPPOSITION to this proposal on the grounds that the proposed Gun Violence Prevention Center would simply parrot the positions of Michael Bloomberg and Moms Demand Action (ie, PARTISAN policy) and take public funds for its operation. In other words, through my hard work and diligence, taxes I pay to the state would go to funding a center with the sole purpose of bad mouthing my hobbies & interests and diminishing the Second Amendment.

There's more than enough biased research to fit the prevailing opinion of gun control in Hawaii already. Please don't add insult to injury by making me help fund more.

If you have any questions I can be reached at Pj3467@aol.com or

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Sen Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Sen Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020
TIME: 1:30pm
LOCATION: State Capitol
405 South Beretania St.

My name is Herald Nones

I OPPOSE this bill, for the reason that you, the politicians, who swore an oath to defend the constitution, decides to infringe on the very amendment that protects your lives. Why do you need armed bodyguards? If you want to lead by example, then do so by not having any armed body guards. Last time I check, the amendment does not limit us in to what weapons we may have. Last time I check, it is to protect our god given rights from being infringed upon by your acts of tyranny. So if you can't follow your oath to the constitution, you don't deserve to have such position. Clearly, you only represent yourself and your safeties, not ours.

If you have any questions I can be reached at da_vince_24@yahoo.com or

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405 South Beretania St.

My name is Gavin Lohmeier

Oppose HB2744

this bill is not needed. Having a firearm without a serial number is already a crime in Hawaii. Hawaii already requires you to engrave a serial number and register a 80% receiver. the ATF does not consider 80% receivers to be a firearm.

If you have any questions I can be reached at onederful100@aol.com or

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405 South Beretania St.

My name is Jacob Bruhn

Hi, I strongly oppose HB2744. This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd amendment.

If you have any questions I can be reached at rockpounda@yahoo.com or

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My name is Ryan Matsumoto
Hi,

All Senate members took an oath when you were elected as public officials to uphold the constitution of the United States, but you are breaking your oath by violating the second amendment of all citizens of the State of Hawaii. I strongly oppose HB2744 PSM because this bill is too restrictive and violates my rights as a law abiding citizen.

Law abiding citizens already register "Ghost Guns"; criminals do not and never will. Not registering a firearm is already crime. Criminals never follow any laws. The more laws you create, the more laws criminals won't follow. This will only impact law abiding citizens of the State of Hawaii.

Gun Violence Commission is a waste of taxpayers dollars. More violence involving physical force, dangerous objects, and sharp objects are used more than firearms combined. Guns are not the problem, people who do not follow the law are the root of the problem.

Please fix the real problem, criminals.

Thank you,

Ryan

If you have any questions I can be reached at ryanm.matsumoto@gmail.com or
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My name is Kameron Lau

I strongly oppose this law, it will make it hard for me to buy gun parts and having a gun without serial number is already illegal.

If you have any questions I can be reached at Kameronasalaulau@yahoo.com or

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My name is David Lau
Oppose.

Ghost Guns:

Requires "80%" receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.
The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm
Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.;
Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.

Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.

Establishing a Gun Violence Commission:

This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment

Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.
Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

If you have any questions I can be reached at vicness151@yahoo.com or

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405 South Beretania St.

My name is Michael Murakami

I oppose HB2744 PSM as it is already illegal to possess a firearm without a serial number. I oppose the creation of the Gun Violence Commission. Who would pay for it? Gun owners? I believe all knife owners, car owners or people who own any tool that people own and can commit crimes with should all pay for this should this become law. What about domestic abuse? Shouldn't anyone with hands that are used to commit violent crime pay for this? If you have any questions I can be reached at hoku860@yahoo.com or

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My name is John Meadows
I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL

Ghost Guns:

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The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm
Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.;
Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.

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My name is Mike Taketa

Does nothing to reduce crime it is already illegal to own a firearm without a serial number.

Making a commission only a waste of money as very few firearms are used in the
commission of a felony in Hawaii

If you have any questions I can be reached at miketaketa@yahoo.com or

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My name is Joseph Bussen

How do you plan to enforce this? I'm willing to bet this law will be used only "after" the commission of a crime. If passed, I defy the House to review the effectiveness of the law, and if the benefit is negligible, reverse the law.

If you have any questions I can be reached at josephbussen@gmail.com or

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My name is Lionel Delos Santos

Aloha legislature, I strongly oppose this bill because it will stop the criminal from getting if not for part online then they can just get a fully built made already , it will stop hobby gun owner that fix wear out part of the firearm from being repair make laws on criminals not guns

Thank you

lionel

If you have any questions I can be reached at lioneldelossantos@yahoo.com or

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My name is Ernesto Noblejas
Ghost Guns:

Requires “80%” receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.
The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm
Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.;
Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.
Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.

Establishing a Gun Violence Commission:

This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment
Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.
Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

If you have any questions I can be reached at Ernesto.Noblejas@gmail.com or
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My name is Dierl Bagusto

STRONGLY OPPOSES THIS BILL

This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment

Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.

Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment

Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.

Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

If you have any questions I can be reached at dbagusto@yahoo.com or

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My name is Michael Rice

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill. Possession of a firearm without a serial number is already a crime in the state of Hawaii, and any weapon to be registered requires a serial number engraved into it. This prevents me as a hobbyist from building an idea gun from scratch. This will do nothing to prevent criminals from getting their hands on ghost guns, as 80% 'kits' as they are called are difficult for the average person to complete. The wording is also EXTREMELY vague, as you can make a 'ghost gun' out of two pipes and a nail. And there's people out there who can turn a bar of metal into a fully functional semiautomatic pistol with a rasp file. Will we require background checks and registration of all pipes and blocks of metal?

If you have any questions I can be reached at michaelirice@outlook.com or

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405 South Beretania St.

My name is Mitchell Weber
I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2744 PSM,

How will you be able to determine the intent of the purchaser of firearm parts?
What firearm parts constitute as being necessary to build an illegal firearm? Will the sale of all
aftermarket and replacement parts be banned(they are needed to build both registered and
unregistered firearms)?
80 percent receivers must already be serialized and registered once completed.
Any individual who would build an illegal firearm is already breaking the law.

How about zero percent receivers(block of metal), will you ban the knowledge required to
build a firearm from scratch? A determined individual can build a machine gun with a quick
trip to a hardware store, should we ban tools, pipes, wood and plastic?.

If this testimony rubs you being written in a condescending tone you are not mistaken. I am
merely bringing to light the idiocy and shortsightedness of this proposed bill and all who
support it.

