



**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 2744, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, PROPOSED S.D. 2, RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2020

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

TESTIFIER(S): **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.**

(For more information, contact Amy Murakami,
Deputy Attorney General, at 586-1200)

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) submits comments.

The purpose of this bill is to create a gun violence and violent crimes commission chaired by the Department and to amend firearm registration regulations to address ghost guns.

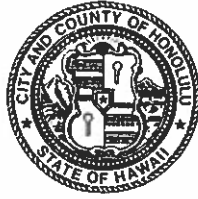
The commission is tasked with conducting research on gun violence and violent crimes. Conducting research requires resources that are not provided for in the bill. The commission is also authorized to pay the expenses of the commissioners. In order to achieve its purpose, the commission must be funded.

HB No. 2744, H.D. 1, Proposed S.D. 2, section 1, includes as members of the gun violence and violent crimes commission a “representative from a group that advocates for stricter gun safety laws” and a “representative from a firearm advocacy group.” Unlike the other members of the commission, these two representatives are not readily determined; therefore, an appointing authority for these two representatives should be included in the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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June 25, 2020

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2744, HD1, SD1, SD2 Proposed, 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, SD1, Proposed SD2, 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.

Sincerely,

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David P. Nilsen, Major
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:

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Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 3:02:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shirlene Ostrov	Testifying for Hawaii Republican Party	Oppose	No

Comments:

Senate Committee On Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Room 016
HEARING: Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 10:00 AM
RE: HB 2744 JDC

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee,

The Hawaii Republican Party(the HRP) OPPOSES HB 2744 "Relating to Gun Violence Prevention".

The State of Hawaii has one of the highest gun ownership rates in the nation, and also the lowest gun murder and gun crime rate.

Laws are for the law-abiding, and Hawaii's gun owners are demonstrably and overwhelmingly law-abiding, responsible citizens.

Decade after decade and Bill, after Bill the Legislature has heaped requirements - eroding, degrading, and infringing the Constitutional Rights of Hawaii's citizens.

At the 1978 Hawaii State Constitutional Convention, the drafters of our State Constitution reaffirmed the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, the Hawaii Republican Party agrees.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in "Young vs the State of Hawaii" opined that Hawaii's statutes "...eviscerated a core Second Amendment right...". The citizens of Hawaii should not have to make a habit of suing their Government to secure their fundamental rights.

Reviewing the Bill as written, the Hawaii Republican Party finds that two unrelated items have been combined under the guise of a single Bill.

The HRP encourages the honorable Committee to orient its efforts to securing rather than diminishing the rights of Hawaii's citizens.

Shirlene DelaCruz Ostrov

Chairman, Hawaii Republican Party

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 3:51:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Americans have been making their own firearms for centuries, a practice deeply rooted in our constitutional history and tradition. Our natural right to keep and bear arms, a right protected and guaranteed by the Second Amendment would be meaningless in practice unless the state afforded individuals the ability to exercise that right which includes making our own guns. While the production of firearms for sale is heavily regulated by federal law, it is still completely legal to make and own a homemade gun.

While federal law does not require the serialization or registering of these homemade firearms, Hawaii does have that requirement, the law is already on the books. Criminals will continue to obtain firearms illegally regardless of the restrictions or penalties placed before them. This law, like all gun control laws will only hurt the law-abiding citizen.

HB2744 also seeks to establish a commission on gun violence and violent crimes which will serve as nothing more than an "anti-gun think tank." In a false sense of fair play the legislation requires the commission to include "One representative from a firearm advocacy group" to be the lone voice of opposition against more than a dozen naturally anti-gun individuals.

Please vote no on HB2744

Sincerely,

Kainoa Kaku, President

Hawaii Rifle Association

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:41:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carolyn Pearl	Testifying for Moms Demand Action	Support	No

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 secure storage of their weapons.

Unfortunately, there are people who have found a way to circumvent those laws by assembling guns from parts that are purchased online without a background check or copying/printing parts without having the gun serialized. This allows people who might not otherwise be able to legally own a gun to possess these "ghost guns" that are untraceable. This is a loophole that desperately needs to be closed.

Please pass HB 2744, to prohibit obtaining or manufacturing these "ghost guns" without serializing them 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.

Mahalo!

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Senate Committee on Judiciary
Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

**RE: Testimony Opposing H.B. 2744 H.D. 1 S.D. 1,
Relating to Gun Violence Prevention**
Hearing: June 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.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 S.D. 1. **We support the proposed S.D. 2 that would remove that exemption.**

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 would exempt the new commission entirely from the Sunshine Law.

The Proposed S.D. 2 correctly recognizes that gun violence discussions should not be hidden from the general public. The Law Center strongly supports removing the Sunshine Law exemption as in the Proposed S.D. 2.

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

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June 23, 2020

The Honorable Karl Rhoads
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf our members in Hawaii, I would like to communicate our strong opposition to House Bill 2744 SD2 proposed (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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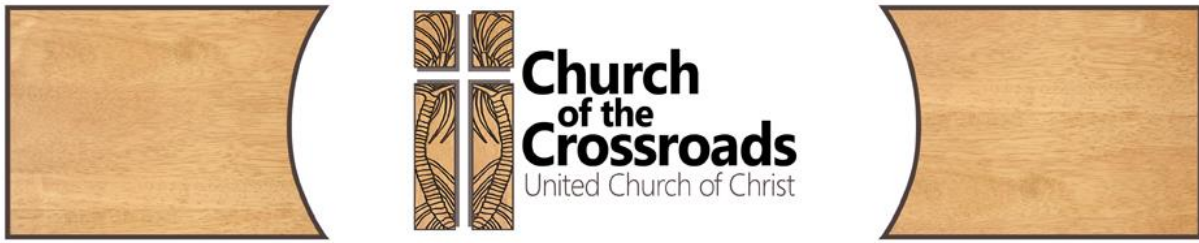
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For these reasons we urge your opposition to House Bill 2744.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Reid
Western Regional Director
NRA-ILA



A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation

Testimony of Church of the Crossroads IN SUPPORT OF HB 2744
To the Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hearing Date: June 25, 2020, 10:00am, Room 016

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
June 23, 2020



June 25, 2020

Sen. Karl Rhoads
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HB 2744 SD1

Sen. Rhoads and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists opposes HB 2744 SD1 but would support a proposed SD2.

That proposed version of the bill would remove the exemption of the gun violence commission from the Sunshine Law. Such commissions should not be exempt from public view.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Stirling Morita
President, Hawaii Chapter Society of Professional Journalists

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 8:30:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Miller	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association & Schofield Rod & Gun Club	Oppose	No

Comments:



Senate Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Room 016
HEARING: Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 10AM
RE: HB2744 HD1 Relating to Gun Violence Prevention

Aloha Members of the House Committees,

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition **OPPOSES HB2744 SD1** and **requests amendments**.

GHOST GUNS

The merging of HB1733 Relating to Firearms "Ghost Guns" into HB2744 is a violation of the Hawaii State Constitution Article III Section 14 "Each law shall embrace but one subject, which shall be expressed in its title."

The "ghost gun" restrictions are not necessary and further studies and statistics need to be provided to show that "ghost guns" are an actual threat. The definitions and procedures are vague (see attachment) and could make criminals out of those with grandfathered receivers and parts kits.

GUN VIOLENCE COMMISSION

HIFICO shares the belief that all violent crime needs to be reduced. However this bill is focused on "gun violence." Guns are the least used method in violent crimes in Hawaii. Per the AG Crime in Hawaii 2017 report, firearms were involved in 11.7% of violent crimes versus 19% for knives, 26% for other/unknown weapons, and 43% Strongarm weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc). This bill also does not address the positive uses of guns for self-defense. A 2013 Centers for Disease Control funded study stated that defensive gun uses were used 500,000 to 3,000,000 times annually.

Due to these two examples of bias, we believe that this commission's purpose is to propose laws which further burden the law abiding gun owner while being sidestepping the larger issue of all violent crime.

HIFICO **requests amendments** to this bill to remove the language "gun violence" throughout the bill so that this bill can focus on all types of criminal violence which will make a greater impact on safety in the community. An alternative is to include the term "self-defense uses of firearms" and "gun rights" to create a balanced committee to cover both sides of the issue.

Mahalo

Todd Yukutake
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Definitions are vague

Is this a receiver?



"Firearm receiver" means the part of a firearm that provides housing for the firearm's internal components, including a hammer, bolt, breechblock, action, or firing mechanism.



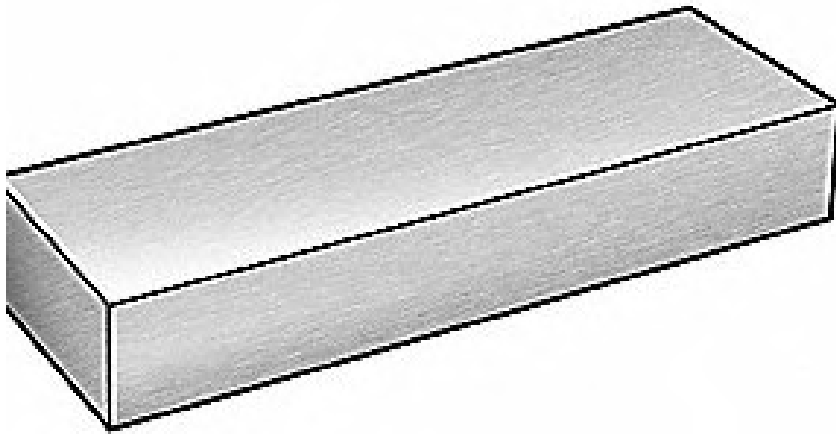
Or is this a receiver?

Or are they both receivers per the definition?

Do both need serial numbers?
(Upper receivers don't come with serial #'s
even in complete rifle purchases)

"Firearm receiver" includes any object or part that is not a firearm frame or receiver in finished form but that is designed or intended to be used for that purpose and may readily be made into a firearm frame or receiver through milling or other means."

Is this block of aluminum considered to be a receiver that needs a serial number and needs to be registered if you intend to mill it to make a firearm out of it later?



Does this resin need a serial number and to be registered if you intend to mold it into an AR15 receiver?



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Submitted on: 6/19/2020 7:29:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lou Collazo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is **Lou Collazo**, As a constituent, a retired Naval Officer, and law-abiding citizen, I strongly urge you to please oppose Senate Bills 2744, 1902, and 2292. I live in Ewa Beach and work at James Campbell High School as an NJROTC Senior Naval Science Instructor. I am a 1st and 2nd Amendment supporter, and I OPPOSE House Bills 2744, 1902, and 2292. Because as an American, the U.S. Constitution guarantees me certain basic rights, one being “the right to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” It is pretty much summed up in the preamble; “*We the People* of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

Again, please oppose House Bills 2744, 1902, and 2292. Thank you.

Very respectfully submitted,

Lou Collazo

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/19/2020 8:06:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

A. A commission to study gun violence, in a state with 2.5 gun deaths per 100,000, the lowest in the nation.

Sounds like we're going to be paying back some political favors with a "Job" that will require virtually no work.

B. Ghost guns, really? It's already illegal to be in possession of a firearm without a serial number or registration. This law is obviously intended to infringe on legal firearms owners rights by making it illegal to purchase parts for their firearms. The effect on crime and criminals will be non-existent.

C. Remember, many of you are going to be up for re-election, and MANY of your constituents are VERY UNHAPPY. They're out of work, unable to collect unemployment due mainly to YOUR failure to provide that department with sufficient funds. Many of them wished to purchase a firearm for protection "Just in case" and were unable to, due the myriad restrictions YOU have already placed on firearms acquisition. Combine that with a mostly absent actions regarding reigning in our governor as he violated peoples constitutional rights and his ongoing efforts to keep people out of work, and it's not looking too good for you.

Don't worry, we'll be all too happy to point out those that helped out on this bill.

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/19/2020 9:40:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Galli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill will do nothing to reduce violence. It will further restrict the Constitutionally-protected rights of law-abiding citizens to no good end.

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/20/2020 9:21:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

A commission without an agenda seems unlikely in Hawaii, and honest gun owners don't need an official anti-gun government body. Pairing the commission with ghost gun bans, which should be a Federal issue, not a State concern is simply a sneaky tactic to pass bad law.

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/20/2020 12:56:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I stand in strong opposition to this bill, as the way it is worded is so vague that it would criminalize possession of things like metal pipes or peices of wood, as well as legal spare parts for firearms, and also contradicts itself at times. Possession of a ghost gun (firearm without a serial number) is already illegal under current state law, laws that are barely upheld as it is when convicted felons walk around with enough stolen guns to warrent a minium of 25 years in prison just on one charge and are given 2 years probation instead.

HB-2744-SD-1

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Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because I believe it will not solve any current issues or problems. Hawaii is already known to have very restricted firearms laws and this will only restrict and create more burden for the legally abiding firearms owners.

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/20/2020 5:34:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to voice that I STRONGLY OPPOSE Bill HB2744. As for the prohibition of "ghost guns", un-registered firearms are already ILLEGAL in the state of Hawaii. This part of the bill is irrelevant and moot.

As for the establishment of a "Gun Violence Commission". Why are you focusing on guns? It seems very limited in scope. The 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. Are you going to start an additional commission for Baseball bat violence also? This is biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment.

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/21/2020 1:46:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Vilolation of the 2nd Amendment!!

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/21/2020 7:20:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because in Hawaii possession of an unserialized firearm is already a crime. This bill is vague and over reaching to include all kinds of firearms parts that are not considered firearms parts by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms. This bill is a clear infringement on the law abiding citizen's 2nd Amendment rights.

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Submitted on: 6/21/2020 4:23:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill, and feel it is unnecessary to existing HI laws.

Hawaii laws already require individuals to provide a serial number and register a firearm they are manufacturing/assembling when it is above a certain level of completeness (above 80%). Any individual who does not comply with this is breaking the law. Any criminal who completes a assembly/manufacture of a firearm without a serial number and registration is already breaking laws. If the would-be criminal intends to manufacture/assemble a firearm with the intent to not have a serial number or register obviously intends to not follow any existing laws.

This law provides no benefit to the state. It infringes on the right of law-abiding citizens who may want to assemble/manufacture their own firearms. And the law-abiding citizen would obtain the materials, and assemble/manufacture a firearm with the intent of providing a serial number and completing registration, in compliance with existing laws.

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Submitted on: 6/21/2020 11:51:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 10:29:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

This law will not prevent criminals from getting guns illegally. The cost of a "ghost gun" was given in testimony by HPD. He said about \$800 was spend to make one. The cost of a stolen gun off the black market starts at \$200. So why would a felon spend 4x the cost and effort to make a "ghost gun"? And if the felon doesn't make one, then they would have to buy it from someone who did which is a felony. And that person won't charge just the cost of parts. So that \$800 prices goes up even higher. The answer is felons won't make their own "ghost gun" majority of the time. So this law wil do nothing but prevent a law abiding citizen with no felonies from customizing their own firearm to their own specifications. Of which they serialize and register with HPD because ALL guns must be resigered with HPD.

ALso these "ghost guns" are not reliable. As seen in the lucky strike shooting, the gun jammed after the 1st shot. Compared to stolen firearms made by a manufactorer which doesn't jam as much and is far more reliable. So felon spends \$200 on a stolen gun that's more reliable or \$800+ on a custom made gun that is known to jam. What do you think they're going to do majority of the time?

Also the part of the commission. Great, lets spend more tax payer dollars on problems that don't exist. I'm sure the voters/tax payers will be happy at all those who support this bill.

