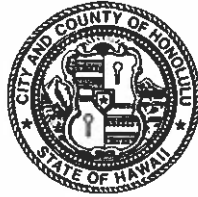


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June 24, 2020

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and
Military Affairs
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

LATE

Dear Chairs Lee and Takayama and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2635, SD2, Relating to Firearms Ammunition

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 Senate Bill No. 2635, SD2, Relating to Firearms Ammunition, with concerns.

This bill seeks to regulate the sale and purchase of ammunition. The HPD seeks clarification on whether or not the individual identified as an alternate for ammunition purchases on the firearm registration is required to undergo a background inquiry. If a background inquiry is required, this will severely tax the resources and capabilities of the county police departments. Additionally, the HPD would like to require the Attorney General, in the changes to Hawaii Revised Statutes §134-3(b), in updating the firearms registration forms, to include space for the identification of the alternate for ammunition purchases and language on the form indicating that the individual is not a co-owner of the firearm.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

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Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of David P. Nilsen in black ink.

David P. Nilsen, Major
Records and Identification Division

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030



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June 23, 2020

The Honorable Chris Lee
Chair, House Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 433
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of our members in Hawaii, I would like to communicate our strong opposition to Senate Bill 2635SD2 (SB 2635).

SB 2635 is a bureaucratic nightmare of red tape and restrictions on individuals exercising their rights that overly regulates ammunition in an effort to thwart criminal access. Criminals will easily sidestep these new requirements while law abiding gun owners and businesses are punished yet again with burdensome and unnecessary restrictions.

SB 2635 was amended in an attempt to address the many issues contained in the original bill. Unfortunately, these changes only make the proposed system even more complex and burdensome, without fully solving the bill's most glaring problems.

Many firearms are capable of shooting calibers beyond what may be listed on the registration. In fact, in some instances the non-listed caliber is probably a more common round to use with the firearm as is the case with a .357 and an owner shooting .38 specials. The bill falls short of offering an actual solution to this problem, instead giving discretion to the police department on whether or not they will include additional calibers on the permit, with no outlined process for appeal.

The amended bill also attempts to address the common situation where the non-registered owner may be purchasing ammunition, as is the case with family members or friends who may engage in lawful firearm related activities together. While the legislation now allows a designated alternate, this is an inexplicably complex process that does not consider real-world situations in which a one-time purchase of ammunition by a non-alternate is perfectly reasonable. The alternate may also be a registered gun owner who has already been properly vetted for firearm ownership, making any further permitting redundant.

This legislation fails to contemplate many other common problems such as training classes where ammunition is generally provided as well as firearm owners who have long guns that are not required to be registered with the state (pre-1994).

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We encourage the legislature to place the focus on the criminal misuse of firearms rather than overly regulating and burdening law-abiding citizens. Hawaii's many existing laws already prohibit firearm ownership and use by prohibited persons. This legislation is simply one more law that criminals will continue to ignore.

For the foregoing reasons I respectfully request your opposition to SB 2635.

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Daniel Reid
Western Region Director
NRA-ILA

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 8:43:49 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB2635 requiring proof of registration prior to purchasing ammunition puts an additional burden on lawful firearms owners. Though I agree that a firearm is dangerous and obviously can become deadly when ammunition is combined, lawful firearms owners in hawaii are responsible people. We are required to take a firearms safety course when planning to purchase a handgun. Our State Hunters Education class covers firearms safety. We are one of the safest States when it comes to firearms usage.

Requiring to show our firearms registration information prior to purchasing ammunition is just another slap in the face for firearms owners. Again, you are treating us as criminals, or more like second class citizens.

As a firearms instructor, there are occasions that we ask students to bring their own ammunition. They have not yet completed the course, and may not even have a firearm. How will they be able to purchase ammunition?

The problem is not folks buying ammunition. The real problem is folks that do not follow our current laws. These folks are known as criminals, and they will still find ways to get firearms, ammunition, or other devices to do harm. The goal should be to STOP criminals, not more restrictive measure that burden the lawful firearms owner.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 9:37:00 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Layne Hazama	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

Vague language and impossible to enforce. Will put current law abiding firearms owners at risk of wrongful prosecution through selective enforcement of vaguely worded laws.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 8:29:18 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 12:00:17 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill, like every other gun bill up for vote this session is poorly conceived and will negatively impact lawful gun owners while doing nothing to curb "gun violence". There are many firearms that are capable of shooting multiple calibers while only being registered as a single caliber. Furthermore, as a volunteer with several organizations that teach gun safety we are constantly purchasing ammunition for firearms we don't own, this bill would prevent that. Guns are already highly regulated in the State of Hawaii, there is no logical reason to implement this additional restriction.