If you have any questions I can be reached at mdotweber@icloud.com or
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DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020
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My name is Ross Mukai

I oppose this bill, there is a fundamental misunderstanding by the legislature of what a "ghost gun" is. It is legal for a person who can buy firearms to manufacture a firearm for personal use. It is not legal to engage in the business of manufacturing firearms without a license. All existing gun laws apply to firearms made for personal use, because regardless of where it came from, it is a firearm. This means under the current law, a person who makes a firearm must serialize and register it. Under federal law, a firearm is not a firearm until it is past 80% completion. Until 80%, it is just raw material. This means that this bill seeks to require registration of completed firearms, as is already the law, or it seeks to require registration of materials that are not firearms. It is not possible to register something that is not a firearm, as a firearm. I also oppose the creation of a gun violence commission. I feel that the public would be better served by a commission to study all crimes. Narrowing the scope of such a committee to focus on gun violence in a state with some of the lowest incidents of gun violence is a disservice to victims of other attacks, such as with knives, bludgeons, and beatings such as recently occurred near Campbell high school.

If you have any questions I can be reached at rossmukai@gmail.com or

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My name is ALEXANDER IBI

We don't need more government commissions! Why do you think that you are smarter than the ATF? This is still America not a communist country. You work for us.

If you have any questions I can be reached at honkykatonky@gmail.com or

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My name is steven kumasaka
federal law says that an 80% is not a firearm
state law says anything over 80% without a serial number is already illegal
state law says that a 3D printed firearm without a serial number is already illegal
state law says that a firearm with a removed or defaced serial number is already illegal
what are you trying to do, make them illegaler?

gun violence commission is a waste of time and money

If you have any questions I can be reached at macsak@gmail.com or
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My name is brian peter dy

I oppose bill

If you have any questions I can be reached at brian22dy@yahoo.com or

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HB-2744-HD-1

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

Comments:

HB-2744-HD-1

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Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Honorable Legislative Members,

I am opposed to this bill.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

David Fukuzawa

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 4:50:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mikhael Kobayashi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Just another way to infringe on my rights. Stop this madness.

HB-2744-HD-1

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Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

1. oppose HB2744. HRS 134-3 already requires self-made firearms to be registered with HPD. This Bill does nothing to address the crime occurring in our streets. Most firearms are obtained illegally via theft or straw purchase. And in crimes where the firearm has no serial number, it was removed previously, which of itself is a criminal offense. Criminals would rather steal a firearm than go through the detailed and laborious process of manufacturing a firearm. It takes skills and tools to be able to manufacture a safe and reliable firearm. Law abiding citizens want to ensure that they are using something that will not hurt them or the ones around them. Federal law allows individuals to manufacture firearms for their own personal use. And in Hawaii, firearms are already required to be registered. This same requirement would hold true on self made firearms in the same manner as firearms brought in from out of state as stated in HRS 134-3.

The Bill as written would also ban every part for firearms repair or upgrade. Many firearms owners in Hawaii are competitive shooters and purchase parts for their firearms for competition use. Hunters would not be able to acquire replacement parts for their rifles. By banning these parts, they will be unable to repair or upgrade their legally possessed firearms. Parts affected by this ban would be, but are not inclusive of; bolts, upper receivers, slides, barrels, extractors, ejectors, trigger shoes, firing pins, sights, springs and so forth.

Also, by making it illegal to purchase these parts, local firearms shops would lose the largest part of their business, which is accessory sales. This would result in lost tax revenue from lost sales and higher unemployment as shops lay off employees or cut their hours to account for the shortages in income.

To pass this bill does nothing but place more burdensome restrictions on law abiding citizens who are simply pursuing a hobby of craftsmanship, and a passion for creating something mechanically functional from scratch, which is rapidly becoming a dying art and talent here in Hawaii. Kids nowadays are more content to sit in front of the TV and play video games, than creating something with tools and their own hands in a shop.

Please oppose HB2744.

HB-2744-HD-1

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Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Arakawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is no need for another useless commission that will be ineffective and a waste of our tax dollars.

The section that mentions '... obtain firearm parts for the purpose of assembling a firearm having no serial number'. Most firearm owners have spare parts and this section will have unintended consequences.

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 8:46:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators,

I'm writing in opposition to this and the other firearms-related bills in your committee because NONE of them will have any effect on criminals' actions in using firearms in the commission of their crimes. In fact, NONE of these bills, had they been in effect even 50 years ago, would've made any difference in any firearms-related crimes here in Hawaii. If any of you have any real experience and knowledge of firearms, you would realize that these are nothing but "feel good" bills that might give the impression that you're doing "something" to reduce gun-related injury or deaths in Hawaii, but they don't do a thing. All these bills do is to frustrate and create problems and delays for the law-abiding gun owners in our State. Please do not make criminals out of our lawful citizens by passing these incredibly foolish and senseless bills.

Aloha,

Gary Fuchikami, Ewa Beach

HB-2744-HD-1

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Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

[House Bill 2744 HD1](#) places severe restrictions on certain firearm parts in an effort to ban homebuilt firearms. The language is vague and overly broad as to what can subject a person to felony penalties. It fails to recognize that prohibited persons already cannot lawfully possess any firearm, whether home built or produced by a licensed manufacturer.

HB-2744-HD-1

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Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Why are we trying to be a bootleg California? More gun laws, more tax increases, and a decreasing standard of living once again makes me question why I stay. There are plenty of other states who would love my income tax and capital gains tax that don't treat their residents like children.

HB-2744-HD-1

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Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Lodge	Testifying for Hawaii Hunting Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

strenuously oppose.

Another burden on a legitimate gun owner who may want to replace a part, add functionality to a firearm, or otherwise customize his firearm for purposes of training, storage, or application.

OPPOSE!

HB-2744-HD-1

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Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

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My name is Dorothy Clark

Firearms are so strictly restricted now that this is not a loopholed, but another attempt to infringe in our rights.

If you have any questions I can be reached at dl1clark@yahoo.com or

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My name is Daniel Yoro

Dear Mr. / Mrs. Official,

I am writing you asking that you oppose any and new gun restriction proposals. Support, stand and protect the 2nd amendment rights of the people, not infringe and restrict. Rights that weren't given by you and should not be restricted by you. Hawai'i has and already is one of the most strictest states in the nation regarding gun laws and ownership. Passing any more will not make any change, but turn many law abiding citizens into criminals. You'll have thousands overnight. Laws will not stop the acts of a madman. Assault is an action, it could be done with bats, sticks, knives, hammers, vehicles and even empty handed, I don't see you go after those. Inanimate objects are harmless without the intentions behind it. On the flip side they can be used for good. Tools to build, fix and repair, sport, family time and protection. Please oppose ANY gun control measures, they will not stop shootings, they will only harm law abiding citizens as myself.

Sincerely,
Daniel Yoro Sr.

If you have any questions I can be reached at bibinkarules@yahoo.com or
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My name is Proceso Remular

I stand in opposition of this bill.