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 1:14:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Please consider deferring HB2744 as the vague language of the bill could potentially criminalize gun owners who possess or wish to possess spare firearm parts for regular maintenance and/or immediate repairs during the course of competitive sport shooting and recreational shooting.

It is very costly and sometimes not feasible for firearm owners to send a complete firearm via mail to the manufacturer to replace small common replaceable parts whereas keeping spare parts for one's own repair is much more feasible.

The language of HB2744 could potentially make it impossible for gun owners to do maintenance to replace worn out or damaged parts such as a complete bolt assembly or the small pins that keep something vital to the operation of a firearm in place. This would be the equivalent of making it possibly illegal for a car owner to replace the oil filter in their vehicle for regular maintenance.

I request to defer HB2744 as the language is vague and does NOT take into consideration certain spare parts are purchased and kept for the sole purpose of firearm maintenance.

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 11:33:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kimo galon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB2744 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 is 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. The committee has not even reached out to any local Second Amendment groups to hear our side. Very discriminatory and corrupt actions.

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

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 3:14:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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.

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 prohib.

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.

Thank you

deborah nehmad

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 3:47:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this legislation. We need to address the gun problem in our State and Country!

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 4:08:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. This bill to regulate "ghost guns" is prevents our second amendment rights. There's no probably way to serial number every single firearm part and to track it, especially when many parts may not be mark by manufacturers themselves. The purpose of this bill is truly to oppress our rights to the second amendment.

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 5:22:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Instead of concentrating on fixing Hawaii's broken economy and getting us back on our feet, you in the legislature restart your gun grab.

We see in the mainland how the government utterly fail to protect and defend law abiding citizens, leaving thousands defenseless and at the mercy of the mob.

Could it happen here? Maybe, maybe not. I do not care to depend on our government to do what is right to protect my family. As it has been proven, time and time again, you fail the basic protection of lawful citizens, criminals released, economy destroyed, and safety of our children.

Of course you all are doing this behind sealed doors, and will only be allowing remote submitted testimony.

I submit in opposition to all these further infringement on our gun rights.

This is an election year, this will not be forgotten.

Thank you

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 4:38:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vivian Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We don't need "ghost guns" with no serial numbers. There are enough problems with guns WITH serial numbers. HB 2744 closes a loop hole that suddenly arises with the ability to print 3D objects. Thank you for protecting our community.

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 5:23:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Again you are wasting your time on legal gun owners and those register guns. Illegal gun use is our problem.

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 2:48:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
hugh jones	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 prohib.

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-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 7:38:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Every single gun needs to have a serial number to identify it...ban ghost guns. All phones have ID. All cars have ID. All of us people have ID; All guns should have it too.

It is common sense gun control. And nothing is being taken away from gun owners.

Mahalo.

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 7:39:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Catherine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need to fund studies of gun violence and violent crimes so that we can get to the root causes and address those. The weapons are a piece of the puzzle, but we are missing many other pieces that limit us from seeing the whole picture. In regards to ghost guns, it is frightening that criminals can make or obtain weapons like these that aid them in committing crimes that can escape detection and hinder law enforcement from finding and prosecuting criminals.

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 7:44:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

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.

Thank you for your consideration and mahalo for your service.

Richard Tillotson

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 8:45:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Theres already a law to purchase and register guns. This law will not stop criminals from getting guns. All their guns are illegal

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 9:03:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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.

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We 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 prohib.

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.

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 9:22:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
L.M. Holmes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 6:01:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phillip Wilson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Thank you for taking the time to review my testimony. I am concerned with how HB2744 will turn me, a law abiding citizen and contributing member of my community, into a felon for simply possessing spare parts for a firearm. Possessing an unserialized firearm is already a felony in Hawaii and the United States, so this bill is not only redundant but would do little to stop someone who is already determined to break the law by owning and unserialized and unregistered firearm. This bill, if passed, would only lead to lawsuits against the states; lawsuits that would most likely not go in the state's favor. All this bill would accomplish is to further drain the state's resources and add to an already staggering \$2.3 billion budget shortfall. It is also very troubling that you and your fellow legislators would choose to concentrate your efforts on bills that would further restrict the 2nd Amendment at a time when Hawaii's economy and families are struggling greatly. I look forward to this upcoming election season and having an opportunity to ask each one of you some tough questions on why you choose to spend your finite time tackling a non-existent gun problem in Hawaii instead of bring jobs back and helping Hawaii families put food on the table. I am always available to answer questions or to offer assistance in finding ways to reduce crime; just like I am always available to donate my time and money towards lawsuits that I feel make my family and community safer. Thank you again for your time

Phil Wilson

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 7:22:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danielle Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please vote no on HB2744.

Ghost guns are already illegal insofar that once they are assembled past 80% production, they must be registered. There is no evidence that self-assembled guns are a statistical addition to the gun crimes that registration in Hawaii is already not successfully preventing.

Spending resources on a new commission is tone-deaf in a time when Hawaii is suffering an economic crisis and its residents are having trouble getting unemployment.

Please vote no on HB2744

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 7:31:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This Legislation fails to recognize that prohibited persons already cannot lawfully possess any firearm, whether home built or produced by a licensed manufacturer. Additionally, the bill uses your tax dollars to create a commission to research “gun violence.” While the NRA does not oppose objective research, this bill is likely to produce biased advocacy instead of sound science.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 7:58:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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.

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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 prohib.

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.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 8:47:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:01:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill. The creation of more bureacracy to do more research is useless and a waste of time. Everybody knows what the problems are, the solutions being education and enforcement of laws already on the books. "Ghost" guns are increasing exponentially due to the cumbersome procedures involved to legally obtain a firearm. It's easier to just build your own, why bother with the permitting/registration process?

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:06:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
GENER MACARAEG	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Please oppose. It will not deter criminals from what doing what they do. Hawaii already has one of the strictest gun laws and registration in the Country. Criminals do not follow laws. Thank you!

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:10:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This attempt at circumventing our Constitution is just that, an attack of the freedoms that make America special and needs to be recognized as such.

There is no legitimate need for this bill except for those who think they live in a utopian society where everyone gets all the protection they need from the government.

As recent events have shown and you can watch every day on the news, there is a clear and convincing need for the Second Amendment. When the police abandon their own stations due to riots, the average American is left to fend for themselves and is exactly why the handcuffing American's abilities to defend themselves is something you should be ashamed of. This can happen in Hawaii too as evidenced by large protest groups defying laws that prohibit large gatherings.

The misguided logic that it will stop crimes is just that, misguided. Criminals do not make their guns, they simply buy stolen ones since that is so much easier and faster so this law does nothing except infringe on the rights of lawabiding citizens.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:11:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Enough anti 2nd amendment laws.

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:17:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clayton McGhan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this measure. If a citizen decides to change a barrel or add an updated grip to their firearm or make any little change with parts that can be purchased or , they are class C felons. This is ridiculous. The language is so vague and broad it puts many at risk of breaking the law unknowingly.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:27:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It places severe restrictions on certain firearm parts in an effort to ban home built 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. Additionally, the bill uses my tax dollars to create a commission to research "gun violence." While the NRA does not oppose objective research, this bill is likely to produce biased advocacy instead of sound science.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:36:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Jason Naha

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:40:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it is extremely vague as to the procedure for those individuals wishing to exercise their rights under the National Firearms Act of 1934. The permitting/registration procedures are not well thought out and extremely hypocritical. It also would make owning replacement parts and other accessories necessary for the safe upkeep of a persons firearm illegal. This bill is very poorly written and ambiguous. As such, I strongly oppose this measure. Thank you.

Devin Sasai

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:44:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samuel K. Lelewi	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I oppose this proposition as it inhibits our second amendment rights. Creating these propositions create more hardships for people that are already following the rules and do nothing to stop criminals who are already breaking the law. All gun laws are an infringement to the second amendment, and I hope you choose to uphold your sworn duties to protect the constitution of the United States.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:55:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Keith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB2744, to ban Ghost Guns (3D printable guns and do it yourself assembly of

The State should prohibit the purchase, manufacture, and acquisition of firearm parts for the purpose of a background checks that are intended to protect the public prior to anyone acquiring a firearm. "Ghost gun number, or permit. Printing 3D plastic guns and creating guns from component parts should be prohibited providing no protection for the public as to who can acquire such guns. Moreover, plastic guns are particularly endangering us all when plastic firearms are brought onto airplanes and other places where firearms are p

The State has a strong interest in assuring that all firearms are subject to the same stringent requirements identifies each firearm in the State. Any efforts to evade those requirements by private manufacture of fir

I also support the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission to coordinate research and policy recon

Clearly, guns are not the answer to a safe & peaceful society.

Mahalo!

Andrew Keith

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:56:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robin Hart	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Attention:

This so-called "ghost gun" situation is out of control. Our laws need to at least try and keep up with those who would be assembling and selling these untraceable, do-it-yourself killing weaponry.

Yes, it's probably going to happen anyway(like all crime), but let's get it on the books that these tools of death are illegal. Period.

If we want Hawaii to remain Hawaii, and not become like the cesspool that is the mainland, we must legislate against the worst elements who would deal out death without impedence.

I support HB2744. Ghost guns must be illegal.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:58:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 10:01:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Babcock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 10:08:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	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. Also I am opposed to the use of my tax dollars to be used to make create a biased commission to pad your numbers on gun crimes. Why spend the money to do this when you can go to the FBI yearly databases for free and download all of the gun crime stats in the US. Talk about a waste of money when we are in financial hardships caused by the coronavirus. You people should be ashamed of yourselves for wasting our tax dollars on your pet projects.

Brandon Leong

Hawaii Rifle Association Board Member

Lessons In Firearms Education Board Member

Certified NRA Firearms Instructor

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:05:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to HB2744 SD1 for the simple reason that possessing a firearm without a serial number is already illegal and anyone caught with such a firearm would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. If the Legislature were to simply increase the penalty for possion of a firearm without a serial number, I strongly believe no one would oppose such a measure.

Again I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2744 SD1 as written and ask that you vote NO.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:24:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Douglas C. Moose	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

If the current law enforcement and judicial committees and system enforced existing laws properly, there would be no need to solve "gun and violent crimes" in Hawaii. To my knowledge, gun crimes are a very small proportion of crimes here. Focus resources on the real crimes: drug, theft and domestic assaults. We don't have the funds for another commission. Government is already tasked to address this issue.

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 12:13:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input regarding this issue. I would like you to vote against this proposal. Once again another proposal with regards to firearms that duplicates already existing statutes. As you are aware prohibited persons already cannot lawfully possess any firearm, whether home built or produced by a licensed manufacturer. Therefore making it illegal again does nothing but criminalize lawful citizens from the exercise of their Constitutional right.

From the AFT's website:

Does an individual need a license to make a firearm for personal use?

No, a license is not required to make a firearm solely for personal use. However, a license is required to manufacture firearms for sale or distribution. The law prohibits a person from assembling a non-sporting semiautomatic rifle or shotgun from 10 or more imported parts, as well as firearms that cannot be detected by metal detectors or x-ray machines. In addition, the making of an NFA firearm requires a tax payment and advance approval by ATF. [18 U.S.C. 922(o), (p) and (r); 26 U.S.C. 5822; 27 CFR 478.39, 479.62 and 479.105]

This proposal creates a barrier to those who may desire to modify or upgrade a firearm as part of a hobby. For instance a shotgun for which the law abiding citizen may desire a shorter barrel 18.5-20" for home defense or boar and 24-28" for bird or skeet. Attempting to write in every exception would be laborious and require endless revision for the newest "so what," making the easy way is "to ban it all." Completely unimaginative thinking designed to serve a personal agenda versus preserving citizens rights under our United States Constitution.

Under federal law I am allowed to make a firearm for personal use. Under State law I am required to register that firearm. Therefore what is the point of this proposal? If as a law abiding citizen I choose to build my own firearm, I am obligated to register it or face sanctions. I have to choose to not follow the existing laws. Does our legislature so distrust the citizens of Hawaii to believe we will not follow existing laws? Again and again this body is proposing laws to criminalize otherwise legal behavior out of concern that criminals will not follow the existing laws. Please understand criminals are generally criminals because, they do not follow the law.

As you are aware Hawaii has the lowest gun violence rates in the nation. Gun violence is more of an anomaly than a norm. This body is proposing a Commission to study gun violence. So a commission to study anomalies? I would understand a Gun Violence Commission somewhere like Chicago where there are even stricter gun control laws than Hawaii, but last weekend over one hundred people shot and nineteen killed. I am sure this commission will be free as well, if not I ask the legislature pay for it out of your salaries (of course without raising your own salaries). If this is such a necessary boon to the people of Hawaii I challenge you to pay for it with your funds to show us it works before expend public treasure when we suffer from a shut down economy and likely several years of economic impact from the decisions in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Please spend your time providing leadership to get Hawaii back to work, diversify our economy, lower our tax burden to make our home a more affordable place to live. Stop making laws to show action, comb through the myriad of duplicative statutes and streamline them to make Hawaii better. I urge you to vote against this proposal. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 12:31:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I stand in strong opposition of this bill.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 1:01:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kawika Freitas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

What a waste, criminals already cant own a gun period! Maiking more laws to go after 2a members wont do any good. Of all the things going on i dont see how this is so important that you guys are trying to push this thru. Same on you.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 1:19:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Walker Kowen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am strongly in favor of HB 2744 and support the banning of Ghost Guns. I am an attorney and familiar with the history of the writing of the Second Amendment, which simply states: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Every State in the Union, and the Federal government, has some sort of limitation on the purchase or use of guns. Allowing Ghost Guns, homemade and unregistered and subject to no limitation whatsoever, flies in the face of even the most basic requirements applied to gun ownership. Certainly the Framers had no expectation of 3-D printers and such devices that would allow children as well as adults to make weapons or to sell them to other children or adults, stable or otherwise. Moreover, allowing Ghost Guns would make a mockery of 250+ years of laws and regulations regarding gun manufacture, sale and ownership, mooted all such legislative and governmental efforts. Ghost Guns should be banned and HB 2744 should pass.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 1:44:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amelia Jose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 2:30:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sean Mattimoe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a father, Veteran, and your constituent, I ask you to please oppose HB 2744 HD1 SD1.

This bill violates my Second Amendment rights. It imposes burdensome regulations on being able to do something simple like shop online to purchase parts (parts are not guns) for law-abiding citizens while providing no benefit to public safety. This bill encroaches on my freedoms!

The language is vague and overly broad as to what can subject a person to felony penalties. Laws like this need to be detailed and specific so citizens know what is legal and what is not. This bill fails to recognize that prohibited persons already cannot lawfully possess any firearm, whether home built or produced by a licensed manufacturer. Additionally, the bill uses our tax dollars to create a commission to research "gun violence." How can we be certain that our tax dollars will be used to produce sound, objective research vs biased advocacy, especially in a state where gun violence is already low.