Vote no on SB2635

Sincerely,

Kainoa Kaku, President

Hawaii Rifle Association



The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair

The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

House Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair

The Honorable Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair

House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and Military Affairs

HEARING: Wednesday, Jun 24, 2020, at 3:00pm, RM325

RE: SB2635 SD2 RELATING TO FIREARMS AMMUNITION

Aloha Members of the Judiciary and Public Safety, Veteran Affairs and Military Committees,

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition OPPOSES SB2635 SD2.

SB2635 is a law that is not needed, especially during a global pandemic. Instead of placing additional requirements on law abiding gun owners, the sole focus of the legislature should be on how to help the 30% of Hawaii Citizens that are unemployed, how to reverse the complete destruction of the Tourism Industry, and the potential for a Second Wave of infections come the fall.

Criminals will steal ammunition or purchase them through illegal straw buyers. This bill only hurts the ability of lawful gun owners to practice firearms safety, teach others firearms safety, as well as hunt.

This bill is unclear as to whether an owner of ammunition can transfer possession to another person due to the general provision in SB2635 SD1 which prohibits possession of ammunition that is owned by another. :

1. HRS 134-4 (c) allows for the lending of rifles and shotguns to another person for up to 15 days however it makes no mention of transferring possession of ammunition to the lendee to use in that firearm. This bill could make it illegal to camp overnight prior to the hunting session, which is common, or transferring ammunition to the lendee for a loaned rifle at home. Otherwise they would have a rifle or shotgun but no ammunition to use.
2. HRS 134-5 (a) only applies to having ammunition in rifles and shotguns at target ranges. This would make it impossible to teach a handgun safety course to a student that cannot possess ammunition. It appears that subsection (a) does allow for the use of ammunition with a rifle or

shotgun, but not a handgun. This may also affect commercial shooting ranges which cater to tourists.

3. HRS 134-5 (b) allows for the loaning of firearms while at a target range however it makes no mention of the legal transferring of possession of ammunition.

In these situations, a person can possess a loaned firearm but cannot obtain ammunition from another person or purchase ammunition from a store if they do not have the required documentation contained in SB2635.

People traveling from the mainland to Hawaii, such as hunters, competitors, and tourists, would not be able to purchase ammunition due to not having a firearms registration. This can also apply to local residents who loan firearms to their friends and family for hunting, competition, and target practice where the lendee cannot purchase ammunition as they may not have the required documents to do so.

For these reasons the Hawaii Firearms Coalition OPPOSES SB2635 SD2. Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo

Jon Abbott
Director, Hawaii Firearms Coalition
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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 8:25:31 AM
Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julian Bellin	Kaupo Wildlife Club - MUI	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members.....On behalf of the Kaupo Wildlife Club (53 yrs on Maui) Membership and Officers (70+) we respectfully request that you oppose SB2635. This bill does nothing to address the root cause of gun violence in Hawaii. This bill would result in undue hardship for law abiding gun owners in Hawaii.

Aloha and Mahalos for your attention

Julian Bellin/ KWC Corresponding Secretary

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 11:52:56 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Martha Kiyabu	YOUNG GUNS	Oppose	No

Comments:

To the Judiciary Committee Members,

I am strongly opposed to this bill as written. Young Guns as served the public for more than 24 years. A numner of our customers who purchase ammunition come from the neighbor islands as well as local residents whom are doing so for their family members or friends. Escpecilly neighbors island residents who have very little or no way of getting their supplies depend on us to supply them. By making it mandatory to show registration of the firearm in which they can buy only that particular cartridge will be devastating on many of them. By passing this bill who will this really benefit? Do you really think that this will reduce crime by making it more difficult for our residents to buy ammunition, it will only make many of us more irritated and disgusted in the wrong desisions that our law makers pass. Go after repeat offenders, not law abiding citizens.