If you have any questions I can be reached at premularjr@icloud.com or

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My name is Jesse Lamos
I respectfully request that you please oppose HB2744.

This bill places severe restrictions on law-abiding individuals while doing nothing to address the criminal misuse of firearms. This bill will only serve to further burden my inherent right to self-defense and will be ignored by criminals like the many other laws on the books.

Again, please oppose HB2744

If you have any questions I can be reached at Buddah1076@Hawaii.rr.com or
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My name is Jordan Pavao

I believe this is easily interfering with the 2nd amendment. I can't wait to join a class action lawsuit. Please let the people keep their money and not defend against a lawsuit.

This law does nothing except clog the books with more rules. How will this make us safer? If I want to attack people and be a terrorist I can drive into a crowd or build a bomb. This bill is just look at me, "SEE" I'm doing something. Have the strict gun laws in other states done anything? The statistics say no. If passed, I defy the House to review the effectiveness of the law, and if the benefit is negligible, reverse the law.

If you have any questions I can be reached at turbosohc3369@gmail.com or

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DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020
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My name is Josh G
I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL because

Ghost Guns:

Requires “80%” receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.
The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm
Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.;
Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.
Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.
Also by establishing a Gun Violence Commission:

This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment
Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.
Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

If you have any questions I can be reached at jpharrier@gmail.com or
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My name is Blaine Stuart

Please oppose this bill. It likely violates the second amendment, and will not likely reduce gun violence.

If you have any questions I can be reached at findbgs@gmail.com or

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My name is Casey Nakama

I oppose this bill. This bill violates my 2nd amendment.

If you have any questions I can be reached at casey_nakama@hotmail.com or

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My name is Marc Bertram

I strongly oppose this bill, what about a knife violence commission? Doesnt make sense to single out the minority of crimes

If you have any questions I can be reached at Marcb44@hotmail.com or

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My name is Elijah Kim

I am against bills that are unconstitutional. This bill is unconstitutional. Stop trying to unarm law abiding citizens. Gun control is not the answer. Criminals do not listen to laws. Instead of focusing on crippling tax paying, law-abiding citizens. Instead, focus on education, familiarization, and preparation.

If you have any questions I can be reached at eejkim@gmail.com or

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My name is Dennis Clifton

Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

Guns are used in a minority of crimes here in Hawaii. How about concentrating on keeping violent offenders in jail through proper sentencing and incarceration....

If you have any questions I can be reached at dec9523@hotmail.com or

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My name is Noah Drazkowski
Trying to solve a problem that isn't there.
If you have any questions I can be reached at noahdrazkowski@hotmail.com or
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My name is Douglas Ternora Jr
Strongly oppose HB2744
If you have any questions I can be reached at island_pride2k3@yahoo.com or
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My name is Reid Flatt

I disagree with HB2744. Being in possession of an unregistered firearm is already a crime.

Violent crimes are, in fact, violent crimes.

If you have any questions I can be reached at caila1@hotmail.com or

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My name is Justin Chen

There are more violent crimes committed with things other than guns yet a commission is being established that focuses on guns. This tells us that this is purely political because if you were actually trying to prevent violent crimes you would make a commission to study those other things instead.

If you have any questions I can be reached at xxzealotx@yahoo.com or

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My name is Myron Hoefler

If the State had unlimited resources, and this bill was truly aimed at studying the cause of ALL types of violence, it might be justified. But the States limited resources should be focused for now on the multitude of immediate problems we face. At a minimum, the funding provisions should be stripped from this bill.

Unregistered guns are already illegal in Hawaii (except for grandfathered examples), as are guns without serial numbers. Because 80% receivers are legal under Federal law, criminals will continue to obtain them despite the restrictions proposed by this bill.

If you have any questions I can be reached at mhoefer@hawaii.rr.com or

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My name is Cruz Call

I oppose of this bill. All firearms already need to be registered in the state of Hawaii. 80% receivers are not considered firearms by the ATF. This bill would greatly affect legal gun owners and there ability to purchase parts for already own firearms. Gun violence in the state is very minimal compared to all the other violent crimes being committed and shouldn't be singled out as so.

If you have any questions I can be reached at cruzcall@yahoo.com or

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My name is tom galli

I strongly oppose this bill and urge you to do the same. This measure will do nothing to enhance public safety or reduce crime; it will merely consume taxpayer resources while providing no tangible return.

If you have any questions I can be reached at tom1.galli@gmail.com or

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My name is Eric Hammond
Ghost Guns:

- 1) Requires “80%” receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.
- 2) The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm. That's the federal government, by the way.
- 3) Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.
- 4) Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.
- 5) Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.

Establishing a Gun Violence Commission:

- 1) This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment
- 2) Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.
- 3) Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

If you have any questions I can be reached at erikdagoldfish@yahoo.com or
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My name is Aaron Call

I oppose this bill.

If you have any questions I can be reached at aaronandrewcall@yahoo.com or

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My name is Ron Klapperich

I oppose both the combined bill. First, criminals are not using ghost guns in crime. This is an attempt to legislate crime without actually addressing the causes of crime. Second, the Gun Violence Commission is an attempt by anti-gun associations to get funding to derive conclusions that guns need to be outlawed. This provides funding to an UH department to create predetermined conclusions. Other reasons to oppose both include:

Ghost Guns:

Requires "80%" receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.

The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm

Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.;

Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.

Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed, not because the lower was created.

Establishing a Gun Violence Commission:

This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment

Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.

Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

If you have any questions I can be reached at rgklapp@yahoo.com or

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My name is Erik Castaldo

This bill serves no purpose as 80% receivers are not firearms according to the ATF and cannot function as a firearm until they are complete, in which case it is already required to serialize and register once completed.

Criminals are not using 80% receivers for crimes, theyre using stolen or unregistered firearms. Why would this be packaged with a gun violence comission? Do we even need one? We have low crime, and extremely low gun crime at that.

If you have any questions I can be reached at Erikcastaldo@yahoo.com or
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My name is Aloni Cuevas

I am in opposition of this bill. Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.

If you have any questions I can be reached at alonidcuevas@yahoo.com or

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My name is Troy Jones

I oppose of this bill. Law- abiding citizens should be capable of assembling a firearm the way they want. Not everyone has the ability and/or tools to do so. It would be much easier and quicker for a criminal to steal a firearm from somewhere and don't think they would go through all the trouble to make their own.