Again, I ask that you please oppose House Bill 2744.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 2:32:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it is further restricts our second amendment rights as American citizens. This bill only seeks to make it more difficult for the legal, law abiding citizens of Hawaii to maintain their 2nd amendment rights. By disallowing access to these parts and restricting guns rights even further, the state of Hawaii would be in direct violation of its own constitution as well as the US constitution, and shows blatant disregard for the freedom of the people here.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 3:31:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christian R Grado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose all further restrictions of our 2nd Amendment rights.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 4:52:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 5:06:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cyrus chun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this proposed bill because it places severe restrictions on certain firearm parts in an effort to ban home built firearms. These firearm parts are integral to the repair and maintenance of firearms that are legally owned by the public. Thus the language is vague and overly broad that can subject legal gun owners to felony penalties for owning gun parts. Furthermore, the bill fails to recognize and address that prohibited persons, i.e. criminals, who are already cannot lawfully possess a firearm whether home built or produced by a licensed manufacturer. Home-built firearm, once built, are already required to be registered by this State with HPD. Therefore this is a redundant requirement. Additionally the bill uses our taxpayer dollars to create a commission to research "gun violence". This part of the proposed bill will produce bias advocacy instead of sound science. The Federal CDC already tracks gun violence at the Federal level. We do not need another taxpayer funded commission at the State level. This redundancy is not required.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 6:07:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benjamin Joseph Candari	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

These bills are anti-freedom, a waste of taxpayer money, and dangerously restrict the ability of good law abiding people to protect themselves and families.

Thank you for considering my opinion on these bills.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 6:48:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

oppose

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 7:40:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chad Dias	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 7:05:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lyle Hromoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 8:11:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 8:56:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please 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 mind-numbing video games, than creating something with tools and their own hands in a shop.

Please oppose HB2744.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:25:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hawaii has some of the lowest rates of violence in that nation, gun or otherwise. HPD is understaffed, the states budget is in shambles, and it's citizens livelyhoods are in ruins and this is the bill you think you should pass and be funded by my tax dollars? You should be ashamed of yourself.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 8:32:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelvin N Asahina, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We do not need to spend more tax dollars to research violence and need to spend it on mental health services. Firearms are not a problem here. In Hawaii we are an outlier regarding the rate of gun ownership to death from firearms when compared to all the other States. A simple Google search shows that though we have fairly high gun ownership numbers, we do not have anywhere near the rate of firearms deaths that other states have. Focus your efforts on caring for the people's needs and well being instead of taking away our rights.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:31:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Herbert Nishii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB2744 HD1 SD1

This Bill is UN-Safe! I will not be able to Properly Maintain my Firearm.

This Bill as written will not allow me to repair or replace mechanisms - within my firearm, to keep it operating at a high level.

As written - this Bill is vague and would ban any aftermarket part that is not serialized - how do you serialize a 1/8" spring?

Hawaii already has Laws regarding unserialized firearms - enforce the present law first - before creating duplication.

You can create a tool - that can fire a bullet with household items - bought at a hardware store - this bill should then ban those household items - Where does it end?

I oppose HB2744 HD1 SD1

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 10:32:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Betsey Strauss	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Betsey Strauss and I'm writing in support of HB2744, relating to Gun Violence Protection. With the high amount of gun related violence in our country, it is imperative that we continue to have common sense gun laws to keep Hawaii safe. HB2744 would help to prevent more firearms from being produced illegally thereby lowering the risk of gun related injuries or deaths. I am a mother of four and protecting my children and our community from further threats of gun violence is extremely important to me. Please vote yes for HB2744.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:03:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Grant Nagata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Distinguished members of the Committee on Judiciary,

I'm writing in opposition of Bill HB2744. I understand that this bill and many like it is an attempt to curb violence and the thought of creating a commission may help us have a better grasp on it. 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 and the absence of values. I think we need to shift our focus and resources into establishing stronger families and value systems. As a father of three boys, I know that every day is a fight. It's a fight for territory in the hearts and minds of my children; to be the main influencer in their lives and not some character on TV or personality on YouTube. It is our responsibility to help our children grow into maturity, develop character, work through conflict, build good self-images, learn to seek perspective, etc.

I think that by focusing on families and value systems we would see violence of all kinds not just guns, but bullying, sexual assault, child abuse, verbal abuse, etc. be reduced.

Respectfully,

Grant Nagata

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:10:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
oyate mcghan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill!!!

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:35:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fel Sepada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose **HB 2744 HD1 SD1** in its entirety as it violates our constitutional rights. I will be utilizing my voting power to voice my dismay and inform anyone and everyone that I can regarding this bill.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 12:05:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Gunsmithing is not a crime nor is building your own firearm.

I do not agree with the state using my tax dollars to research "gun violence".

"Gun violence" is a made up term, people commit violence. A drunk driver kills people, the car does not.

Thank you,

Ron Knopp

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 12:47:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

These same parts can be used to upgrade or repair firearms they already legally own.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 5:41:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sue Hornik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support passage of HB2744 HD1 SD1. The State should prohibit the purchase, manufacture, and acquisition of firearm parts for the purpose of assembling untraceable firearms. These so-called ghost guns are being purposefully built to evade our strong gun safety 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. Further, since ghost guns have no identification numbers, they can't be traced, which is a nightmare for law enforcement and for our safety.

It's only commonsense to have all firearms subject to the same community-protection regulations. Efforts to evade those safety measures by private individuals are unconscionable and dangerous.

It's imperative that the legislature act urgently on this issue now, before 3D printers are used even more widely and untraceable firearms fall into the hands of more violent criminals and gangs.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 5:35:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin J. Cole	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am opposed to HB 2744. This is nothing but window dressing to solve a non-existent problem. This bill would make it illegal for a person to modify a firearm for target shooting by such simple things like installing an after-market trigger. How about someone who restores antiques? If they rebuild a 100 year old rifle with a slew of different parts, is that now a crime?

As for a committee to study gun violence, the FBI and CDC has such groups and to do so at the state level is a waste of time and money. It is a solution looking for a problem.

This bill is fraught with potential issues and the state has no business imposing such a burden on citizens.

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Kevin J. Cole, Col USAF Ret.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 6:17:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hawaii already has some of the most repressive gun laws in the America and makes it difficult for law abiding tax paying citizens to own guns and celebrate their 2nd amendment rights. Rather than punish law abiding citizens why not try making penalties for using guns in crimes or penalties for criminals who possess firearms more strict? If you like apple pie but I ban apple pie for all citizens because a criminal is allergic to apple pie and may die if they eat it would be similar to what this bill is trying to do. If you do research you will see that states with strict gun laws have to highest crime rate with guns. You are only making it difficult for good people to protect themselves by making laws that penalize them. I am ready to leave hawaii and take my multi million dollar company with me and the taxes I pay as well.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 6:20:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Shimabukuro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against passage of HB2744 because it places severe restrictions on certain firearms; is vague and broad in what kind of penalties to which it would subject a violator, while failing to recognize that certain individuals cannot possess firearms already.

I am also opposed to using taxpayer funds to research "gun violence."

Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 7:00:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordon Fowler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Stongly oppose all aspects of this bill.

Does nothing but further erode our enumerated right to keep and bear arms and will do nothing to reduce crime or keep firearms form the hand of criminals.

Will only affect law abiding folks.

STRONGLY OPPOSE, please vote against

Aloha

Gordy Fowler

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 7:00:41 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB2744 HD1 SD1.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 7:11:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Allegra Giacchino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of HB 2744 SD2 making it a felony to obtain firearm parts for the purpose of assembling a firearm with no serial number, as well as establishing the Gun violence and Violent Crimes Commission.

As a Hawaii resident, mother, and social worker, I am deeply concerned about gun violence in our communities, and the terrorizing toll this public health problem has taken. Common sense bills such as this can save lives. Please pass HB 2744.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 7:52:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Testimony of Ellen Godbey Carson IN SUPPORT OF HB 2744
To the Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hearing Date: June 26, 2020, 10:00am, Room 016

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
June 25, 2020

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 8:08:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

House Bill 2744 places severe restrictions on certain firearm parts in an effort to ban home-built 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.

This legislation will serve only to restrict the freedoms of law abiding gun owners and will have no effect on crime. I oppose this legislation in the strongest possible terms.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 8:17:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 8:33:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bruce Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill not only to begin to control unregistered firearms but also to eliminate firearms that are likely to be unsafe for the user.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 8:37:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I believe that this bill is but another attempt to restrict the gun rights guaranteed to all citizens under the 2nd Amendment to the U.S Constitution. It will affect the ability for legal, law-abiding citizens to exercise those rights. If I wanted to modify my firearm to improve its performance, why should it be a crime to do so? There is no proof of criminal intent on my (or other's) part involving that action so why are you trying to legislate it to become a crime?

This bill would also adversely affect the members of our community who own and operate gun stores and gun ranges in that it would impact the way in which they do and could conduct their businesses.

I would also like to add that the fact that these bills are being heard during the Covid-19 lockdown without the general public being informed is akin to backroom deals done under the cover of darkness, denying the public our right to know of, be involved in, and voice our dissent or assent to legislation that affects our lives and possibly our livelihoods.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 9:06:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Commitee on Judiciary

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chairank you for

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

My name is Terence Lee. I am a resident of Kaneohe. I am in support of this measure to ban ghost guns. I think this is common sense for the protection of residents and property. Hawaii already has a problem with undocumented firearms.

Mahalo,

Terence Lee

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 9:21:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barry Aoki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please OPPOSE

There are already laws that cover the so called "ghost guns" locally and federally.

This bill may classify my replacement parts as illegal firearms when they are not.

The firearm, registered part, is the receiver that can accept parts to complete a firearm.
The unfinished parts are not firearms.

Please OPPOSE

Barry Aoki

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 9:50:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I want to register my support for HB2744, banning "Ghost Guns" (3D printable guns and do-it-yourself assembly of guns) and creating a state gun violence and violent crimes commission.

"Ghost guns" circumvent important permit procedures and background checks; they have no registration, serial number, or permit and thus cannot be traced. Furthermore, 3D plastic guns can't be detected by most security screening devices. Common sense calls for your support for HB2744.

Respectfully,

Mark Wilson

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 9:50:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brent Hamasaki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Doesn't Hawaii Revised Statutes 134-7 already cover this? Is it not already illegal for someone who has been convicted or otherwise deemed prohibited from owning a firearm (self-manufactured or by a licensed manufacturer)? Have you not read the HRS 134-7? It seems to be a waste of my taxpayer's money to have this Bill be proposed for something that is already in effect as a State Law. We do not need redundant-copy-cat-feel-good-like-I-did-something law(s) that do not reduce crime or incarcerate criminals.

And as for a "research committee" for Gun Violence..I have yet to see ANY effective "committee" here in Hawaii that did not promote an agenda. I have yet to see any qualifications or requirements for the committee personnel to be in possession of. There are already multiple surveys, research, and analytics available for public use and viewing on the same issue from multiple biased and unbiased research firms. Why does the State need to do a redundant-copy-cat-feel-good-like-I-did-something Bill for information that is already readily available? It does not. Put that money in to the budget of the Police Departments statewide instead of into the "research committee's" pockets. Increase Police Staff and Training budgets instead.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 10:15:19 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 10:28:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David K. Jones	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This law comes at a time when our representatives (you!) stand by as the defunding of police departments is being called for and inmates are being released to "protect" them from CoViD. This, combined with panic buying driving up firearm prices, makes it even more difficult for the financially disadvantaged to protect themselves. Furthermore, what's to stop an misguided prosecutor from deciding that commonly used spare parts constitutes my intention to build a so-called ghost gun? Hawaii is safe because of our people, not our laws. Other Democrat-held cities like Chicago and Minneapolis are notorious for both their strict laws and high violent crime rates. Putting more power in the hands of government is not the answer.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 10:33:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill and I am sure others can articulate better than me why.

LATE

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 10:17:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Shaheen Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 11:20:43 AM
Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Thank you for reading my testimony in support of HB2744 as it is moving forward. It seems fairly straight forward that for the safety of our police force and our citizens that we would NOT want "ghost guns" to be built as a weapon so that any citizen could possess a gun with no serial number. Other states have recently passed similar bills into law and I hope that the State of Hawaii will do likewise. I also support the establishment of the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission included in this bill.

Mahalo----Janie Bryan

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 11:49:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Miki Jones	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

This shows you have no real world knowledge or maybe you do and there is a bigger plan you are trying to achieve which makes me want to fight hard for my rights. This also shows that you care about the criminals more than you care about law abiding citizens who you are to serve and protect. But with your handling of releasing criminals during a pandemic and criminals clearly repeatedly committing crimes after being released doesn't make me feel safe. I feel so scared to walk outside on my own because of fear that petite me would get robbed or mugged or harm would come to me and my baby. I still feel scared because of your arrogance and disconnect to the common law abiding citizen and our safety.

I am not confident that you are here to protect the law abiding citizens because Democrat states are pushing to control how we exercise our 2nd Amendment rights and rights in general, Democrats want to defund the police (I think Hawaii needs to get away from a commission and have the people vote for our police), you released all kinds of criminals and favored them during the pandemic and crime went up, and picking and choosing how we gather during this pandemic.

Why your bill will not work on criminals because they DO NOT follow any gun laws and any laws. It will only affect law abiding citizens. Why your bill is terrible:

- 1) Criminals DO NOT follow current gun laws or any laws.
- 2) There is no such thing as a ghost gun.
- 3) This bill is 110% unconstitutional.
- 4) Once such builds are complete we have to register and have a serial number for the builds we complete and take it to HPD.
- 5) You actually need the right and specific tools to build these builds and it requires expertise knowledge on building them. It takes time and lots of knowledge which most criminals won't bother with because it is much easier to get a completed manufactured firearm than it is to take time to build one.

Criminals will find a way to break the laws. Stop trying to control and hurt law abiding citizens and start holding the bad and violent criminals who DO NOT follow the laws ACCOUNTABLE.

6) You are attacking the lower and poor class or those who cannot afford to buy a firearm whatever firearm is left during any time of uncertainty. Sometimes certain firearms are expensive to buy and these provide law abiding citizens a way to purchase and build such builds during a time of civil unrest and crazy unprecedented times such as this pandemic. Especially, when the only firearms left cost so much to buy because of high demand and it is already expensive to live here in Hawaii. Every citizen should have the right to purchase a firearm to protect their life, family, and property regardless of they are middle class or poor lower class.

This bill and every other bills you are trying to pass and have passed are 110% unconstitutional. Criminals do not follow current gun laws or any laws. A ban on manufacturing a firearm is unconstitutional. A ban on the parts to manufacture a firearm is unconstitutional.

I strongly oppose this bill and all bills you place before us.

LATE

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 12:25:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqueline Lee	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 prohib.

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.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 12:29:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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.

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 prohib.

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.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 12:52:33 PM
Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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. Folding in the ghost gun legislation to this bill is a ploy to pass portions of a bill that wouldn't stand on its 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: 6/24/2020 1:09:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

The creation of a gun violence and violent crimes commission is a waste of taxpayer money. The State of Hawaii has many committees already and they have not resolved any issues they oversee and is a waste of money so I do oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 1:14:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ivan ayau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe this bill would put restrictions on law abiding citizens, from being able to repair and maintain their firearms and serves no real purpose other than to hinder law abiding citizens

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 1:38:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Francis Corpuz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill.

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.
- Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 1:44:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 2:30:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. Registration and serialization of all firearms in Hawaii is already covered in current laws. This also you make it against the law to do basic maintenance on existing firearms. You would also have to close all hardware stores since you can build a basic firearm from parts found within.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 3:07:52 PM
Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose this bill being passed into law it violates my right to defend myself as well as the 2nd amendment of the constitution. Which states, "A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed." My right to do so is God-Given and registration of firearms is therefore not required, and our rights shall not be infringed upon. How much clearer can it be? Why do firearms need to be registered when it is my God-given right to possess them? It seems that this bill wants to penalize those who choose not to disclose they have firearms in their possession. I oppose paying tax dollars to fund research on Gun violence because violence is not caused by guns any more than any other weapon and this intent of this research is very biased to attack our 2nd amendment rights. This is clearly another step in the process to completely erode the 2nd amendment. Do not be blind or contribute to passing such a tyrannical overreaching piece of legislation into statute or law such as what is been proposed by this bill. Therefore, I oppose.