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 2:50:03 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
hugh jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill SB2635, to assist us in making our community safer from gun violence.

1. firearms laws can be improved by this bill, as they currently only regulate access to guns. However, if a person has an illegally acquired gun, they still need access to ammunition and this bill can help prevent them from being able to easily purchase ammunition in our gun shops for illegal guns.

With licensing of ammunition sellers, and proper permitting for purchases of ammunition, we can help control access to ammunition by those who illegally have guns.

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 3:00:22 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tony frascarelli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is a solution to a nonexistent problem. As such, I am opposed to its enactment.

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 3:15:53 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

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

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 5:12:44 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Whoever wrote this bill doesn't understand that ammunition is interchangeable between firearms of a given chambering. All a crook needs is a registration for one 9mm to buy ammo for all his friends. This is simply another measure to harass honest gun owners with no effect on criminals. Don't pass dumb laws.

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 7:20:35 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 7:44:59 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Ammunition is the most lethal part of a gun. As the most dangerous part of a gun, it should be the most controlled. As a dangerous object, ammunition should always be sold to a registered gun owner ONLY...to it can be traced if needed. This protects the gun owner and the community. Win-win!

This is common sense gun law.. Noones 2nd Amendment rights are being trampled on.

Mahalo.

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 7:46:57 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill SB2635, to assist us in making our community safer from gun violence.

Our firearms laws can be improved by this bill, as they currently only regulate access to guns. However, if a person has an illegally acquired gun, they still need access to ammunition and this bill can help prevent them from being able to easily purchase ammunition in our gun shops for illegal guns.

With licensing of ammunition sellers, and proper permitting for purchases of ammunition, we can help control access to ammunition by those who illegally have guns.

Thank you for your consideration and mahalo for your service.

Richard Tillotson

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 8:58:20 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Firearms division is understaff and will create more havoc and headache for both law abiding citizens and HPD. Many other states dont need registration to get a gun or ammo. Many people do not even have time to go down to the station to register even for 1 time. Also many people have 2-3 jobs, kids and etc, and have hard time taking off. Hours are only available at the same time as most other workers unless you have a graveyard shift. Registration also needs to open on the weekends because thats where most people have time off

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 9:05:08 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support bill SB2635 to assist us in making our community safer from gun violence.

Our firearms laws can be improved by this bill, as they currently only regulate access to guns. However, if a person has an illegally acquired gun, they still need access to ammunition. This bill can help prevent them from being able to easily purchase ammunition in our gun shops for illegal guns.

With licensing of ammunition sellers, and proper permitting for purchases of ammunition, we can help control access to ammunition by those who illegally have guns.

Please pass this bill to prevent further gun violence in our state.

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 9:41:38 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Rep. Lee
Rep. Buenaventura
Members of the Judiciary Committee.

Rep. Takayama
Rep. Gates
Members of the Public Safety Committee.

Dallin Hee

June 24, 2020

In opposition to SB 2635 SD2 relating to firearms and ammunition.

I represent myself as a law-abiding citizen and a gun owner in Hawaii. I am in strong opposition to this new process of obtaining ammunition. I do not see the need for myself and other gun owners in Hawaii to have to go through another process that makes it hard for us to own firearms in Hawaii. It is bad enough that we have to apply for permits to buy firearms and now with this proposed bill, ammunition. This bill will negatively affect gun owners and not criminals. Criminals will always be able to obtain ammunition illegally through theft and other means.

I plead with you to not pass this ineffective bill. This is an infringement on my second amendment right and I would appreciate if you (those who represent the people) would protect our rights as citizens.

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Submitted on: 6/22/2020 11:33:16 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Still more legislation that does nothing to prevent crime?

And at a time like this, when what you should really be focusing on is opening up the economy and getting the tens of thousands of your constituents that are out of work back on the job .Families are looking at losing their homes, having to get in line at the food bank to feed their kids, and what you're doing is pushing the party agenda that is PROVEN to be utterly worthless at preventing violent crime, in a state with the lowest rate of gun violence in the nation.

If you're reading this you should be ashamed.