If you have any questions I can be reached at Trd_s45@hotmail.com or

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My name is Shelton Yamashiro
I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

- Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.
- Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.
- Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.
- This commission will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment
- Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.
- Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

If you have any questions I can be reached at shelton.yamashiro@gmail.com or
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My name is Christopher Caldwell

Aloha, I am Christopher Caldwell and strongly oppose HB2744 PSM, but for the fact that it appears to combined more than one bill. Why isn't this commission being created to focus on all crime, and not just the commission of those with a firearm, just what is the intent? 80% receivers; although I do see some of the reasoning, isn't already a crime to posses an unregistered firearm in Hawaii? Just what exactly is making it MORE illegal going to achieve? I see this measure as a door to even more violations of the second amendment in the future. I oppose HB2744 PSM. Mahalo.

If you have any questions I can be reached at ffking808@yahoo.com or

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My name is Anthony Barca
As a lifetime Hawaii resident and American citizen I strongly oppose this bill.

Guns used in crimes are often stolen, or have had the serial numbers removed. This bill does nothing to stop crime, and only serves to limit the freedom of the law abiding citizen.

A "Gun Violence Commission" will only serve to take away more of our gun rights. More attention should be paid to drug abuse, drunk driving, assault without guns, and suicide. All of which are statistically more deadly than firearms.

I believe our rights as Americans must not be infringed upon, and should be preserved for future generations.

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405 South Beretania St.

My name is Bradd Haitsuka

Copycat of existing laws. Law abiding citizens are already required to register firearms with police. Criminals do not follow laws.

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405 South Beretania St.

My name is Isaiah Daquioag

I oppose of this bill. Criminals don't follow the law and I'm sure they wont follow this one.

Why pass a law that affects law-abiding citizens the most? Gun violence isn't a big problem here in the state and shouldn't be singled out with this "Gun Violence Commission". Instead, we should concentrate on all of the violent crimes being committed in the state. Give the citizens a means of self-defense.

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405 South Beretania St.

My name is Sebastian Simon-ganti

I oppose of this bill. possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime. shouldn't have a gun violence commission when gun violence is low in the state, Should concentrate all violence that has been happening in the state.

If you have any questions I can be reached at ssimonganti@gmail.com or

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My name is Michael Harris

I would put forth my opposition to this bill. In all, it seems a dangerous and clear overreach, infringing upon Second Amendment rights in a fashion which has been debated at length in the past amidst higher-profile cases. Taking as example: Case 15-50759, Defense Distributed, et al., v. U.S. Dept. of State, et al., during which the right to personal manufacture of firearms was necessarily brought to the fore due to Federal attempts to restrict the ability for Cody Wilson and his company, Defense Distributed, to distribute the means by which 3d printed firearms could be created.

Highlights of this case might include the Madison Foundation's amicus brief in support of Mr. Wilson, detailing how the right to bear arms was necessarily premised upon the ability for any individual to create them, as the techniques for mass production of firearms, at that point, did not exist. Similarly, one might note that, though Mr. Wilson "lost" the initial case, after some years of languishing in appeals, the U.S. Department of Justice reached a settlement with Defense Distributed approving such documentation for the creation of firearms "for public release (i.e., unlimited distribution) in any form." Though this mainly impacted his initial grievance that the data itself had been censored unjustly, this would seem to have obvious extensions into the realm of the physical, as Defense Distributed had planned for this data to be used in extant Computer Assisted Design machines, and even went so far as to design such machines for this express purpose.

There is also to consider the fact that weapons thus created have a statistically near-nonexistent impact on crime. Take, for example, the U.S. Department of Justice's 2019 special report, "Source and Use of Firearms Involved in Crimes: Survey of Prison Inmates, 2016," wherein the sources of firearms used by criminals is categorized; homemade guns, herein, comprising such a statistically negligible presence that it is lost somewhere within the 6% of firearms categorized as having been sourced from "Other," the overwhelming majority having originated from "Off the street/underground market" (7).

Likewise, one might note that the right to construct one's own firearms for personal use without interference on behalf of the state is acknowledged quite plainly on the federal level, as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives acknowledges explicitly that, so long as it is for personal use, no license is required for such manufacture. Implicit in this is the fact that the federal government does not consider the parts-kits currently being sold to create personal firearms to be firearms; mainly because they require extensive machinery, time, and a modicum of skill to assemble—likewise, in most cases, such machinery cannot even be loaned from an extant business without said business having to register as a manufacturer of firearms.

To summarize, if the data on the creation of such firearms is not illegal, the machines requisite to create such firearms (even in their modern incarnation of the CAD machine) are not illegal, and the government, at a federal level, does not consider such components as are shipped to create such firearms to be firearms, thus exempting them from being regulated as such, it seems strange to ignore this clear precedent in its entirety. Likewise, it would seem to fly in the face of precedence to consider the manufacture of firearms for personal use to be felonious when the BATFE has firmly decided that this falls within the purview of our constitutional right to bear arms; a right that was enshrined during a period wherein personal manufacture of such arms by singular individuals at home was the only means of manufacture available. Finally, one could question what such a dangerous break from all precedence could hope to accomplish that would countenance such an egregious infringement of well-enshrined rights when, statistically, arms created through this method do not represent a statistically relevant portion of arms utilized during the perpetration of crimes.

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My name is Tom Nederend
I stand in opposition of this bill.
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My name is Jonathan Garcia

I oppose of this bill.

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My name is Julianna Parks

I stand in opposition of this bill.

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My name is Ed Au

Ghost Guns:

Requires “80%” receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.

The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm

Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.;

Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.

Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.

Establishing a Gun Violence Commission:

This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment

Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.

Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

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My name is Kawika Freitas

I oppose this bill. Criminals dont follow the law and the federal government does not not consider 80% receivers a firearm. We dont need a gun commission to come down on law abiding citizens. We need to inforce the laws we have and stop letting criminals off with a slap on the wrist. Hard labor in prisons to make it a deterrent.

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My name is Jerry Yuen

I strongly oppose HB 2744. This bill combines the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission, and makes it a class C felony to purchase, manufacture, or otherwise obtain firearm parts for the purpose of assembling a firearm having no serial number. Amends certain requirements relating to firearms registration.

This bill is blatantly biased against gun owners. Any Commission should focus on all crime and also report on the best practices for preventing crime. Armed defense with lethal and non-lethal weapons should be studied. 50,000 to 2,000,000 defensive use by firearms happen each year in the US, but it gets little publicity.

The ATF has already declared that 80% receivers are not firearms and therefore do not require serial numbers. It is already illegal to have a firearm without serial numbers. The wording is vague and does not differentiate between parts for repair and modification or parts to manufacture.

Jerry Yuen 808-388-0206

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My name is David Soon

Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

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My name is Kenneth Takeuchi

I oppose this bill because it is unnecessary and vague. The possession of an unregistered firearm in Hawaii is already a crime. Additionally, once a firearm receiver is fully functional, it needs to be serialized and registered under current law. You cannot regulate a piece of plastic or metal until it is functionally considered a firearm. Just because something looks like a functioning firearm, does not make it so. This law has the potential in its current form to make a citizen a felon simply by possessing a firearm barrel and a block of aluminum, and to me that is absolutely ridiculous.