Sincerely,

Matt Clark

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 3:21:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in opposition to Hawaii State Government imposing more restrictions on my 2nd Amendment Rights to keep and bear arms. Hawaii is already the strictest State in the Country when it comes to firearms. As a Law-abiding citizen I am being punished for exercising my Rights. These new Laws do nothing to keep criminals from purchasing firearms or ammunition. I do not support more restrictions on my God given Rights.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 4:41:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill if passed would make it very difficult to acquire parts for repair of a legal firearm an only hinder legal gun owners in the process.

The creation of a commission should be stopped an funds for said commission allocated for other purposes

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HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 5:06:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raymund Bragado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Our Constitution is the highest law of the land. This is an attack to our 2nd Amendment. I'm a retired veteran with 22 yrs of faithful service with 2 tours to Iraq 2003 and 2008. Please support and defend our Constitution.

Mahalo,

Ray Bragadp

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 5:24:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis Djou	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 5:27:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rexington Ing	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 7:16:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yvonne Haxton	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL. WHAT WILL THE FINDING OF THE COMMISSION DO? VIOLENCE TAKES MANY FORMS AND USUALLY NOT BY LEGALLY REGISTERED FIREARMS OWNERS. THERE ARE NUMEROUS COMMISSIONS THAT ARE IN CHAOS AT THIS MOMENT. FIX THEM AND THE CORRUPTION BEFORE YOU START MORE! THE SECOND PORTION OF THIS BILL IS ANOTHER WAY TO TAKE AWAY MY RIGHT TO BE A LEGAL FIREARM OWNER BY CHARGING ME AND LABELING ME A FELON IF I **PURCHASE A PART** TO FIX MY LEGALLY REGISTERED FIREARM. IT IS JUST TO DISGUISE AND CAMOUFLAGE THE TAKING AWAY OF MY 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 5:32:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taylor Millwood	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I am against this bill because with this being passed it would create a lot of difficulty to get parts for repairing a legal firearm. It would also be a hassle on legal gun owners with this new process. A creation of comission should be stopped as well as funds for that commission. These funds should be allocated to other causes.

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HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 7:19:32 PM
Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Can I begin by stating that it is despicable, disgraceful, unconstitutional and violates the very foundation of the democratic process of the country in which we live. I want you to realize that you are actively leveraging a pandemic and public health in order to push through firearm restrictive legislation during a special session in which the legislature should be focused on essential bills in order to keep the Hawaii economy from further collapse. You are holding hearings at a time when public attendance is prohibited to minimize your opposition. You are silencing the voices of Americans and your constituents without a second thought about the morality of what you are doing. This written testimony is being submitted because apparently I now no longer have the right as a model citizen of the USA to attend a hearing covered under Sunshine Laws. Let us also not forget that you have resubmitted the bills for hearing which requires everyone who previously voiced opposition to resubmit testimonies. In the middle of a crisis it is unfair to people who previously submitted testimonies have their voices be silenced and then ignored by elected officials. Given the current climate, stress and burden of current events, it's obvious that day to day people wouldn't expect to have to testify against firearm legislation when there is so much more at stake around the world and would thus overlook or simply not be aware of having to resubmit testimony, much like myself (I just happened to be lucky and was notified by a local shop owner however I still missed the priority deadline). I want your committee to understand the terrible precedent and damage being done to the democratic process beyond the firearm bills. You are actively subverting transparency with the public by hiding behind a keyboard and screen instead of listening to your constituents face to face. Beyond your committee blatantly disrespecting the people you were elected to serve, my testimony is being submitted in the most extreme tone of opposition to HB2744 which seeks to Establishes the gun violence and violent crimes commission. Requires reports to the Legislature. 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. In regards to "Ghost Guns" or hobbyist weapons that people enjoy building for pleasure, the ATF does not consider 80% receivers as firearms, so you are attempting to pass firearm legislation on an item than can be purchased and shipped anywhere in the country that is by definition NOT a firearm. In addition, possession of a firearm with no serial number is already a crime in Hawaii, passing further legislation will not increase enforcement of these laws, only true enforcement by HPD will make a difference. Furthermore, criminals are far more inclined to remove existing serial numbers than purchase a 80% receiver and build one

of their own. Substantial knowledge and tools are required to build these firearms and are often many hours of work that criminals simply won't commit to.

In regards to the gun violence commission, you are creating a biased commission that will unfairly and unconstitutionally target, harass, restrict, and strip citizens of their rights. The answer is simple, remove the word "Gun" from the title of the commission. The commission should be focused on violent crime period, not only on the miniscule fraction of violent crimes committed with firearms. If you would like to take it a step further, consider establishing a Firearm commission made up of legislators and Second Amendment proponents to calmly discuss future firearm legislation and avoid trampling on the rights of law-abiding citizens of the USA. The Firearm commission could also advocate for good uses of firearms for self defense because to blindly, fear an inanimate object and want it restricted is not sensible. A firearm on a table does not harm anyone unless there is a person with malicious intent behind it.

Lastly, really consider if you think that criminals care at all about the law. Criminals by definition have broken the law as their defining characteristic. So why pass laws to restrict firearms owners who need to adhere to strict discipline and responsibility just to own a firearm in this state to further give criminals the upper hand in any confrontation with a citizen who is armed or not. Criminals don't care about laws period.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 7:57:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

With respect to the legislature I oppose this bill. There is already state law in place where home build firearms, with is completely legitimate and legal to the federal government, must be registered with the maker's name and serial number applied. The establishment of another committee to study gun violence is another way you waste my tax money. I would prefer you spend the money on the police department to find and arrest those trafficking our children.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 8:40:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is unconstitutional tyrannical overreach, and this bill should not be passed.

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HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 9:00:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenny Caban	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB2744 HD1 SD1. Our current gun laws work and is one of the strictest in the nation. Adding further restrictions would serve no other purpose than to chip away at our second amendment rights. Please reconsider.

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HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 9:12:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Numia Tatom	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Banning certain firearm parts to ban home built firearms is ridiculous. 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. Additionally, the bill uses our tax dollars to create a commission to research "gun violence" that is likely to produce biased advocacy instead of sound science.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 10:25:52 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amber Tranetzki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 10:34:23 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rustin Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 10:46:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William W Hope Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pa Chi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose Hb2744.

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HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 11:20:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 11:31:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerrese Hogg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We should be able to defend ourselves when need be.

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HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/25/2020 2:46:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benjamin E Nelson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB2744. As technology grows and what was once seemingly complicated becomes mundane we cannot pass bills that hinder growth and limit our ability to protect our selves. Soon 3d printers will be able to produce items only limited by users imaginations. With these power full tools come great responsibility. A hammer is tool that can create but could also destroy. There is nothing limiting me from forging a hammer and to even propose this would be nonsensical. The difference between firearm parts created by a 3d printer and one produced by a firearms manufacturer to later have the serial scratched off are identical in nature. Infact we already have such laws that prohibit these actions. We continue to create more laws for the law abiding citizen, complicating and hindering the efforts to protect our family's and self. In turn this gives those unscrupulous individuals the upper hand and the power they so desire.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chabrielle Quezon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill!

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Submitted on: 6/25/2020 6:32:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
debbie k. hacker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose. Ambiguous regarding parts that can be used for legally registered firearms.

LATE

HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/25/2020 6:37:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nichole A.	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

The police are already under scrutiny and not trusted by law abiding citizens. this is not the way forward. Spending more money on another commission instead of building the trust that our people needs is not the path for a peaceful Hawaii nei. We need to uphold our contitutional rights, 2nd ammendment being one of them.

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Submitted on: 6/25/2020 6:42:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sur Carbonell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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. Additionally, the bill uses your tax dollars to create a commission to research "gun violence." While the NRA does not oppose objective research, this bill is likely to produce biased advocacy instead of sound science.

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Submitted on: 6/25/2020 7:40:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James R Sowa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/25/2020 7:45:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM



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

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB2744. Its unconstitutional!

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HB-2744-SD-1

Submitted on: 6/25/2020 7:46:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phil Rarick	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Relating to proposed "Gun violence commission"

No funding structure is stated. Recommend NO fees shall be charged for support of this.

Relating to firearms parts - "ghost guns"

Recommend possession of firearms parts without a firearm receiver is NOT a crime.

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Submitted on: 6/25/2020 8:01:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this proposal as written simply because it is much too vague and may ban legitimate purchase of parts required to repair firearms used in competition and in recreational shooting. Such parts which are normal replacement items are in the same category as buying parts to repair a car or any other tool. Again, this will only affect Law Abiding Taxpayers and not achieve preventing home built firearms from being manufactured by the criminal element in society. You folks simply must come up with better root cause solutions to some of these issues and have a better understanding of such issues.

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Submitted on: 6/25/2020 8:36:30 AM
Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha and thank you for taking our Testimony on this bill,

We stand Opposed to this bill for two reasons. The commission being exempt from chapter 92 and as the bill stands defining of precursors/ parts as a class 2 felony is vague and not enforceable.

We agree that we should have a Commission looking into Gun Violence here on our islands. This commission should not be exempt from chapter 92.

We do not trust you, plain and simple. Our Police Commissioner has already expressed how she feels about taking away 2nd amendment rights. We know where our Law makers and Liberal judges stand on this matter. So forgive us if we don't trust you. Now we do understand that some of this information is sensitive but not all of it is and we would hate to see this information cherry picked by our legislators to be used to forward an agenda.

The bill referring to "Ghost Guns" is poorly written and not enforceable. To loosely define a precursor as a separate class of firearm is to vague and not enforceable. To use the term "parts" is dangerously vague. The ATF has tried their best to address this subject and this bill tries haphazardly to do what the ATF and the federal govt couldn't do. What are we considering a precursor? I use this term because it isn't yet a firearm but what you would consider a precursor to one. Is a block of Aluminum a precursor? Is a block of Aluminum in a basic shape of a firearm a precursor? Does it need a hole drilled into it to then become a Precursor? The fact you have used the term "Parts" is very dangerous. Specifically "Any combination of parts from which a firearm having no serial number may be readily assembled; provided that the parts do not have the capacity to function as a firearm unless assembled." These bills need to be specific as we have already seen HPD go and interpret the Laws as they so wish. With such loose bills as to say parts ...do we really want a non ATF controlled simple barrel block or trigger assembly that is "supposedly" deemed for a Ghost gun result in a Class C felony?

This bill blatantly states that our state has one of the lowest Gun violence rates in the nation do to our strict gun laws. Let me remind you that although we have one of the lowest rates it's not just do to our State laws. Hawai'i, also has the lowest violent crime rates of any city in America... we do not have Gang Violence as we see in the rest of our nation. The Mexican Cartel has not pushed into our state, The islands' low unemployment and local culture that takes living with aloha seriously certainly contributes to the state's low rates of gun crime. I mention this because if you are under the belief that our state enjoys one of the lowest crime rates in the nation just because of laws that our legislators pass down then you are wrong and greatly over simplifying what is so great about our state.

We stand opposed to this bill as stated above

Respectfully,

Jad Doherty Rook Customs

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Submitted on: 6/25/2020 9:45:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I understand that the intention of this bill is to prevent people from completing 80% firearms and thus having an unregistered firearm. I am not totally opposed to that, but such a bill must be written so that accessorizing a firearm or having multiple caliber conversions is still legal. I actually think that this is an issue that should be dealt with by the ATF. I oppose this bill because I believe it has ramifications far beyond its stated intent.

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Submitted on: 6/25/2020 9:49:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB2744. This bill does nothing and is ineffective in preventing "gun violence" and mass shootings. "Ghost Gun" is another made up name to strike fear in the misinformed general public to sway the popular vote.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives state, "80%" or "unfinished" receiver blanks that do not meet the definition of a "firearm" are not subject to regulation under the Gun Control Act." The following three are examples. The first receiver has a solid, un-machined fire-control cavity area with no holes or dimples for the selector, trigger, or hammer pins. It does not meet the GCA definition of a firearm. The second receiver, shown from the top, likewise has a solid, un-machined fire-control cavity area. It does not meet the GCA definition of a firearm. The third receiver has a partially machined fire-control cavity and does meet the GCA definition of a firearm. Additionally, "A license is not required to make a firearm solely for personal use. However, a license is required to manufacture firearms for sale or distribution. The law prohibits a person from assembling a non - sporting semiautomatic rifle or shotgun from 10 or more imported parts, as well as firearms that cannot be detected by metal detectors or x - ray machines. In addition, the making of an NFA firearm requires a tax payment and advance approval by ATF." Finally,"Federal law does not require an 80% lower receiver or other firearm blank to have a unique serial number engraved. A homemade firearm (or a completed 80% lower) still does not require a unique serial number if built for personal use by a private individual. But Hawaii requires a serial number to be engraved on firearm's receiver before building and registering a firearm using an 80% lower or blank."

I reasonably understand, "Prohibit the manufacture, purchase, or obtaining of firearm parts for the purpose of assembling a firearm having no serial number, also prohibits anyone from obtaining firearm parts for a legally registered and serialized firearm too. This is a laughable attempt by politicians to appease gun violence advocates, and does nothing for public safety. The criminals don't give a dam about this and any other laws proposed or enforce. These draconian laws being legislated only effect tax paying, working class citizens. I have no criminal intention and will not back a government that aims to make me a criminal for owning firearms, accessories, and ammunition. If you pass this unconstitutional law you are violating your oath of office and my constitutional rights.

WE THE PEOPLE will retire you out of your political seat at the ballot box.

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Submitted on: 6/25/2020 9:52:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB2744. This bill does nothing and is ineffective in preventing "gun violence" and mass shootings. "Ghost Gun" is another made up name to strike fear in the misinformed general public to sway the popular vote.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives state, "80%" or "unfinished" receiver blanks that do not meet the definition of a "firearm" are not subject to regulation under the Gun Control Act." The following three are examples. The first receiver has a solid, un-machined fire-control cavity area with no holes or dimples for the selector, trigger, or hammer pins. It does not meet the GCA definition of a firearm. The second receiver, shown from the top, likewise has a solid, un-machined fire-control cavity area. It does not meet the GCA definition of a firearm. The third receiver has a partially machined fire-control cavity and does meet the GCA definition of a firearm. Additionally, "A license is not required to make a firearm solely for personal use. However, a license is required to manufacture firearms for sale or distribution. The law prohibits a person from assembling a non - sporting semiautomatic rifle or shotgun from 10 or more imported parts, as well as firearms that cannot be detected by metal detectors or x - ray machines. In addition, the making of an NFA firearm requires a tax payment and advance approval by ATF." Finally,"Federal law does not require an 80% lower receiver or other firearm blank to have a unique serial number engraved. A homemade firearm (or a completed 80% lower) still does not require a unique serial number if built for personal use by a private individual. But Hawaii requires a serial number to be engraved on firearm's receiver before building and registering a firearm using an 80% lower or blank."

I reasonably understand, "Prohibit the manufacture, purchase, or obtaining of firearm parts for the purpose of assembling a firearm having no serial number, also prohibits anyone from obtaining firearm parts for a legally registered and serialized firearm too. This is a laughable attempt by politicians to appease gun violence advocates, and does nothing for public safety. The criminals don't give a dam about this and any other laws proposed or enforce. These draconian laws being legislated only effect tax paying, working class citizens. I have no criminal intention and will not back a government that aims to make me a criminal for owning firearms, accessories, and ammunition. If you pass this unconstitutional law you are violating your oath of office and my constitutional rights.