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 6:08:55 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This law will unnecessarily burden lawful citizens who wish to exercise their 2nd amendment rights to shooting sports. Shooting sports are enjoyed by citizens of all ages as shown in riflery classes in high schools or marksmanship competitions across the state. Many of these students do not own their own rifles and with this bill it would not allow their sport to exist. Another example is when I participated in a DLNR class where they introduced us to sporting clay shooting, we were told to bring ammo and we would be allowed to use the provided equipment. This was a good introduction to shooting sporting clays as we do have a trap and skeet public shooting area at the Koko Head shooting range, this was an excellent class put on by the DNLR. If bill SB2635 passes, opportunities like this will go away as well. I see this bill as a chipping away of our constitutional right to keep and bear arms as stated in the 2nd amendment of our Bill of Rights and I think this bill in conjunction with others is a back door way to do so.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 6:40:54 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 8:12:42 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill SB2635, to assist us in making our community safer from gun violence.

Our firearms laws can be improved by this bill, as they currently only regulate access to guns. However, if a person has an illegally acquired gun, they still need access to ammunition and this bill can help prevent them from being able to easily purchase ammunition in our gun shops for illegal guns.

With licensing of ammunition sellers, and proper permitting for purchases of ammunition, we can help control access to ammunition by those who illegally have guns.

June 23, 2020 @ 08:20 AM

Aloha Hawaii's Legislators:

Mahalo for asking testimony to support/oppose **SB2635**. I am opposed to any and all laws that strangle US citizen's "Right to Bear Arms " according to the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution.

I have been a registered voter and Mauian since I first started working as an engineer on the Island of Maui for Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company in March 1969. Eventually, over the past 50+ years, I developed an interest in trapshooting and target shooting. I am a registered owner of several firearms in Hawaii.

If this bill becomes a law, it will be like a "choke hold" on Hawaii's firearms ownership by its excessive and punitive "red tape" for compliance. Presently, there are "enough already" laws on the books. Just enforce those laws.

Thank you for your interest,

Michael S. Downing, P.E. (Retired)

262 Wailua Road, Ke'anae

Haiku, Maui, Hawai'i 96708-5794

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 8:44:20 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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 8:49:32 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. I am an avid hunter and there are firearms that shoot multiple calibers. It is already very difficult to purchase ammunition in Hawaii, this would further make it difficult and infringe on the second amendment. Please do not pass this law!

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 8:53:25 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
GENER MACARAEG	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose. This bill will not deter criminals from committing crimes. Criminals do not follow laws in the first place. Thank you!

**Testimony in Opposition to SB2635 Related to Firearms Ammunition
Submitted June 23, 2020**

I request the Hawaii State Legislature consider my opposition to **SB2635**, on the grounds that the bill places unnecessary burdens and costs on the free exercise of law abiding citizens' second amendment rights and use of their legally-acquired firearms.

There can be no expectation that law-breaking criminals will obey any of the newly proposed gun control measures. These laws will only impact those that choose to abide by them. Furthermore, the importation of black-market firearms, parts, and ammunition (as with illegal drugs, fireworks, and other illicit items that continue to plague our state) will guarantee that **ONLY** those corrupt elements of society will have access to the very firearms and ammunition types that this bill seeks to regulate, against a populace unequipped to defend against them.

Our law enforcement officers, while sincere in their desire to stop these criminals, will never be able to respond to a home invasion or similar assault until after the crime has commenced, to investigate and arrest the perpetrators after they have committed offenses. They will not arrive in time to defend us. It is our legal right and familial duty to be prepared to do so for ourselves. Anything less leaves us at the mercy of the bad guys.

Measures such as **SB2635**, seeking to regulate ammunition purchases, places an unnecessary burden on both buyers and sellers of legally-acquired ammunition. It will also significantly increase costs for local, small-business owners, and the Hawaii citizens who patronize their establishments. The bill is confusing and provides little explanation of its intended result or benefit. It appears to be designed to punish legal gun owners for having the temerity to exercise their second amendment rights.

Furthermore, the resulting increase in ammunition costs will reduce the ability of legal gun owners to train and practice the safe and effective use of their firearms.

As a law-abiding, tax-paying, and voting citizen of Hawaii with 21 years of uniformed military service, I find it appalling that our elected representatives are considering measures to further limit my right to defend my family against the less civilized among us by enacting yet more restrictive gun ownership laws. Hawaii already has among the most restrictive and onerous gun control measures in the country.