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My name is Edward Call

I oppose this bill.

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My name is Jason Reiger

I oppose this bill.

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My name is Dan Goo
Ghost Guns:

Requires “80%” receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.
The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm
Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.;
Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.
Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.
Establishing a Gun Violence Commission:

This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment
Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.
Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

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My name is Judy Goo
Ghost Guns:

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My name is Sean Goo
Ghost Guns:

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My name is Elisha Goo
Ghost Guns:

Requires “80%” receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Call	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2943. It would severely affect law abiding citizens. It prevents us from legally building our own firearms. I would love to be able to assemble a firearm with my children when they are old enough. It would be a special memory and item to share with them. It would make their first firearm even more sentimental to them. A firearm (a lower receiver more than 80% complete) already needs to have a serial number and be registered with HPD so SB2943 solves nothing. The "ghost guns" we hear about being used in crimes are simply stolen firearms that criminals have removed the serial numbers off of. It's way easier for a criminal to just steal a firearm than to buy an 80% lower and all the parts/tools needed to make it operational. Not everyone has the skills or resources it takes to build a firearm.

HB-2744-HD-1

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josh	Individual	Oppose	No

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Austin White	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

OPPOSE

I urge you to vote **NO** on this Bill

The Bill as written would essentially ban every part for firearms repair or upgrade. Many firearms owners in Hawaii are competitive shooters and purchase parts for their firearms for competition use. Hunters would not be able to acquire replacement parts for their rifles. By banning these parts, they will be unable to repair or upgrade their legally possessed firearms. Parts affected by this ban would be, but are not inclusive of; bolts, upper receivers, slides, barrels, extractors, ejectors, trigger shoes, firing pins, sights, springs and so forth.

By making it illegal to purchase these parts, local firearms shops would lose the largest part of their business, which is accessory sales. This would result in lost tax revenue from lost sales and higher unemployment as shops lay off employees or cut their hours to account for the shortages in income.

This Bill does nothing to address the crime occurring in our streets. Most firearms are obtained illegally via theft or straw purchase. And in crimes where the firearm has no serial number, it was removed previously, which of itself is a criminal offense. Criminals would rather steal a firearm than go through the detailed and laborious process of manufacturing a firearm. It takes skills and tools to be able to manufacture a safe and reliable firearm. Law abiding citizens want to ensure that they are using something that will not hurt them or the ones around them. Federal law allows individuals to manufacture firearms for their own personal use. And in Hawaii, firearms are already required to be registered. This same requirement would hold true on self made firearms in the same manner as firearms brought in from out of state as stated in HRS 134-3.

Regarding a Gun Violence Committee, why are we not focusing on all crimes against our citizens instead of just focusing on one item?

- This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment
- Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.

- Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods

I urge you to OPPOSE this Bill

HB-2744-HD-1

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Lou Collazo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Stongly OPPOSE! Let's stop the nonsense! Stop trying to take away our rights to defend ourselves and our families.

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My name is Leigh Yanagisako

I am strongly opposed to HB2744 due to it's vague wording and intent. If this only applies to the receiver which accepts the ammunition (which by Federal definition is the firearm, no other part is a firearm), then the bill should word it as such. Currently the wording could apply to a spring, screw, trigger or a piece of wood to form a stock. Also if the intent is only for an unregistered firearm, how is it determined that you are NOT a felon for ordering a trigger, spring or screw for an already registered firearm.

This bill is ambiguous and will lead to many unintended consequences which will also affect the state and counties as it tries to order parts from manufacturers and dealers who are strong pro 2nd Amendment activists. An example is Magpul who left Colorado due to its recent anti-gun legislation and moved to a free state, Texas. They moved all their offices and manufacturing facilities out of CO which is loud statement of their commitment to protect the 2nd. In the past, the state with HPD input tried to ban the 50 BMG cal. However, the president of Barrett Firearms (the premier manufacturer to supply military, law enforcement) sent a letter to HPD advising them that they would no longer sell parts or service their Barrett rifles, which is why there's no ban.

I urge you to vote no on this bill.

Mahalo.

Leigh W Yanagisako

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My name is Don Ly

I oppose this bill.

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DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020
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405 South Beretania St.

My name is Alex Agbayani

I strongly oppose this bill.

If you have any questions I can be reached at aagbayani71@gmail.com or

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My name is Francis Corpuz

i oppose this bill. Criminals do not make their own guns that they use in crimes. It already is a crime to possess a firearm that is not serialized.

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My name is John Cavaco

Requires "80%" receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.

The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm

Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.;

Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.

Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.

Establishing a Gun Violence Commission:

This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment

Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.

Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods

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My name is Jeremy Van

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill. This Bill does nothing to address the crime occurring in Hawaii. Most firearms are obtained illegally via theft or straw purchase. Criminals would rather steal a firearm than go through the detailed and laborious process of manufacturing a firearm. It takes skills and tools to be able to manufacture a safe and reliable firearm. Federal law allows individuals to manufacture firearms for their own personal use. And in Hawaii, firearms are already required to be registered. This same requirement would hold true on self made firearms in the same manner as firearms brought in from out of state as stated in HRS 134-3.

The Bill as written would also ban every part for firearms repair or upgrade. Many firearms owners in Hawaii are competitive shooters and purchase parts for their firearms for competition use. Hunters would not be able to acquire replacement parts for their rifles. By banning these parts, they will be unable to repair or upgrade their legally possessed firearms. Parts affected by this ban would include but not limited; bolts, upper receivers, slides, barrels, extractors, ejectors, trigger shoes, firing pins, sights, springs and so forth. Some of these are high wear parts that require replacing from time to time. This bill is essentially a work around to an all out ban on firearms by not allowing replacement parts, so if something breaks, the firearm is useless.

Also, by making it illegal to purchase these parts, local firearms shops would lose the largest part of their business, which is accessory sales. This would result in lost tax revenue from lost sales and higher unemployment as shops lay off employees or cut their hours to account for the shortages in income.

To pass this Bill does nothing but place more burdensome restrictions on law abiding citizens who wish nothing more than to exercise their Constitutional right to keep and bear arms as set forth in both the United States and the Hawaii Constitutions

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My name is Alexandra Van

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My name is Austin White

OPPOSE

I urge you to vote NO on this Bill

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By making it illegal to purchase these parts, local firearms shops would lose the largest part of their business, which is accessory sales. This would result in lost tax revenue from lost sales and higher unemployment as shops lay off employees or cut their hours to account for the shortages in income.