WE THE PEOPLE will retire you out of your political seat at the ballot box.

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Sen Karl Rhoads, Chair

Sen Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2020

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LOCAITON State Capitol
415 South Beretania St

My name is Keith Nakanishi

I am in opposition to this bill. This is a bias against our 2nd amendment rights. You are doing this based on feelings and not facts.

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

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My name is Mariner Revell

I strongly oppose this bill. It is an infringement on my constitutional rights.

If you have any questions I can be reached at mariner@Kimurabrands.com

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My name is martin lau

Aloha,

I strongly OPPOSE HB2744. Firearms that do not have a serial number or are unregistered are already illegal. 80% receivers are NOT considered firearms according to the ATF so therefore do not need a serial number or registration until it is made into a firearm.

Again this would further criminalize the wrong people (the firearms enthusiasts) rather than do anything to stop criminals. I can tell you from being a gun store owner that i doubt any criminal is going to spend the time and money it takes to manufacture a firearm from an 80% receiver when they have access to illegal firearms most likely acquired by theft.

If this bill is how your Gun Violence Prevention Commission would "fix" gun violence then you need to rethink who you are putting on the commission and allow full transparency and public input.

Koffin Wurks / KMconcepts

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

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My name is Willow Aureala

I oppose this bill. Not only should the legislature be focusing on COVID-related issues and not violating second amendment rights, but this commission will be biased against second amendment uses of guns and will not likely consider good uses of guns for self-defense. For women, smaller individuals, the elderly, the infirm and so on, having a gun for self-defense is the only true equalizer. This bill and many others like it are prejudicial against proper uses of guns for self-defense. It seems that legislators are discriminating against those who cannot defend themselves in any other way.

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

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My name is Jesse Gilley

80% receivers on guns are not considered firearms by the ATF. No known crimes or shootings
in Hawaii from an 80% gun.

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

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My name is Erwin Paulino

I strongly oppose HB2744JDC. First, this emergency session should be focused on COVID19 not more stepping stone infringements on the second amendment. Also, the ATF does not consider 80% lowers to be firearms and possession of firearms without serial numbers are already crime in Hawaii. Laws are already in place. Moreover, we do not need another commission in Hawaii. Please focus on COVID19 and how we can get our economy healthy.

Mahalo,

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

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My name is Aaron Bronson

I oppose this bill as written in regards to the area where it criminalizes the possession or "parts." Like cars firearms do require maintenance. Part manufacturers do not serialize these parts to match the original serial number. So if a firearm were to break I could not essentially repair it since parts are not serialized, I would have to buy a whole new firearm as written.

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

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415 South Beretania St

My name is George Pace

STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL

Get real. There is no evidence that this measure will do anything at all to enhance the safety of Hawaii residents. There is evidence that it may endanger the safety of some Hawaii residents. Total violation of the natural God-given fundamental individual unalienable civil rights of United States citizens. Anyone voting for this is a traitor to their oath of office to support and defend the constitution of the United States.

"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.

Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

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

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My name is Sean Lee

Law abiding citizens should've have to be affected by your laws we are not the criminals.

If you have any questions I can be reached at creatureboy808@yahoo.com

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My name is James Revells

I oppose HB2744 JDC. I agree with HIFICO's views regarding the opposition to this bill.

If you have any questions I can be reached at kimo501999@aol.com

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My name is Kamalu Miller

This bill is a further violation of our already restricted 2nd Amendment. I hope you will
oppose this bill.

If you have any questions I can be reached at kamalu.miller@gmail.com

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My name is Michael Harris

I am resubmitting this testimony, edited and brought up to date, in opposition of HB 2744.

This bill is 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).

One might also 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 precedent completely and regard these parts as firearms—a fact reflected in the absence of laws to prosecute their acquisition as such in the majority of states.

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 individuals 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.

Finally, this bill is worded sufficiently vaguely as to introduce the possibility of its abuse; to set the bar at “any part ... [that] may readily be made into a firearm frame or receiver through milling or other means” not only introduces the possibility of law-abiding owners of firearms being prosecuted for attempting to furnish replacement parts for an existing, registered firearm, but also allows the definition of what “may readily” constitutes languishing in an undefined zone which could potentially allow for abuse through over-liberal interpretation.

If you have any questions I can be reached at mh8@hawaii.edu
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My name is Emma Lei

What a waste of time and money. The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm.

Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime!!!! Focus on what's really killing people in Hawai'i. It's not guns! And it's especially NOT law abiding gun owners.

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

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My name is Tom Lodge

Oppose. Pointless and does nothing but add charges. Why don't you all stick to relevant applications. As it is, the constitution allows one to make a firearm at home. Serial numbers are meaningless for a homemade ANYTHING.

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

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My name is Shelton Yamashiro

I OPPOSE this bill for 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.

Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

Shelton Yamashiro

If you have any questions I can be reached at shelton.yamashiro@gmail.com

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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

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My name is Niel Kaneshiro

I oppose this bill. I am simply appalled that the legislature is wasting time on this issue when Hawaii's economy is in a tail spin with more than 1/5th of its workers unemployed. This bill will do little if anything to improve public safety and appears to be another attempt to further limit and criminalize legal and responsible firearms ownership in the state. The legislature must focus on the desperate needs of Hawaii's people – the economy, the fate of our elderly quarantined in poorly regulated nursing homes, the legion of homeless on our streets, and our shattered education system. Recently, A police suspect has died in custody under unclear circumstances. What is the legislature doing for police reform? Transparency?

Accountability? The legislature needs to stop wasting time on therapeutic bills that do nothing to resolve Hawaii's enormous problems. Stay focused. People are suffering. This bill will do nothing to resolve the tsunami of evictions, foreclosures, defaults, and bankruptcies that are coming.

If you have any questions I can be reached at nkbuymail-1@yahoo.com

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My name is Alan Millet

I oppose this bill and I hope you will not pass it.

This bill is extremely vague and could easily be abused.

Every part/accessory in many of the most common firearms in the world could be used to build unregistered firearms. So this bill would possibly make it illegal to buy parts to modify a legally owned existing firearm.

If you have any questions I can be reached at mill8316@gmail.com

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My name is Tim Miyao

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.

How many tax dollars would be appropriated toward a Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission? This bill indicates that, at least, travel expenses would be reimbursed. As a taxpayer this concerns me. The projected economic forecast for the State of Hawaii, impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, sounds bleak. With an estimated unemployment rate of 22.3%, funds should go toward assisting those in dire financial need. In light of the deficiency of tourism, and uncertainty as to the future health of Hawaii's economy, it would seem prudent to avoid unnecessary spending.

Additionally, there is the concern 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 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 an intentional and unfair bias against firearms? What assurances could be made that this commission would be free of anti-gun bias?

I respectfully ask that you please oppose HB 2744. With our state economy on life support, impacted by coronavirus, every nickel and dime matters. Many have lost their jobs and are wondering how they will sustain. Many others worry that furloughs and pay reductions will be in their future. Please show compassion and ensure that our taxpayer dollars are not spent on non-essential endeavors.

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

Mahalo and have a wonderful day!

If you have any questions I can be reached at tmiyao@live.com

The above testimony was written and submitted by Tim Miyao

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Sen Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

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My name is Robert Okuda

I strongly oppose this bill since it violates my Second Amendment rights.

If you have any questions I can be reached at robokuda002@gmail.com

The above testinony was written and submitted by Robert Okuda

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LOCATION State Capitol
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My name is Michael Balisacan

I STRONGLY OPPOSES THIS BILL FOR 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.;

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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.

Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

If you have any questions I can be reached at yocuz177@me.com

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415 South Beretania St

My name is Christopher Caldwell

From: Christopher Caldwell

Submitted: July 2020

Testimony in opposition of HB2744.

Aloha, I am Christopher Caldwell, life-long resident of the state of Hawaii and registered voter, here to write in strong opposition of SB2744. On grounds that wording of said bill appears to be quite ambiguous as it pertains to the obtaining of firearms parts. Many buy these parts for various reasons, including but not limited to replacement/improvements. How will this be handled? This needs to be clarified. Isn't the possession of a firearm without a serial number already committing a crime in the state of Hawaii?

In regard to this Gun Violence Commission. Shouldn't this commission's focus be on ALL violent crimes and not just "gun violence"? Why not? I do believe other tools are used far more often than firearms, i.e. knives, feet, and fists. To the layman it does seem as if this Commission will be used to simply create more legislation to further erode our 2nd Amendment rights. Will this commission also be used to study the use of firearms for self-defense? One also wonders just who will be appointed to this commission? In closing, I stand in strong opposition to SB2744. Mahalo for your time.

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My name is Kevin Louis

I am strongly opposed to HB2744. For there are laws already on the books to register your firearm. I am a law abiding firearm owner. If I were to obtain parts for my already registered firearm I would now be a criminal if this bill goes through? This is blatantly a direct infringement of the second amendment. If this anti-American Bill passes, I will be very disappointed in our legislators who took an oath to protect our Constitution, not tear it down.

If you have any questions I can be reached at kawailehu25@yahoo.com

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My name is Brandon Santiago

I, Brandon Santiago, oppose this bill, as this bill is a violation of the second amendment, and is therefore, unconstitutional. Taking the rights away citizens, whom have legally purchased kits to build firearms, from factory grade materials, can potentially put citizens at risk of inflicting serious harm on to ones self. These 80% kits are designed for firearms enthusiasts, that they would like to privately use, and are not intended to be sold. A better solution could be provided. Banning 80% kits is not the solution. The lawmakers that have drafted this bill, are trying to pass two bills, in this one bill. This is unacceptable behavior, as both these bill should be separate, upon themselves. The resources that this bill requires, should be better delegated to more proactive solutions, that would benefit our law enforcement and our communities.

If you have any questions I can be reached at brandosantiago1980@gmail.com

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My name is Daniel Oshima

Restricting good citizens and law abiding individuals is non-sensical; barring them from acquiring firearm parts to replace, repair or customize their firearms does not make sense when they are legally able to own firearms. The majority of the United States through ATF laws allow individuals to work on their own firearms for personal use whether it was a serialized or non-serialized firearm frame or receiver.

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

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My name is Jason Stanwood

This is unconstitutional, tyannical overreach and will only hurt lawabiding citizens.

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

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My name is Erin Gonzalez

I oppose this bill. Guns are used in very few crimes. And guns as a means of self-protection is a deterrent that saves lives. Please do not spend our taxpayer dollars on standing up a Commission for something that occurs infrequently.

If you have any questions I can be reached at purpleparty95@gmail.com

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My name is Tom Van

Prohibits the manufacture, possession, sale, barter, trade, gift, transfer, or acquisition of detachable ammunition magazines with a capacity in excess of ten rounds, regardless of the type of firearm with which the magazine is compatible. Makes an exception for possession and use by law enforcement agencies and officers.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill which will make law abiding citizens criminals because they are no longer allowed to possess standard capacity magazines, which give them the best chance for survival if in a life or death situation. The events of the past few months have shown without a doubt the reason for standard capacity magazines as civil unrest with large crowds of rioters and looters threaten citizens very lives. With talks of defunding police and reducing police presence it is more important than ever that law abiding citizens be allowed to possess the tools that give them the best chance to protect themselves against civil unrest. Police have roughly a 15-30% hit probability during hostile encounters. This means out of 10 rounds fired by police, only 1-3 rounds hit, and of those 1-3 the likelihood of stopping the threat immediately is slim. Why wouldn't we want law abiding citizens to have the same chance for survival as police if confronted with a life or death situation? This magazine restriction is unenforceable and ridiculous. Magazines are just boxes of steel or plastic with a spring and follower. There would be no way to track or enforce this law, and criminals by definition wouldn't follow the law anyway. Politicians try to pass these "Feel good" do nothing laws that only hurt the law abiding and skew the odds of survival in favor of the criminal. Furthermore this magazine ban is unconstitutional, Judge Roger Benitez from California declared magazine bans unconstitutional in his 2019 ruling. He ruled that magazines holding more than 10 rounds are "arms" under the U.S. Constitution, and that the... ..law "burdens the core of the Second Amendment by criminalizing the acquisition and possession of these magazines that are commonly held by law-abiding citizens for defense of self, home, and state."

Requires the licensing of sellers of ammunition, and for the identification and proper permitting of purchasers or possessors of ammunition. Regulates ammunition in the same manner that firearms are regulated.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill which will make it more difficult to acquire ammunition for social shooting events such as a friend or family range day. This bill would hurt the organizations such as the Boy Scouts and other organizations that provide learning opportunities for youth to learn safely about firearms. Using the Boy Scouts, typically, one adult leader purchases the ammunition for their entire troop to use at the event. The firearms are owned by the Boy Scouts organization, not the individual. That would make the ammunition purchaser a criminal as he/she would not be purchasing ammunition for their registered firearm. Purchasing ammunition for firearms not registered to the individual would in essence constitute a "straw purchase", making all involved criminals. This is another "Feel

good” bill that does nothing to address crime in Hawaii, and only burdens the law abiding. Makes it a Class C felony to purchase, manufacture, or otherwise obtain firearm parts for the purpose of assembling a firearm with no serial number. Amends certain requirements relating to firearms registration.

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

SB3054 - RELATING TO FIREARM REGISTRATION. Amends section 134-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to require the registration of firearms that are moved out of the State.

Creates a penalty of a petty misdemeanor for any person who fails to register a firearm that is moved out of the State.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this Bill as it accomplishes nothing. It has no effect on crime, does not affect public safety or serve any lawful purpose. It also oversteps the States authority as the State would not have any legal jurisdiction over any person or item that is not within the State boundaries or legal enclave. How would the State prosecute this offense? By what mechanism would it be enforced?

How would said firearm be removed from the roles of registered firearms in the State of Hawaii? How would the record be destroyed as the State would have no legal purview over the firearm? How would the owner of the firearm be notified that the removal is complete? In most instances, the firearms have left the state with the owner. Is the owner duty bound to return to Hawaii to “unregister” the firearms as the firearms must be registered while they are in the State. Who is responsible for the costs incurred to travel back to Hawaii?

If the firearms are transferred via sale, there is already a mechanism under HRS 134-2 and 134-4. Even the firearms are sold to an out of state buyer they go through the transfer process via an FFL and completing the chain of custody for registration.

By creating another burdensome layer, the only thing accomplished by this revised statute would be creating “victimless crimes” and creating a “solution” to a problem that does not exist.

Amends HRS 134-8 to include fifty caliber guns in the list of prohibited weapons.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill which makes no sense and “Fixes” a NON EXISTANT problem. This is a vaguely worded bill that bans all .50 caliber firearms which includes revolvers. This bill bans a gun out of unsubstantiated fear and may set future precedent to ban other large calibers of firearms and “sniper rifles” due to their scariness.

HB1598 would take the decision to issue carry permits away from the county police departments and move it to the Attorney General office.

I OPPOSE this bill as it would still provide that permits are MAY issue, this keeps the status quo, where a person is not guaranteed to be issued a permit should they apply. Even if they are extremely qualified.

The fee for the permit is cost-prohibitive, the claim is being made that the \$100 price tag in this bill is to cover the actual cost of issuing the permit. A person applying for a permit would have already undergone a strict vetting process when obtaining their firearm, a NICS check takes less than 30 minutes to conduct and is free when ran by an approved agency. Honolulu issues driver licenses that are valid for two years and cost only \$10.