I realize these new measures are in reaction to increased reports of gun crime, with pressure being brought to clamp down on the use of firearms in felonies. However these proposed laws only impact those that will obey them, not the criminals that threaten our decent citizens. Most of the violent offenders in these recent cases had multiple prior arrests and convictions for other crimes. Yet they still walked freely among us, having already chosen the path of anti-social, illegal, and violent behavior.

In a state where we cannot control the persistent importation of tons of illegal drugs and fireworks, what makes the Legislature believe that illegal firearms and unregulated ammunition will not continue to readily find their way into the hands of those that would use them to commit crimes? What good will be served by limiting the rights of Hawaii's law-abiding citizens to legally acquire and use firearms, as guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and reinforced in Hawaii's own State Constitution?

Please do not hamstring the good guys.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:14:31 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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 need to buy their ammunition at guns shops with cameras in every corner of the store recording their actions. This law does nothing except infringe on the rights of lawabiding citizens.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:15:36 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Enough anti 2nd amendment laws.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:19:25 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill. It does nothing to deter criminal behavior. A measure like this is virtually unenforceable. It is just another way to make it hard for law-abiding citizens to enjoy their sport. Criminals don't care and will obtain ammunition from other sources. Please wake up, you surely have more important things to work on!

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:23:02 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2635. The Hawaii Legislature seeks to further oppress citizens' rights under the US and Hawaiian Second Amendment by leveraging the panic resulting from the national COVID-19 pandemic emergency. Restricting access to ammunition through registration will not make people safer or prevent crime. It will only make criminals out of common citizens for actions that have been commonplace since the nation was first founded. It will actually make people less safe in times of civil discord such as BLM, police free zones, the "defunding" of police departments, and emptying jails of convicted criminals. Who will protect innocent citizens when it takes the police 30 minutes or possibly much longer to show up at the scene of a home invasion, riot or peaceful protest gone wrong, if they show up at all? It will be up to the individual citizen to take the responsibility of being the first responder protecting their families. Piling-on still more roadblocks in the path of honest people seeking to protect themselves only shows the true intent and ultimate goal of the Governor and Legislature, the complete confiscation of all firearms from the abiding people. I respectfully demand that you uphold your oaths of office and stand with those of us who respect and support the Constitution and Rule of Law by rejecting SB2635.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:26:36 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it is vague and has too many loopholes. I know there is pressure to pass such a measure, But it is not well conveyed and creates a unfair, heavy burden on law abiding citizens, and not on the criminal, since criminals acquire firearms and ammunition primarily through theft and not commerce. As such, I strongly oppose this measure. Thank you.

Devin Sasai

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:33:04 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Jason Naha

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:33:50 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this. Many times people do not own a firearm, but are thinking of buying one. But before they do, they want to test fire 1 from a friend. Because ammo in HI is more expensive than the mainland, this cost money. So many buy their own ammo to use on their friends firearm legally.

Besides the above, this will add more staffing and resources need by HPD. The firearms division already cost the state \$1,000,000 to operate annually. And with the recent lawsuit of Yakutake vs. Hawaii that was won by Mr. Yakutake, HPD firearms now has to stay open on Wednesdays till 6:30pm and must service all those in line. Which means more staffing and horus needed as more people will need to show proof they own that caliber of firearm. John Q taxpayer will not be happy.

Also many firearms can fire many differen types of ammo. So then HPD will have to adjust all registrations to list every ammo caliber. Example, the most popular rifle the AR-15, can shoot 64 different sizes of bullets. So will the registration/paperwork list all 64 calibers? It will have to if this law passes. How will HPD know it can shoot X calibers? No barrel is labeled with 64 different bullet calibers.

Criminals will always find ways to get ammo, just like how they obtain guns illegally.