This Bill does nothing to address the crime occurring in our streets. Most firearms are obtained illegally via theft or straw purchase. And in crimes where the firearm has no serial number, it was removed previously, which of itself is a criminal offense. Criminals would rather steal a firearm than go through the detailed and laborious process of manufacturing a firearm. It takes skills and tools to be able to manufacture a safe and reliable firearm. Law abiding citizens want to ensure that they are using something that will not hurt them or the ones around them. Federal law allows individuals to manufacture firearms for their own personal use. And in Hawaii, firearms are already required to be registered. This same requirement would hold true on self made firearms in the same manner as firearms brought in from out of state as stated in HRS 134-3.

Regarding a Gun Violence Committee, why are we not focusing on all crimes against our citizens instead of just focusing on one item?

This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment

Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used. Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods

I urge you to OPPOSE this Bill

If you have any questions I can be reached at austinowhite@gmail.com or

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My name is Ruben Quiroga

I oppose of this bill.

If you have any questions I can be reached at Rqu2012@yahoo.com or

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March 11 , 2020

TO: Chair Nishihara and Members of the PSM Committee

RE: HB2744 HD1 Relating to Gun Violence Prevention

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Support for hearing on March 12

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support HB 2744 HD1 as it would establish a commission on gun violence . We also like the draft that prohibits ghost guns.

The site everytownresearch indicates Hawaii has 48 gun deaths per year. Although this is low by national standards, it is still 48 more than we want. Every little effort made to reduce this is worth it if it saves even only one life.

Support democracy; support this bill.

John Bickel
President

HB-2744-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2020 6:13:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carla Allison	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB2744, to ban Ghost Guns (3D printable guns and do it yourself assembly of guns), and create a gun violence and violent crimes commission for the state.

The State should prohibit the purchase, manufacture, and acquisition of firearm parts for the purpose of assembling firearms having no serial number, as this evades important permit procedures and related background checks that are intended to protect the public prior to anyone acquiring a firearm. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. Printing 3D plastic guns and creating guns from component parts should be prohibited because, having no serial number, those firearms evade the permit and registration process, thus providing no protection for the public as to who can acquire such guns. Moreover, plastic guns are particularly dangerous because they cannot be detected by many existing security screening devices, thereby endangering us all when plastic firearms are brought onto airplanes and other places where firearms are prohibited.

The State has a strong interest in assuring that all firearms are subject to the same stringent requirements for registration, permit and background checks, based on a unique serial number that accurately identifies each firearm in the State. Any efforts to evade those requirements by private manufacture of firearms without serial numbers and without legal permit procedures, should be prohibited.

I also support the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission to coordinate research and policy recommendations to help reduce gun violence and violent crime in Hawaii.

HB-2744-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bo Masuyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

So we can't fix a broken gun with spare parts? This is like saying we won't sell car parts either and force us to go to dealers and pay more for a service most in Hawaii don't perform. Again, CRIMINALS GET PARTS ON THE BLACK MARKET. THEY DONT BUY FROM STORES. So the law again punishes the GOOD PEOPLE. A gun is a tool that breaks, part access is a freedom that owners need to keep their Second Amendment right available.

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HB-2744-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Tanouye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because its language is vague and overly broad as to what can subject a person to felony penalties. It is already illegal for a felon to possess any firearm whether it is home built or made by a licensed manufacturer. Also, instead of creating a commission to research gun violence, I feel the money would be better used in prosecuting existing criminals and not releasing them back out into the population. Thank you for your time.

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Philip T. Rapoza	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kerry Guillermo-Birchfield	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Yoshioka	Testifying for Glenwood PPS	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Sir,

I oppose HB 2744 because it's in fringing on the second amendment of the right to bear arms. Also the Bill is too vague and would even make it difficult to repair your own firearms or do custom work.

Thank You

Paul Yoshioka

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Submitted on: 3/12/2020 12:09:09 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/12/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Timothy Miyao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Legislature of the State of Hawaii,

I appreciate your time reviewing my testimony regarding HB 2744: Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission, Firearms, Ghost Guns; Registration.

HB 2744 raises concerns that this commission would be skewed against our Bill of Rights. According to statistics released by the State Attorney General (ag.hawaii.gov): 43.3% of murders, aggravated assault, and robberies were committed with strongarm weapons (defined as hands, feet, etc.). 26.0% were classified as "other", 19% with edged weapons, and at the very bottom 11.7% with firearms. According to this data: 88.3% of murders, aggravated assaults and robberies were non-firearm related. Why would the commission be called "Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission" instead of "Strongarm Weapons and Violent Crimes Commission"? Does this indicate that there would be a bias against firearms? What assurances could be made that this commission would be free of anti-gun bias?

Additionally, how many tax dollars would be appropriated toward a Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission? This bill indicates that, at a minimum, travel expenses would be paid for. As a taxpayer, this concerns me. The projected economic forecast for the State of Hawaii, impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, sounds bleak. With the inevitable increase in unemployment, due to the massive deficiency of tourism, one hopes that tax dollars would go toward assisting those in dire financial need.

I respectfully ask that you please oppose HB 2744. With the possibility of our state economy being on life support, impacted by the coronavirus, every nickel and dime matters. Many people are forecasted to lose their jobs and will be wondering how they will sustain. Please show compassion and ensure that our taxpayer dollars are not wasted on non-essential endeavors.

I appreciate your time and consideration, as well as your dedication to the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo and have a great day!

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My name is Matthew Ua
I oppose this bill because it directly limits my ability to protect my family.
If you have any questions I can be reached at matthewua@yahoo.com or
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My name is Joseph Flores

I strongly oppose this bill as it violates the people's second amendment rights. We should not be considered felons for having spare parts for our current firearms or for future firearm projects.

If you have any questions I can be reached at joebuddyallday@gmail.com or

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My name is matt S
I strongly oppose this Bill.

It violates the second amendment that you took an oath to uphold, criminals won't care about your law. It only penalizes already law abiding citizens and is nothing more than a feel-good bill.

The gun violence commission will not be unbiased in this state and is nothing more than a veiled attempt to limit future constitutional rights.

other violence such as drunk driving, drug abuse, abortions kill more people than guns. where are the violence commissions on these violent activities to reduce people killed by those activities?

If you have any questions I can be reached at matt96813@gmail.com or
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My name is Sandra Van

I strongly oppose this bill which combines 2 bills – Placing restrictions on “Ghost Guns” and establishing a gun violence commission. Here's why:

Ghost Guns:

1. Requires “80%” receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered; The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm
2. Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.;
3. Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.
4. Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.

Establishing a Gun Violence Commission:

1. This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment
2. Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.
3. Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

If you have any questions I can be reached at sandy@prpacific.com or

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My name is Davin Asato
I oppose HB2744.