The training requirements in this bill would require a person to have take the basic pistol course within the last 6 months. This would mean a person applying for a permit every year would, in fact, have to take the basic pistol course each and every year. On average the cost of the pistol course is \$150. This in combination with the license fee would equate to \$250 each and every year just to be able to defend themselves.

If you have any questions I can be reached at tvan001@gmail.com

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Sen Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

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My name is Chris Yates

Honorable Senate and Committee members:

I strongly OPPOSE the proposed HB2744 JDC. This bill serves nothing but to criminalize law abiding citizens with the stroke of a pen. This bill effects ME and my wife DIRECTLY. This is yet another example that feeds the anecdotes of the "bumbling HI banana republic government". This committee is more concerned with forwarding ideologically based legislation than tackling real "kitchen table" topics that have a direct impact on the reeling Hawaii economy. COVID-19, the \$2.3 BILLION shortfall, and economic problems should be ON THE FOREFRONT, not parroting Bloomberg(who clearly isn't supported by the Liberal base) ideology.

There is ZERO data that links legislation such as HB2744 JDC and an increase in public safety. Legal firearms purchases are 300% greater than the same time last year (2019). This places you in DIRECT opposition to your constituents who clearly value their civil rights, and against state sponsored civil rights obstructionism.

As a life long LIBERAL, I implore you to fix Hawaii's real problems, DO NOT SUPPORT HB2744 JDC.

Chris Yates

If you have any questions I can be reached at buick231@hotmail.com

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My name is James Fitch

There are several problems with this bill and it should not be passed. First, 80% receivers are by definition not firearms. As such the requirements for registration will likely not pass constitutional muster resulting in unnecessary costs that the state cannot afford. Second, possession of any unregistered firearm regardless of serial number is already a crime. Third, available data shows that the 'ghost' guns in Hawaii are the result of removal of serial numbers from previously numbered guns. This bill is a waste of time and resources and will not do anything to improve public safety.

If you have any questions I can be reached at jfitch1@gmail.com

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My name is Marc Kawakami

The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm and 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.

Who will be on the Gun Violence Commission? The 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 mkawakami@tpi-tec.com

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My name is jaelynn call

I OPPOSE HB2744

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

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My name is Jacob Holcomb

Really? We are facing the largest budget crisis ever and you want to sponsor a bunch of cherry picking left wing UH professors who openly despise the second amendment? Gosh, I wonder what conclusions they will come up with.

If you have any questions I can be reached at jake@mailbox.org

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My name is Hank Graham

1. This law would be totally redundant as it is already illegal to possess and unregistered firearm.
2. How does one prove "for the purpose of assembling a firearm having no serial number"?
Owning pieces and gun parts could now be deemed illegal.
3. Very vague language. What firearms parts are explicating being referenced? What about display models or theater props - would they become illegal?
4. If someone does assemble an fully operational firearm, then they're violating #1 above.

If you have any questions I can be reached at hgraham04@yahoo.com

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My name is Karl Kubo

I TOTALY OPPOSE HB 2744. The bill is too broad and must be clarified in more detail and
separated into TWO separate bills.

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

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My name is Samuel Webb

I oppose this bill because, possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already
a crime and 80% receivers is still just a piece of plastic.

If you have any questions I can be reached at sebb67@yahoo.com

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My name is jason wolford

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

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

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My name is steven kumasaka

please concentrate on the BIG ISSUES

COVID, THE ECONOMY, and figuring out the budget

STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL

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.

Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

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My name is Zon Sullenberger

Oppose HB 2744

This bill serves no good purpose. The ATF does not consider an 80% receiver as a firearm. Its just a hunk of metal or plastic. Possession of a firearm without a serial number is already a crime in Hawaii, so when an 80% receiver is converted into a firearm, it has to be serialized and registered, or it is illegal. So what is the point of requiring the 80% to be registered before it becomes a firearm? There is none. There is no purpose to this portion of the bill.

The Gun Violence Commission is too likely to be biased against lawful gun ownership, particularly as it does not consider other types of violence, which are much more common in Hawaii, such as beatings and knives. The proposed bill also does not consider defensive gun uses.

Oppose HB2744

If you have any questions I can be reached at zon@zon-arch.com

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My name is Scott Pae

Hello, registered voter here. I am writing to express my opposition to this bill as it wouldn't do what is intended. If it's statistics you want, HPD and FBI already tracks these crimes. Why spend tax payer monies for information that is already being gathered?!

The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm and we shouldn't either. To be honest, if you don't know what that means you should vote no. I'll explain it like this, everyone likes to customize their possessions and build things from the "ground up." From cars, computers, drones and models. You can't do that if this HB passes.

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 a stolen firearm, when a serial number is not present its due to it being removed.

Thank you for your time,
Scott Pae

If you have any questions I can be reached at scottp@hawaii.edu

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My name is Alison Wolford

Oppose

Again I feel this is repeating current laws as current law requires registration and serial numbers on ALL guns.

If you have any questions I can be reached at maui808@gmail.com

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Sen Karl Rhoads, Chair

Sen Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2020

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCAITON State Capitol
415 South Beretania St

My name is Jordan Au

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose HB2744. Hawaii already requires every firearm to be registered and have a serial number so there is no point for this bill to exist. "Obtaining firearm parts for the purpose of assembling a firearm having no serial number" can mean quite a lot of things. I already stated how Hawaii already requires firearms to have a serial number and be registered, so not doing either of those two actions would already count as breaking an existing law. However there are many firearm parts such as triggers, springs, pins, etc that can all be used to assemble a firearm or be replaced due to normal wear and tear from using the firearm. Not being able to have spare parts to fix or upgrade a firearm is not a crime.

Furthermore I feel that establishing a commission to deal with gun violence and violent crimes would be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment. In addition, guns are hardly used in violent crimes while knives and fists and feet are used far more often in violent crimes. I have lived over 90% of my life in Hawaii and I have seen way more people get into fist fights than get shot. It is impossible to legislate away violence and taking away rights from law abiding gun owners is unconstitutional and down right wrong.

Sincerely,
Jordan Au

If you have any questions I can be reached at jordan-726@hotmail.com

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My name is Donald Denison

I oppose any bill that infringes on my 2nd amendment rights. Hawaii laws are strict enough.

Start enforcing the ones we have. Go harder on criminals that get caught with illegal guns.

Not the law abiding people.

If you have any questions I can be reached at chromewarrior555@gmail.com

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My name is Jacob Bruhn

As a law abiding citizens I strongly oppose HB2744. The ATF does not consider 80 percent lower as a firearm. Possession of a firearm without a serial number is already a crime. And every firearm in Hawaii is already required to be registered with HPD.

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

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My name is Mark Woodward

I strongly oppose HB2744 JDC.

Under Federal Law it is already illegal to knowingly possess or manufacture any firearm which lacks a federal serial number. This is punishable by up to 5- or 10-years imprisonment. I also oppose the establishment of a gun violence and violent crimes commission. This commission will most certainly be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment. In Hawaii firearms are used in a minority of violent crimes.

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

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My name is James Malczon

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.

Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

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

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My name is Sterling Luna

Strongly oppose!

It is ALREADY ILLEGAL TO HAVE A UNSERIALIZED FIREARM IN POSSESSION. IT IS ALSO UNCONSTITUTIONAL in the sense that doesnt allow you to build your own for the defense to remain a free state from such government tyrants or persoal use. ALSO UPPER RECEIVER in the wording is not a serialized part to begin with and should not even be included in this!

If you have any questions I can be reached at Onfire.co@gmail.com

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My name is Michael MacDougall

Hello,

I oppose HB2744 for the following reasons.

This bill is trying to solve a problem that does not exist. anyone who builds a firearm in Hawaii already has to serialize it and register it!

As for a "gun" violence commission, why not have a "violence" commission to look at all violent crime?

Sincerely,

Michael MacDougall

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

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My name is Tod Gushiken

I strongly oppose HB2744. Given the effects of the pandemic on Hawaii's economy and the need to cut the state's budget, the creation of a new commission would not be favorable at this point in time.

The vague nature of Section 3, Item 3 will criminalize the possession of parts. Section 4 describes "component parts" with no clear definition or list. Will a \$4.95 cam pin or a \$1.49 firing pin retaining pin (common spare parts to have on hand) suddenly be a Class C felony? Just as many other gun control laws, HB2744 will only criminalize law-abiding citizens.

HB2744 will have no effect on criminals. By law, a firearm must be registered upon assembly or completion. Incidents citing the use of "ghost guns" in recent crimes failed to mention that it was already illegal for these instruments to be in the possession of any individual.

Please do not consider passing HB2744.

If you have any questions I can be reached at tod.gushiken@gmail.com

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My name is joshua yamashiro

I strongly oppose this bill.

This bill only focuses on the negatives of firearm ownership, in a place where firearm violence is one of the lowest in the nation. There are higher rates of violent crimes with other devices such as knives and beatings. The focus should be on those things instead of firearms.

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

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My name is Ted Meditz

Please do not infringe our constitutional rights!

If you have any questions I can be reached at ted.meditz@gmail.com

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My name is Jake Hanawahine

I strongly oppose this bill.

If you have any questions I can be reached at da808rock@yahoo.com

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My name is Kelii Silva

I strongly oppose this bill. It is a violation of second amendment rights.

People should have the right to obtain parts or build whatever they would like! it's the peoples right!

Most of the criminals who use stolen firearms remove the serial number anyway

I do not agree that gun PARTS need to be stamped and registered.

I don't understand why you politicians cannot just leave honest, hard working, law abiding people alone.

Only criminals commit crimes and they will find a way to get a firearm if they want to.

None of these laws can stop that, but what they can stop is the ability for people to protect themselves.

Please do not pass this bill.

Mahalo

If you have any questions I can be reached at ksilva808@gmail.com

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My name is Matthew Ua

Aloha I'd like to express my opposition to this bill as It directly inhibits my ability to protect my family and my self. If you make this into law you are violating my second amendment rights.

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

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My name is Jared Chun

Please uphold the Constitution of the United States, including the 2nd Amendment.

This bill does not prevent criminal behavior as there are little to no criminal or violent acts
committed in Hawaii with the "80%" or "Ghost" firearms.

I oppose HB2744 JDC

If you have any questions I can be reached at kaihaku@msn.com

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My name is Clinton Bodley

It's already illegal to deface the serial number and I have personally seen the resulting arrests.

80% are already required to be registered.

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

The above testinony was written and submitted by Clinton Bodley

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My name is Michael Burnham

Unconstitutional.

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

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My name is Louis Prescott II

I oppose HB2744 for the following reasons:

Regarding 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 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.
- 4) Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

And finally, one last word... Quit infringing on our right to keep and bear arms, and everything else pertaining to the use of firearms, and let peaceable gun-owners abide without constant government overreach in effort to suppress our Constitutionally-protected rights under the Second Amendment.

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

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My name is Jorge Gonzalez

I oppose this bill. Unregistered firearms are already illegal in Hawaii. Firearms without a serial number or a removed serial number are also already illegal in Hawaii. The ATF does not consider "80%" receivers to be firearms.

This bill does nothing to affect crime or target criminals!

Reviewing the FBI statistics for Hawaii in 2018, out of 33 total murders, 11 were caused by firearms. I believe we should be focusing on all violent crime not just crimes involving a firearm.

<https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2018/crime-in-the-u.s.-2018/topic-pages/tables/table-20>

If you have any questions I can be reached at fury64@gmail.com

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My name is James Langston

I oppose this bill and all others that infringe my constitutional right to bear arms.

You should be ashamed to even have this as a topic of discussion.

If you have any questions I can be reached at j.langston@me.com

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My name is Vladimir Cabias

I strongly oppose this bill because it is a knee jerk reaction to a type of crime that is not only rare but perpetuated by an organized group that ran amok in Hawaii due to the lack of actual punishment for career criminals.

It makes no sense to punish law abiding citizens who are engaging in a hobby and following the laws when it's criminals who have been arrested dozens of times only to be let out and become more emboldened and adopt mainland style crime tactics because Hawaii is too soft on crime.

If you have any questions I can be reached at vladimir_7n1@yahoo.com

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My name is Jennifer Real

I am writing to oppose HB2744JDC. A gun violence commission is a waste of resources. A general violence commission may be a good idea, but the vast majority of violent crime in Hawaii is NOT gun related. Guns are the great equalizer for the law abiding citizen, especially women like me. If a man invaded my home intent on harming me how else would I defend myself? I really think Hawaii, now cash-strapped with a tanking economy, should be focusing on the economy and COVID.

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

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My name is Jefferson Constantino

It is already illegal to possess a firearm without a serial number. This is moot and only meant to limit the choices of law-abiding citizens.

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

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My name is Royce Luna

I oppose HB2744. It only punishes law abiding gun owners.

If you have any questions I can be reached at roluna2@yahoo.com

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My name is Richard Elkins

I vehemently oppose this bill, and you should too. Despite the fact that this will infringe my right to keep and bear arms, consider the following:

1. Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime. Restricting my right and ability to make my own lawful weapon will save no lives; in fact, it will limit my ability to save life.
2. This will be biased against gun rights and will result in creating more future laws violating the 2nd Amendment
3. Commission should be focused on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.
4. Guns are used in the minority of violent crimes and murders compared to beatings, strangulation, knives, and other methods.
5. Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

You have more important, relevant matters to consider OTHER than curtailing my rights as a law abiding citizen.

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

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My name is Blaine Stuart

I'm in opposition to HB2744 JC. It infringes on constitutional rights when the legislature
should be focused on the covid response.

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

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My name is Robert Sanchez

My name is Robert Sanchez. I do not support this bill. The federal government does not support the requirement of 80% receiver. Possession of a firearm without a serial number is already illegal in Hawaii. Every firearm in Hawaii already has to be registered in Hawaii.

The Gun Violence Commission is prejudiced against gun owners and should encompass all violent crimes.

If you have any questions I can be reached at bsanchez68@hotmail.com

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My name is Alexander Ibi

Ghost Guns:

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The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm

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

Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense

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

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Sen Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2020

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LOCATION State Capitol
415 South Beretania St

My name is Robin Canape

I oppose this bill. It is biased against gun rights and seeks to generate further laws to restrict lawful access to firearms. It will do nothing that existing laws already prohibit to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms. No criminal will manufacture their own firearm to avoid it being traceable back to their commission of a crime. Criminals will steal and remove a serial number from a firearm before even considering manufacturing a firearm. It is seeking to fix an issue that does not exist just HB1902. Requiring 80% firearms to have a serial number stamped and registered when the ATF does not deem it a firearm again opens the state to another costly and time consuming lawsuit when there are many other issues that need addressing. This emergency session should concentrate on the economy and addressing pandemic issues instead of attempting to sneak legislation through unrelated to the critical issues facing this state going forward. If the economy and social structure of the state do not soon return to sustainability then further crime will impact law abiding citizens who will have further firearms restrictions in place with the passage of this law instead of access to protect their families, lives, and friends if necessary.

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

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My name is Justin Chen

This bill is pointless. There are more deaths from people being killed by hands and feet than there are for rifles. If firearms need to be studied just look at the FBI data which is clear as day. Firearms constitute a minority of murders in the US and most murders by firearms are likely due to illegal firearms in the first place since criminals don't follow the law.

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

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My name is Ryan Bell

I am against this bill, I don't feel is the correct thing to do.

I also don't think this is the right time for going over these types of bills. Rather, focusing on
COVID-19 Economic and Financial Preparedness will be better to help us residents of
Hawaii.