Every gun in Hawaii is already required to be registered and having a unregistered firearm is already a crime. There is extreme redundancy in this bill and it is unnecessary.

Adding to this bill, the authorization of a gun violence commission, this commission has no clear definition of it duties and seems to be made to restrict gun rights even further and develop unconstitutional moves against law abiding citizens.

I oppose HB2744

If you have any questions I can be reached at davin.asato@gmail.com or
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My name is Scott Shimoda

I strongly oppose this bill. Possession of a firearm without a serial number is already a crime.
Enforce the laws that are already present instead of creating more laws that do not make sense.

If you have any questions I can be reached at scott_shimoda@hotmail.com or
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My name is William Hopkins
Dear Representatives,

I am writing to you to strongly oppose this bill.

80% receivers / frames are not considered firearms by the BATFE There is quite amount of work involved into making a functional reciever/frame

For Hawaii you do not need to register them. Once they are completed and stamped with your personalized markings like name, model, caliber, and your serial number, you then register it with the police department.

This was done in the past with no problems so I do not understand why this is the case now. As it is right now, the police department is making up their own rules by either not registering them or confiscating them.

- By BATFE rules- These receivers are for personal use and not to be sold.

Criminals use mostly stolen firearms and sometimes they take off the serial numbers which is already illegal.

As for the Gun Violence Commission? It will be biased from the beginning with anti rights groups taking aim at creating and further restricting the 2nd amendment in this state.

Please remember that you took a oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and of the Hawaii State Constitution with its Amendments too. Its not just the ones that you like.

Vote NO on this bill

William Hopkins

If you have any questions I can be reached at rachs@earthlink.net or
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My name is Jonathan Tetsutani

I am an active law enforcement officer and I strongly oppose this bill for the following reasons:

Requires “80%” receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.

The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm

Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.

Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.

Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.

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Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.

Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

If you have any questions I can be reached at jtetsutani@yahoo.com or

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My name is Chandler Rowe
STRONGLY OPPOSES THIS BILL

It is already illegal to not register firearms. This bill is incredibly poorly worded and could be potentially used to prosecute people who are legally ordering parts for weapons they legally own. It is not against the law to manufacture you own firearms, this could potentially effect gunsmiths who make parts for firearms legally.

If you have any questions I can be reached at singlefin90@yahoo.com or
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My name is Karl Kubo

I oppose this bill that only creates bigger government to tax Hawaii's tax payers even more. It only tracks gun crimes. What about stabbings, beatings and so on. Too biased. Further no one is suppose to have any firearms without a serial number in Hawaii already.

If you have any questions I can be reached at karlk@hawaii.rr.com or

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Sen Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Sen Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

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LOCATION: State Capitol
405 South Beretania St.

My name is Jeffrey Fujimoto
I Strongly Oppose HB2744.

This bill is poorly written but an uninformed, anti 2nd amendment GOOF. It will do nothing to stop crime or make anyone safer-as if that is an achievable goal in the first place. Ha!

Stop deluding yourselves and stop taking away our freedom.

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My name is Seth Addison
To whom it may concern,

I oppose HB2744 and I am asking you to also oppose. On top on infringing on the 2nd amendment rights of the citizens of Hawaii, the laws in place already make a unregistered firearm without a serial number illegal. In Orwellian "Newspeak" terms, HB2744 will make an unregistered, un-serialized firearm, "doubleplusungood". this extra redundant law will really get criminals to think twice about their actions, because I guess the first one did not do a single thing to stop them. I also believe that if there was an establishment of a commission, it should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used. Do we even have the money for a waste of tax funds for something like this? there have been unbiased studies and reports done continually like the FBI report our state could use for free.

I ask you again to please oppose HB2744.

Thank you,

Seth Addison

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My name is Grant Nagata
Members of the Public Safety Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of Bill HB2744. I understand that this bill and many like it is an attempt to curb violence. I also understand the thinking that taking away tools to commit violent acts such as with firearms, knives, bats, bricks, pipes, fists, elbows, etc., may seem like a good idea. However removing the tools is not the solution. The problem is not the tools but the lack of integrity, character, mentorship and the absence of strong values. I take 100% personal responsibility for making sure that these principles are a commonplace in my family and that we apply them. I think that if we all did this we would see violence of all kinds not just guns, but bullying, sexual assault, child abuse, verbal abuse, etc. be reduced. I believe this is where we should focus our resources and where we will get our greatest return, not in creating more gun legislation.

Respectfully,
Grant Nagata

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My name is Brandon Santiago

I, Brandon Santiago, oppose this bill. This bill is a violation of the second amendment, and is therefore, unconstitutional. First of all, the two parts of this bill, should be two separate bills. A deliberate spin on a bill to actually combine two bills into one, is not fair to law abiding citizens, and lawmakers should be ashamed for encouraging this type of behavior.

"Ghost guns"

The term ghost guns, is not a accurate depiction of a 80% receiver, and I find the term, derogatory. A 80% receiver, in its original state, is not a firearm, and would therefore, not need to be serialized and registered. The ATF, does not recognize any 80% receiver as a firearm. In the state of Hawaii, it is already against the law to have, in possession, a firearm not registered, without a serial number. All firearms are to have engraved serial numbers, and are to be registered with the state, in order to be deem, legally owned. Firearms used by criminals, are usually stolen and lack serial numbers, because the criminal destroyed the serial number.

Gun rights commission

This part of the bill, is to create a gun rights commission, that will be a hindrance and a direct infringement on to the second amendment. This commission would be a waste of resources, because this type of commission should be keeping tabs on all violent crimes, and not just crime involving firearms. More violent crimes and murders are being committed with fists, then there are with firearms.

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My name is Chris Redeker
Aloha,

I oppose this bill in its current form, I believe this bill should be split into two separate bills. I would not be fully against the commission you proposed for the gun violence and violent crimes commission but I would like to see it amended to include the most important asset's that you'll along with every other state have continuously failed to make use of the local gun shops who sell firearms in the first place. The gun shops are the central point in which guns make their way into the hands of the general public and where they also gain many of the accessories and components that go with them. Instead of just making laws and telling us gun dealers to follow them you should instead be working with us to better the state laws in ways that would make everyone safer. I would recommend adding a sub committee or a position for a representative for active federal firearms licensee's that do business within the state and wish to participate so that you could have the cumulative experience of every gun dealer in the state readily available to this commission.

The portion about ghost guns should be reworded to be any firearm receiver finished or not is to be registered, firearm registration is already required in Hawai'i and ghost guns are nothing more than unfished receivers how you have it currently written would prevent lawful firearm owners from being able to purchase components commonly used to modify their already registered firearms such as triggers and recoil springs "you have to compare firearms to cars in that they contain numerous parts that can be readily interchanged and only modify the drivers experience". I manage a gun shop and sell many of these components including registered receivers that do require a permit to acquire "we don't sell the ghost guns as you have referred to them because it is pointless since once it is finished it still needs to be registered under current Hawai'i law".