If you have any questions I can be reached at belr@me.com

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My name is daniel phachomphon

I oppose this bill strongly the laws in place work just fine. By passing this bill will only make it harder for law abiding citizen to obtain objects they use to protect their lives or purely just for hobby.

If you have any questions I can be reached at sofilthyclean713@hotmail.com

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My name is Elijah Kim

STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2744 JDC as it violates the Second Amendment, takes lawfully
owned property from law-abiding gun owners, and criminalizes law-abiding gun owners.

If you have any questions I can be reached at ejkim173@hotmail.com

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My name is Mark Onnagan

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 does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

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

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My name is Dierl Bagusto

Violates the 2nd Amendment

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

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My name is Mitchell Weber

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2744 JDC,

The emergency sessions focus should be on fixing the budget, not trampling on civil rights.

The 2nd Amendment does not protect ones ability to purchase a firearm. It protects the individuals right to bear arms, manufacturing arms (for personal use) is a constitutionally protected right. All firearms in Hawaii must be serialized upon completion. The ATF does not define 80% blanks as firearms therefore they are not required to be serialized until they are completed.

The gun violence commission is a waste of money proposed to combat a non issue. Why not focus on the main source of violence in the state. Drug abuse, mental illness
And domestic violence should be the main focus of any crime committee.

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

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My name is Joy Puckett

I'm writing to oppose this 3 bills on behalf of myself and family. I believe we as being responsible citizens should not be punished for other irresponsible citizens who doesn't carry the law seriously. Thank you. Please move on to more important problems we are facing today like covid-19.

If you have any questions I can be reached at Kahalehoe4@gmail.com

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My name is David Barbieto

This is a infringement on our right to build sometimes we need part have extra red tape Will
only hurt the law abiding and its not a law it a infringement to our 2nd amendment

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

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My name is Gavin Lohmeier

Strongly oppose HB2744 JDC. it will infringe on the second amendment and goes against
current federal regulations as follows:

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.

Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

thank you,

Gavin Lohmeier

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

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My name is Jonathan Carbone

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If you have any questions I can be reached at carbone.jonathan.paul@gmail.com

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My name is William Chase

I strongly oppose this bill. Federal agencies like the ATF do not consider 80% receivers a weapon. Like with the 2 officers unfortunately killed this year the gun was not a "ghost" gun or 80%. It was a firearm that was stolen and or unpermitted to the man who perpetrated the acts. Not the law abiding citizen who registers there firearms, pays for the permits, takes the class, goes to the police station; we keep running through loops in order to exercise our constitutional rights and that is not right. Its a right to own and bear arms not a privilege that supposed to be permitted and run by the state.

And a task force should be set up for a crimes not just gun crimes. Because gun crimes involve federal agencies already such as the ATF. If anything with the polarization of police forces around the nation, maybe hawaii should follow suit and instate change to local police forces to go through better training, set up a unified police academy so all local police in each county have a set standard of training and hiring process, and responding to covid are what this emergency session are supposed to be about. Not pushing an anti 2A agenda.

If you have any questions I can be reached at wmc@hawaii.edu
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My name is Austin White

HB2744 - RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION. Establishes the gun violence and violent crimes commission. Requires reports to the Legislature. 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.

OPPOSE

I urge you to vote NO on this Bill

To begin, this bill is mixing different portions of HRS 134 together, it is recommended to split these to each stand on their own.

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

Mahalo for taking the time to read my statements and for helping to make Hawaii a better place for all of us. I would hope you share my comments with your fellow Senators and urge them to vote no also.

Mahalo nui loa

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

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My name is Daniel P Wela

Your bill is strongly opposed in our household. You are seeking to regulate something that doesn't exist. Criminals simply steal guns and remove or deface the serials on the weapons. Even the ATF doesn't consider 80% receivers to be firearms. Stop trying to control all aspects of our lives because you invariably make them worse.

As for your "gun violence commission", what a laughable concept. It'll be an agenda driven circus spouting anti-gun drivel. Just look at the name. Professor John Lott has already proven that higher gun ownership rates equal less crime. Why don't you start a hand and foot violence committee while you're at it.

If you have any questions I can be reached at homeka45@gmail.com

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My name is Lionel Delos Santos

Aloha legislature, I strongly oppose this bill i like to build and and it's cheaper to make, and repairing my know firearm, banning this will not work because criminal can easy get a already one any way Stop the criminal, put them away and charge them more.

Thank you

lionel

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

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My name is Stat Taripe

This does not do anything to improve gun violence. This violates our 2nd amendment, I
oppose to this bill.

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

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My name is Chase Cavitt

I am writing today to give testimony for why I do not support the HB2744 JDC that is currently being proposed. This law is poorly written and has far too much ambiguous language that could potentially have a much larger impact than is claimed. If the goal is to remove the right for criminals to have unregistered and unserialized firearms then this law will not stop them and is not needed based on current Hawaii law. If a person makes a firearm in Hawaii right now, it must be serialized, based on current Hawaii laws. I know this because I actually make and register legally homemade firearms. I have the parts engraved and did diligent research in order to be within the laws while becoming a gunsmith. I am currently attending gunsmith school online and working at home on becoming a gun manufacturer and this law would greatly effect my future in a negative way. I am the exact reason this law should NOT be allowed to go forward and I am hoping I will not have to move from my home as the result of this. The process of becoming a gunsmith or manufacturer takes months long and requires applying for a federal firearms license, Ive had to develop the skills and invest into tools in order to work with firearms on my own time and it is needed for individuals to have these rights to build and work on firearms for personal use in order to do what I hope to for work one day.

I recently made and assembled 2 firearms from my home and had them engraved with my permit to acquire number and an additional unique number at the end and I registered them at the police station within 5 days. I called the day before it was made to make an appointment and luckily Maui Police had an available appointment for me to come in and register so I was able to complete the serialized build and then register it that week. The fact that the law required me to go in within 5 days but if they were busy then I would have been legally allowed to wait longer is something that should also be addressed and possibly is a better area to spend time and money organizing. That is the currently the policy in place with the quarantine procedures and it can lead to someone having an unregistered firearm for more than the legally approved 5 days. In my opinion the police should be forced to accept you for an appointment so that you may adhere to the laws and the fact that they can force you to be outside the law due to their quarantine procedures needs to be addressed. Hence why HPD changing their policy to allow every person in line on Wednesday's to be seen. This was only possible after losing a lawsuit and is the result of a disorganized system and lack of good leadership.

I'm regards to guns made at home that are not serialized or registered. If I had not registered the firearms I made, then I would be a criminal. This law is essentially saying that what I did is okay because I serialized them but I ask you, is it still okay if you own the parts and they haven't been serialized before becoming a firearm? If I have a collection of 80% blocks,

approved by the atf to not be classified as a firearm, in addition to all the tools to make a firearm and the rest of the parts to assemble it after, then would I be at risk of being arrested or facing issues since I would have everything needed to make a gun and it wasn't serialized yet? Do you see where the issue is here? If I have property that is legally not a firearm yet, then how in the world could I come into legal trouble for intent to manufacture a firearm without a serial number if it's not changed from its original form that was approved by the atf as not being a firearm in that current form? That is wrong and the ambiguity in the wording allows for someone to be wrongly tried and convicted for something they intended to serialize.

How is someone who wants to work in this industry supposed to get started if we live in Hawaii? You cannot just get a job at a gun store and start working on firearms. It takes years of handling and studying and I am going through that process right now. It makes me nervous to keep/ start my business here knowing that one day I could be in trouble for doing what I legally do now. I really hope that those voting on these issues can see how this will potentially shut my goals down before I can get the business situated and doesn't allow for others to try it out at home first and see if this is the right line of work for them. I shouldn't have to move in order to build my own firearms legally and I want to build a lasting, legal and helpful business for Hawaii residents to rely on. Without the home building experience I fear I may never have attempted to reach my goal of becoming a gunsmith a manufacturer. I hope this law is not allowed to come to pass as it would definitely hinder my goals and potentially stop them for others before they have the chance to get started.

Please consider the small businesses, hobbyists and enthusiasts that you are hurting by making this law a reality. There is not enough criminals causing harm with this sort of product out there and an illegal gun on the street is FAR easier to obtain and considerably cheaper too. After actually building firearms I can attest that:

1. They are NOT easy to build at all
2. Tools needed cost hundreds of dollars and require research that is not necessarily easy to find.
3. Education on gun building found online and in books discusses safety procedures and laws (making the ones who assemble guns more educated and less likely to risk laws than those who just buy.)
4. The 80% kits DO NOT come with a magazine usually and are not a gun out of the box. Most new gun builders do not realize this and after they order a kit they usually sit on it for a quite a while before actually attempting to build it due to needing to do more research and needing specific tools. Ultimately the gun builder will take longer to build the firearms they hope to obtain, they have more education than others who just buy one and they are having to work hard for the goal they've set out to accomplish which causes some pride and often is encouraging for them to do it the legal way if they are anything like me. A criminal looking for a stolen or illegal/ unregistered gun simply needs to find someone selling one, they could also just take a trip to another state that has relaxed sales laws and fly it back on the plane and simply not register it or they can steal one. These methods are all illegal to do now, including making a non serialized firearms here or not registering any firearm in Hawaii. So with Hawaii's logic, if I want to be a criminal, why would I do the harder process of building when I just have to go on a vacation or have other criminal friends?

I also would greatly appreciate the term "Ghost guns" being removed from any law or policy verbiage unless specifically discussing what is actually a ghost gun, as I'll describe below. I specifically BUILD "homemade firearms" that are no different than those from a weapon manufacturer, they are serialized and their only similarity to a ghost the fact

that they can put stuff through walls. They are not considered to be manufactured on a federal level as they are not produced for sales and they are a home project by the sole owner. These are in no way able to be considered as a ghost gun. They actually come from an 80% lower receiver or frame and then if machined, drilled or worked on, then they become a firearm. Until registered they are considered an “unregistered firearm,” if they have a serial number. If no number is on it, more than 5 days has passed since they made started to make it and they made it from home, then it cannot be legally registered in Hawaii; the individual is then considered a criminal and the gun is now referred to as an “unregistered and unserialized firearm,” not a ghost gun. If anything, a ghost gun should solely be used to define a gun that can fire a projectile and be disposed of with no remaining evidence of the firearm, So a receiver or lower with melting point of lower than what is legally allowed in Hawaii. The gun then could “disappear” and have been printed at home from a 3d printer. That would then be a ghost gun and the blanket term should be reserved for those circumstances. They are simply a tool and not an easy one to make at that. Even if someone makes the 80% they are far from in the clear of whether it’s safe to operate and all of the education involved with building helps encourage builders to stay within the laws. I currently own 80% kits that I do not plan to build right now. I plan, without any hisitation, to serialize and register any and all firearms I make and I should not have to live in fear that the investments that I’ve made will one day become illegal. Even if I serialize the lower before drilling, just having the 3d printer, filliment, machining tools and files would be enough for me to face legal consequences based on the way the law is proposed. Please do not make me a criminal, especially since I go out of my way to follow the laws. I hope to be able to make my business a reality here in Hawaii and I appreciate those voting on this issue for taking time to hear of my story and for considering the consequences of making it illegal to work in this industry unless you’re already involved.

Please feel free to contact me in regards to my testimony and if needed I would provide my testimony in person in order to help prevent this ambiguous law from becoming a reality.

Sincerely,
Chase Cavitt
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If you have any questions I can be reached at pac808info@gmail.com

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My name is Scott Shimoda

Prohibited persons already cannot lawfully possess any firearm. The language in this bill is to
vague and broad as to what can subject a person to felony penalties.

If you have any questions I can be reached at scottmhs@hawaii.edu

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415 South Beretania St

My name is Normand A Cote

Aloha PSM & JDC,

I strongly oppose HB2744,

You are making law abiding citizens criminals. Enforce the numerous gun laws on the books
now.

We, the law abiding citizens are the good guys! We are not criminals! We follow the law. If
you are going to make laws, go get the criminals!

Not sure why you are having a hearing behind closed doors. At the very least, the PSM & JDC
should wait until, if ever, Governor Ige lifts the ban. Are you hiding from public opinion. You
we elected by us, and are working for us, the Hawaii Citizen.

Respectfully,

Normand A Cote
Law Abiding Citizen

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

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My name is David Lau

I am in opposition to HB2744 JDC. It will not stop crime as intended. Criminals do not follow the law and bills like these, if passed, will only hurt law abiding citizens.

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

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My name is Don Krasky

Requiring a serial number on a receiver is laughable. Parts that actually contact the projectile or casing have no serial numbers and can simply be swapped to thwart any tracking attempt. This also flies in the face of freedom of speech. Two consenting parties should be able to converse about how to manufacture firearms and pass parts back and forth without being bothered.

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

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My name is BYON NAKASONE

I oppose this bill!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you have any questions I can be reached at info@robby-inc.com

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My name is Christian Grado

You cannot restrict the personal manufacture of firearms. You can't stop the signal. You can't stop us from using tools to manufacture whatever we want. The regulated sale of arms through the NFA is already unconstitutional.

You can try, but it won't happen.

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

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My name is Brendon Heal

Instead of concentrating on fixing Hawaii's broken economy and getting us back on our feet,
you in the legislature restart your gun grab.

We see in the mainland how the government utterly fail to protect and defend law abiding
citizens, leaving thousands defenseless and at the mercy of the mob.

Could it happen here? Maybe, maybe not. I do not care to depend on our government to do
what is right to protect my family. As it has been proven, time and time again, you fail the
basic protection of lawful citizens, criminals released, economy destroyed, and safety of our
children.

Of course you all are doing this behind sealed doors, and will only be allowing remote
submitted testimony.

I submit in opposition to all these further infringement on our gun rights.

This is an election year, this will not be forgotten.

Thank you

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

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My name is Ron Klapperich

I oppose this bill that combines two previous unrelated proposed bills because possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime, and I don't want my tax payer funds spent on biased "research" that will validate the need for more gun control. Additional reasons 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

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.

Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

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

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My name is Ross Mukai

I oppose this bill. Please consider the technical limitations to extending gun laws to objects that are not guns. As written, this definition: "Firearm receiver" includes any object or part that is not a firearm frame or receiver in finished form but that is designed or intended to be used for that purpose and may readily be made into a firearm frame or receiver through milling or other means." is impossible. A solid, rectangular, block of aluminum can both be intended, and not intended, to be made into a firearm frame or receiver through milling or other means. In fact, milling or other means is exactly how raw materials like aluminum blocks are machined into receivers in gun factories. This law seeks to imprison people based on any assumption of intent or purpose for a simple block of metal or plastic. That is outrageous. There are already existing laws requiring serialization and registration of every gun. Those laws make sense because they are laws about guns, not laws about the speculative purpose of raw materials that are not guns.

Secondly, does a gun violence commission seem like something a state with some of the strictest gun laws and lowest gun violence rates in the nation needs to fund? No, it does not. Aren't there other areas where a commission might be able to study, such as how we are going to fix the economy, fund local government, move on to the post-covid new normal? Yes, there is other important work to be done and scarce resources to do it.

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

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My name is Dan Goo

There have been so many violent crime commissions, it is laughable that you will waste money on this when the State is going thru such a difficult time. Just look up other Commission reports from past years. You will find nothing has changed. More guns do not increase violence. Less guns do not decrease violence.

You want to lessen violence? Encourage the complete whole family. Families with fathers and not just mothers bringing up the kids. That's what you change to decrease violence.

FAMILIES WITH FATHERS.