I humbly ask you consider these points and create a beneficial commission and more efficient laws to keep the populace of our state safe.

Mahalo,
Chris

If you have any questions I can be reached at chris@mauigun.com or
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My name is Eric Kim

I would like you to oppose this bill. I am currently in the process to register an 80% as I'm writing this. I am trying to build one because I want to learn how a gun functions, how to assemble it and take it apart. building 80% will teach people the safety of guns and how it functions. It's a great way for people like me to learn gun safety. It shouldn't be a crime to want to learn gun safety. I am a responsible gun owner and I am trying to follow the law but there's starting to become to many to follow and eventually people that try to follow the law will become criminals because a new law will be made that contradicts another please stop already.

If you have any questions I can be reached at ALOHASTATE.45@GMAIL.COM or

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My name is Brian Cabreira

I OPPOSE THIS BILL. I am a Father, Husband, Uncle, Veteran, NRA Firearms Instructor, NRA Life Member and I vote. AGAIN, STOP WASTING TAXPAYER DOLLARS. We should make a Traffic Fatality Prevention Commission. Criminals are not affected by gun laws. Only law abiding citizens are affected. STOP criminalizing innocent gun owners for the wrongs of others. Distracted driving is a HUGE killer of our teens in this nation. FOCUS ON THAT. AAA put out that 6 out of 10 teen crashes are due to distracted driving. Do we register cellphones from Walmart, "burner phones". Over 3,400 deaths from distracted driving, 2019. 27% under the age of 20.

This bill is a waste of time, money and effort. Focus on more important matters.

OPPOSE THIS BILL

The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm
Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.;
Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.
Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.

Establishing a Gun Violence Commission:

This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment
Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.
Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

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My name is Kelly LIM

I strongly oppose the creation of another layer of bureaucracy that will cost tax payers millions of dollars to fund; and a duplication of effort. I strongly oppose for the following reasons:

Ghost Guns:

Requires “80%” receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.
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My name is Louis Prescott II
I, Louis Prescott II, STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2744 for the following reasons:

Regarding the restriction of "Ghost Guns":

- 1) Requires "80%" receivers to be stamped with a serial number and registered.
- 2) The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm.
- 3) Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.
- 4) Every firearm is required to be registered and as such requires a serial number to be engraved into the receiver.
- 5) Criminals in the state of Hawaii have been found to be largely in the possession of stolen firearm when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.

Regarding the establishment of a Gun Violence Commission:

- 1) This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment.
- 2) Commissions should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.
- 3) Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.

I strongly urge you to oppose this bill. Mahalo

If you have any questions I can be reached at louisprescott2@gmail.com or
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LATE

My name is David Lock and am a active voter and am in strong opposition to HB1902, HB2736 and HB2744.

HB1902 limiting rifle magazines to 10 rounds will not curb gun violence and only punish law abiding gun owners with further unnecessary restrictions on legally owned firearms. Many firearms are factory supplied with magazines that hold more than 10 rounds.

HB2736 requiring proof of a firearms registration will only punish gun owners who own firearms obtained prior to mandatory registration. Criminals who already cannot legally possess ammunition do not buy ammunition from stores. They obtain it through theft or other illegal means.

HB2744 is a redundant bill. It is already the law that requires registration of firearms made from kits. This bill is so vague that it can restrict the purchasing common wear parts for legally owned firearms.

I have been mostly silent on prior gun legislation but now feel I must speak up. It seems every year law abiding gun owners need to fight for their rights if not the State will constantly make new gun laws that chip away legal ownership until the right is gone. Government should fight to uphold rights and not take them away. There are so many State and Federal laws already on the books to punish people who commit gun crimes and any further laws only punish law abiding gun owning citizens. Hold the criminal responsible for their crimes and not inanimate objects.

Thank you for your time.

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Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a Violation of the 2nd Amendment. The 2nd Amendment is the Law of the land or rights cannot be infringed upon. in plain English You do not have the right to take it away period .

You are in Violation of the peoples RIGHTS!!!



TO: Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
FROM: Everett Arthur, Everytown for Gun Safety
DATE/LOCATION: March 12, 2020; 1:30 P.M. Conference Room 229

LATE

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2744—RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Dear Chair Nishiara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

Gaps in the law that allow people to build their own guns using parts and kits that are widely available online, without a background check, make it easy for prohibited purchasers to evade gun laws and access firearms that cannot be traced by law enforcement. A strong ghost gun bill would create new state laws to regulate untraceable firearms in Hawaii, which is why **I am urging you to support HB 2774** and make it illegal to sell purchase or manufacture ghost gun parts and the unfinished receivers used to build them without serialization.

A comprehensive ghost gun bill will ensure Hawaii law regulates untraceable, undetectable, and dangerous firearms. Untraceable guns are increasingly used by illegal gun trafficking rings across the country. A 2015 bust of a ghost-gun trafficking ring in Long Island revealed ghost guns as the “new frontier of illegal firearms trafficking.”¹ In July 2018, the Los Angeles Police Department broke up a brazen trafficking enterprise in Los Angeles.² Individuals have been caught manufacturing and selling untraceable guns in locations across the country and passing this law in Hawaii will ensure the state remains at the forefront of the gun safety movement.

Additionally, establishing the gun violence and violent crimes commission would help shine light on the impact of firearms on public health and safety in Hawaii. Good research requires good data, and a key duty of this commission will be to identify relevant data that either 1) may be used to reduce gun violence and violent crimes or 2) identify areas in which relevant data is not available. Federal systems tracking gun violence are incomplete resulting in researchers lacking much of the

¹ Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York, “A.G. Schneiderman Announces Thirty-Two Count Indictment of Two Defendants Charged with Illegally Trafficking Untraceable ‘Ghost Guns,’” news release, September 21, 2015, <https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/ag-schneiderman-announes-thirty-two-count-indictment-two-defendants-charged-illegally>.

² Richard Winton, L.A. Gangs Stockpile Untraceable ‘Ghost Guns’ that Members Make Themselves, Los Angeles Times, July 6, 2018, <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-la-gangsters-homemade-guns-20180706-story.html>.



data needed to rigorously measure the causes and effects of gun violence. The passage of this law is a tangible way to ensure that gaps in Hawaii's ability to study gun violence are closed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today and the work you do to keep the people of Hawaii safe from gun violence. **I urge you to support HB 2744** and extend Hawaii's law to include the regulation of ghost guns and prioritize the creation of a gun violence and violent crimes commission in Hawaii.

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My name is Dwayne Lim

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