If you have any questions I can be reached at dgoo@djspec.com

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My name is Judy Goo

There have been so many violent crime commissions, it is laughable that you will waste money on this when the State is going thru such a difficult time. Just look up other Commission reports from past years. You will find nothing has changed. More guns do not increase violence. Less guns do not decrease violence.

You want to lessen violence? Encourage the complete whole family. Families with fathers and not just mothers bringing up the kids. That's what you change to decrease violence.

FAMILIES WITH FATHERS.

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My name is Sean Goo

There have been so many violent crime commissions, it is laughable that you will waste money on this when the State is going thru such a difficult time. Just look up other Commission reports from past years. You will find nothing has changed. More guns do not increase violence. Less guns do not decrease violence.

You want to lessen violence? Encourage the complete whole family. Families with fathers and not just mothers bringing up the kids. That's what you change to decrease violence.

FAMILIES WITH FATHERS.

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My name is ELISHA GOO

There have been so many violent crime commissions, it is laughable that you will waste money on this when the State is going thru such a difficult time. Just look up other Commission reports from past years. You will find nothing has changed. More guns do not increase violence. Less guns do not decrease violence.

You want to lessen violence? Encourage the complete whole family. Families with fathers and not just mothers bringing up the kids. That's what you change to decrease violence.

FAMILIES WITH FATHERS.

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My name is Bobby Smith

why is it that Hawaii politicians are so desperate to make their law-abiding citizens, and the ones that contribute to society, unarmed potential victims? As it pertains to this bill, criminals are not sitting around in their garages ordering gun parts off the Internet so that they can partake in the time-consuming task of assembling a firearm. If you think it's not difficult, or it's something that you just snap together, please try. I can tell you one place the criminals are getting your guns. In Seattle the police station was recently overtaken by anarchists and violent protesters. Including the small arms in the police precinct Armory. Criminals NEVER have had ghost guns. It's always a stolen firearm. And since Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the country, why are you so desperately trying to impose more? I would point out again that the past month of violent riots, vandalism, anarchy and trying to overthrow local governments should be more than enough reason for EVERY politician to get behind your law-abiding constituency instead of constantly trying to harm them.

If you have any questions I can be reached at smithtkd1@yahoo.com

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My name is Phillip Root

I strongly oppose this bill.

If you have any questions I can be reached at ej031166@yahoo.com

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My name is brian peter dy

Infringing my 2nd amendment right, crime should be the focus not the firearm

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

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My name is Jonagustine Lim

I write in strong opposition to HB2744. This bill is vague and regular hardware tools could easily fall under this category.

The gun violence commission will also be biased against gun owners and will result in creating more laws violating the 2nd amendment.

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

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My name is Colby Sakumoto

I strongly oppose HB2744 for the following reasons:

As it relates to “Ghost Guns”

1. The ATF does not consider 80% receivers/frames as a firearm.
2. Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime.

As it relates to Establishing a Gun Violence Commission:

1. This commission should be focused on all violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used.
2. 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 10metertuners@gmail.com

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My name is Linda Castro

STRONGLY OPPOSE

Ghost Guns -

This bill will require 80% receivers, which is not considered a firearm by the ATF, to be stamped with a serial number & registered.

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

Establishing a Gun Violence Commission-

The commission should focus on ALL violent crimes, not just ones where guns are used and does not consider the use of guns for self defense.

If you have any questions I can be reached at geli.bean@yahoo.com

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My name is Honson Nguyen

I oppose HB2744JDC because making something legal illegal does not take it out of the hands of a criminal. It just puts the law abiding citizen at a disadvantage and disarms the population. Ghost guns are already illegal, this bill I believe has no purpose other than to weaken civilians in their own personal protection.

If you have any questions I can be reached at honson@hawaii.edu

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My name is Jacob Lunz

This is a complete violation of the second amendment. A gun violence commission will be biased against guns and gun owners. Every firearm must already be registered in the state. This bill will only penalize law abiding citizens. It will do nothing to stop criminals from stealing legally owned and registered firearms. The gun violence commission should focus on all violence, not just gun violence. I do not support any of these infringements on the second amendment

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

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My name is Eric Hammond

Aloha,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this Bill for 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

The 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.

Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

Thank you for your support

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

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My name is Michael Elliott

I STRONGLY OPPOSE!!

This bill violates process of combining two issues into one bill.

I have the right to build a gun. Numerous gun stores on the mainland have a “Build your AR or Glock classes”. This bill could make anything that looks like a gun, such as a piece of pipe meet the definition.

This is another attempt to erode and infringe by a thousand cuts.

I would like to see a bill that says, Legislators cannot draft, sponsor or co-sponsor a Bill until they are fully educated on the subject. The lack of knowledge is appalling.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE!!

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

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My name is Francis Corpuz

I OPPOSE this bill.

There are numerous books on Amazon that teaches you how to make a firearm using parts
from a hardware store.

If you have any questions I can be reached at blastoff747@gmail.com

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My name is Brianna Kleinhans

I do not approve the passing of this bill, HB2744, which will re-classify “80%” as “completed guns,” when in fact, the Federal ATF does not consider an “80%” gun to be a firearm. The idea of preventing criminal activity by obstructing the purchase of an 80% not only impedes on our rights, but also greatly fails to recognize larger causes of death and criminal activity in Hawaii, such as drunk driving, car accidents, drowning, and theft. Our culture is also built around hunting, which can be considered a skillful and necessary trait. With it, we learn not only care and appreciation for our lands, but also respect and technique of the tools that we use to harvest the land, such as rifles. As an avid gun owner, I have been taught to respect, appreciate, and properly/safely handle all types of firearm, which is what we should be teaching, instead of to fear and criminalize such technical and intricate tools. The gun owning community that I have been apart of (all of the gun owners and possessors throughout O’ahu) have been nothing but kind, educated, and talented people. To criminalize a craft such as creating, understanding, and articulating the structure of a firearm is like removing a rightful skill or educational course from our community. I urge you all to meet with the gun owners of our state, the shop workers, the gun range volunteers, the novices and the experienced, and see that these are good people whose rights are being wrongfully taken away with these bills.

If you have any questions I can be reached at b.de_guzman@yahoo.com

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415 South Beretania St

My name is Seth Addison

I strongly oppose HB2744 and ask you to also oppose it. There are already laws on the books to cover what this bill is "trying" to address. It is already illegal to possess a firearm without a serial number. The ATF does not recognize an "80%" receiver as a firearm so does not require a s/n, where do you draw the line on the requirements? A block of raw, "in the white" aluminum? At what point of the manufacturing process will you require it to have a s/n? Couldn't manufacturers just machine a little less and make a "75%" and your little Bill won't cover it?

The HRS laws for firearm registration that are already in place more than cover the intent of HB2744 so I ask you to please vote no on this bill.

Thank you.

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

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Sen Karl Rhoads, Chair

Sen Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2020

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION State Capitol
415 South Beretania St

My name is Raymond White

The state needs to follow established federal ATF regulations. Firearms are required to be registered and require a serial number to be engraved into the receiver. Criminals will remove serial numbers from stolen firearms and no bill will prevent criminals from doing that.

Gun violence commission is unjustified and it clearly opposes the 2nd Amendment.. Firearms are used in the minority of violent crimes and the statistics show it. Establishing a gun violence commission is not practicing good stewardship of tax payers money.

If you have any questions I can be reached at raymond.white808@gmail.com

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My name is Ryan Matsumoto

It's already illegal to not register firearms period. We are trying to fix a problem that does not exist because law abiding citizens already register their firearms. This bill, will not prevent criminals from obtaining firearms. How do you think felons obtain their firearms?

Obliviously, it's not the way law abiding citizens do. Stop making laws that only affect LAW ABIDING citizens!

If you have any questions I can be reached at ryanm.matsumoto@gmail.com

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My name is Lou Collazo

I OPPOSE the following proposed bills:

HB 1902, HB 2744, HB 2292, SB 2635, and SB 3054

As our country and state fight to get back to some kind of new normal, our legislators feel that their priority during this chaos is to focus on anti-gun bills.

Ladies and gentlemen, I can see no reason for these proposed bills other than our legislative body trying to show us that they are in charge. I perceive it as a school yard bully.

It seems to me that you are not focusing on the issues of our residents, but only on your personal desires to control us, using your own ignorance about firearms.

I would like to see you focus on the current issues that concern us right now. We have families that are unemployed and don't know how they will feed their families. You have teachers that are under paid concerned on how they will teach our children this upcoming school year. Our local economy is at a standstill because of tourism is shut down. The list goes on and on.

My suggestion is, focus on what is needed right now to open Hawaii back up and get our economy restarted.

Once Hawaii is stable, residents are working, schools are open with students in classes, reach out to us. Listen to our concerns and our solutions to the perceived gun problems.

Communicate with us!

Always, Do the right thing, because it is the right thing to do! Earn our vote!

Again, I OPPOSE the following proposed bills: HB 1902, HB 2744, HB 2292, SB 2635, and SB 3054

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

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My name is Norberto Dumo

- 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.
- Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

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

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415 South Beretania St

My name is Megan Pearl

I strongly oppose this bill as this session is supposed to be focused on emergency actions regarding covid19, not sneaking through legislation regarding 2nd amendment rights and prohibiting in person testimony. This is a violation of 2nd amendment rights.

If you have any questions I can be reached at mauimeg15@gmail.com

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My name is Kenneth Takeuchi

I oppose HB2744 because the bill is written poorly and is hard to understand exactly what is being regulated. There are many parts that are interchangeable in modern firearms, the bill is not clear as to whether possession of these parts constitutes the breaking of this law. The current language is so vague that possession of a new barrel for a legally owned gun could be a felony, and that is just unacceptable. Additionally, 80% receivers are also known by another name, a block of metal, that is how insane this bill is. Possession of a firearm without a serial number is already a crime and all firearms require registration and hence a serial number to be engraved on said firearm.

During this trying time, the state legislature should be focusing on getting the state and its economy back in proper working order instead of infringing upon its citizens. If one thing has become clear due to the novel coronavirus, it is that the citizens do not feel as if the government can protect them during times of emergency. All you have to do is look at the number of firearms being purchased right now and how many of those firearms are being purchased by first time owners. I can only hope that these new owners embrace their second amendment rights and vote politicians out of office that wish to infringe upon them.

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

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LOCATION: State Capitol
415 South Beretania St

My name is Nathan Lacno

I strongly oppose.

-This is a violation of my rights.

-Once a firearm is made, laws are already in place that states it must be serialized and registered.

If you have any questions I can be reached at nnn8er@gmail.com

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My name is Cory Yuh

I strongly OPPOSE this bill. For "Ghost Guns" it 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.

For 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. Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

If you have any questions I can be reached at cyuh2@hotmail.com

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My name is Bryston Tanigawa

I strongly oppose this bill. Firearms without serial numbers are already illegal. Criminals are not out there building their own guns. Yes I understand that it is possible for them to do it. However building a firearm takes a certain measure of skill and intellect that is not very common among criminals. This is yet another bill to turn law abiding responsible gun owners into criminals or helpless citizens.

If you have any questions I can be reached at brystont1@hotmail.com

The above testimony was written and submitted by Bryston Tanigawa

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My name is Michael Higa

I strongly oppose every section of this bill. Karl Rhoads has repeatedly said we do not have gun violence in Hawaii because of his strict laws. I do not see a need for such a committee when we have so many other problems like human trafficking and illegal drug activities that need more attention.

I strongly oppose part II, which has nothing to do with part I. Not only is this bill absurd, it also clearly shows that introducers of this bill have absolutely ZERO clue as to what a ghost gun is and the amount of work that it entails to create a firearm. There is no way anyone can simply purchase a ghost gun for simply assembly like described in this bill. Any firearm that can simply be assembled without a serial number is already illegal by law. Law abiding citizenry who have operational firearms are not without the need to make repairs that would make firearms extremely hazardous if not without proper maintenance and replacement parts. Law abiding gun owners in Hawaii would effectively be unable to service their firearms for use in hunting and sports activities and would be in grave danger from use of firearms that are not safe to use. Rendering firearms inoperable and unsafe would ultimately negate the right for Hawaii citizens to keep and bear arms. This bill is unconstitutional and does not help to keep firearms out of criminals. There is no study or statistics that have shown a ghost gun has ever been used in Hawaii or has even been a problem. It is an extremely expensive investment to even try to do so as it costs often times twice as much to try to manufacture these types of weapons in question and criminals will not take the resources and time to try to do this and go to these lengths for committing criminal activity. I implore Karl Rhoads to include any statistics or reports that validate any claims in this bill by trying to purchase and assemble a firearm like he states and as easily as described. His claim is not factual on any level.

I strongly oppose section 5 requiring written documents that are not provided by any facility in Hawaii. We have tax payer funded, free public shooting ranges that do not provide written documentation to fulfill this requirement. You should not need to show a reason for having a firearm in the state. It is your right to keep and bear arms and you should be reasonably justified to have a firearm at your place of sojourn regardless if you intend to hunt or practice/compete in shooting.

If you have any questions I can be reached at michaelhiga3@gmail.com

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Sen Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

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LOCATION State Capitol
415 South Beretania St

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

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

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My name is Alexandra Van

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If you have any questions I can be reached at alex@tradewindspets.com

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LOCAITON State Capitol
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My name is Nick Teves

I oppose this strongly and will not comply

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.

Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

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

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My name is Sandra 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.

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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

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

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My name is Aloni Cuevas

I strongly oppose this bill.

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

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My name is Ruben Quiroga

I strongly oppose this bill.

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

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My name is Kevin Ross

I strongly oppose of this bill. The law-abiding citizens should be allowed to use electric
firearms as a form of self-defense.

If you have any questions I can be reached at kross1@hawaii.rr.com

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My name is Jonathan Garcia

I oppose of this bill.

If you have any questions I can be reached at Gjonathan76@yahoo.com

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LOCAITON State Capitol
415 South Beretania St

My name is Robert Hechtman

I strongly oppose this bill HB2744 JDC

I oppose this bill for the following reasons.

As it comprises 2 sections the first,
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.

The second part being,

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.

Does not look at good uses of guns for self-defense.

Thank you,

Robert Hechtman

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

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415 South Beretania St

My name is Tom Nederend

I oppose of this bill due to the restrictions and permitting process Mention for electric guns.

I am for the use of electric guns.

If you have any questions I can be reached at 1tomned@gmail.com

The above testimonny was written and submitted by Tom Nederend

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LOCAITON State Capitol
415 South Beretania St

My name is Jason Reiger

I strongly oppose of this bill.

If you have any questions I can be reached at lreiger@cuttercars.com

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LOCAITON State Capitol
415 South Beretania St

My name is Sebastian Simon-ganti

I stand in opposition of this bill.

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

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My name is Isaiah Daquioag

I oppose of this bill.

If you have any questions I can be reached at isaiahdaquioag@yamil.com

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My name is Julianna Parks

I strongly oppose of this bill.

If you have any questions I can be reached at jewelzsupra@msn.com

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My name is bridgett okezie

The laws ser in place are aleeady at a high standard and woukd only make it harder for law
abiding citizens to aquire parts for firearms they need to hunt and sport with.

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

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My name is Cruz Call

I strongly oppose of this bill.

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My name is Kyle K

The ATF does not consider 80% receivers as a firearm. Possession of a firearm without a serial number in Hawaii is already a crime!!!! Focus on what's really killing people in Hawai'i. It's not guns! And it's especially NOT law abiding gun owners. What a waste of time and money.

If you have any questions I can be reached at kamauohak001@hawaii.rr.com

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