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:39:41 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Oppose SB2635 SD2 – This bill is just ridiculous. As a firearms instructor and board member with Lessons In Firearms Education, LIFE, we are tasked with supplying our instructors with the ammunition for the purpose of teaching the basic pistol course to people who are interested in purchasing a handgun in the state of Hawaii. We are trying to follow the laws that you made to provide residents the opportunity to take a handgun safety course so that they can receive their affidavit that must be shown to HPD before they can purchase a handgun in this state. You people, legislators are making it difficult for us to provide a needed service to the people of Hawaii. Stop trying to move the goal post. If this bill should pass it would restrict us from purchasing ammo for our classes because our board members do not own all of the calibers of firearms that might be used on the line for our classes. You guys should be ashamed of yourselves trying to push your anti-gun agenda during this time of health and financial hardship due to the coronavirus.

Brandon Leong

Lessons In Firearms Education Instructor and Board Member

Hawaii Rifle Association Board Member

NRA Certified Firearms Instructor

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:45:38 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samuel K. Lelewi	Individual	Oppose	No

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.

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:45:52 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to SD 2635 SD2 which is nothing more than a blatant attempt at gun control by making it much more difficult for the law abiding citizen of the State Of Hawaii to obtain ammunition for both sporting and defensive purposes. The recent events on the mainland have proven in times of social unrest and the rioting that accompanied the so called mostly peaceful protests, that the law abiding citizens of the United States cannot rely on the government to protect us from the mob or violent criminals. In the recent rioting in New York city, Seattle, Washington DC, Chicago and Minneapolis, the Police were unable or unwilling to protect the law abiding citizens of those cities which resulted in millions of dollars in property damage, untold numbers of citizens being beaten by the mob and murdered. This bill is another outrageously blatant example of the Legislature continuing its long tradition of keeping the victims of violent crimes defenseless against their attackers.

Again I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill and ask that you stand with the Law Abiding citizens of Hawaii NO.

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:47:51 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I cannot see where this proposal does anything other than create yet another barrier to lawful citizens exercise of their Constitutional rights. This is akin to asking the police for permission to speak on different topics, that would never be acceptable under our first amendment protections. Lawful citizens will have to request another "mother may I" to purchase ammunition and it is highly unlikely that criminals will not do so. This proposal will cause people to overbuy and hoard ammunition, which then may be targeted for theft; stolen ammunition will end up on a black market which criminals will utilize to circumvent this proposal. Likely there are those who will purchase ammunition to sell illegally, so this proposal creates an illegal black market. This could result in increased attempts of robbery against legal firearms dealers and private citizens who are known to have ammunition on hand. Just making it less safe and more burdensome for lawful citizens to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; whilst having minimal impact on criminals' access to ammunition.

As a collector of curios and relic firearms there are many unique calibers of ammunition which often are not found on island this requirement burdens the exercise of my right to keep and bear arms as well as obstructs the ability to maintain firearms that have historical significance that can be used to safely share and educate others.

Please have the common sense to vote against this proposal.

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 10:02:20 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:56:17 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 10:03:53 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb2635 this is another bill that will not stop a criminal from doing criminal things. Whether it is firearms or ammunition or drugs or cars criminals will get their hands on it. This bill again as all other gun control bills creates a burden on lawful gun owners as well as the police department.

HPD has already spent so much on staffing and body cams. Can they afford to staff more just to accommodate all of these new gun and ammunition provisions? This will come back to the taxpayers to cover this on top of an already insanely over budgeted rail system. As we predict it will not affect criminals from getting any of this illegally and will burden the Hawaii taxpayer which many of us are in debt.

Many gun owners will take friends to the range to introduce them to their 2nd amendment right to bear arms. Because ammunition is quite pricey non-gun owners will go and purchase ammunition from a local gun store. There are shooting clubs where tourist can shoot a firearm that is owned by the club. Tourists do not have access or ownership of a firearm so this would be an illegal action. This in the short and long run will kill the shops business. Many gun owners also use these ranges to test a gun before buying it. So again, they don't own the caliber used and cannot purchase the ammo to test fire the gun prior to purchasing.

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 10:05:38 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill! This bill is against the constitution. It restricts my of my 2nd Amendment rights!

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 10:24:58 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna P. Van Osdol	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a terrible bill which attempts to squash part of the right to bear arms. Kill this bill!

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 10:42:34 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill only put another layer of restrictions on the law abiding the citizens. And does nothing to stop crime or criminals from getting ammunition. You can't even stop fireworks from coming in the state. I know your goal is to eliminate the second amendment only. This is only going to waste millions of dollars in court fees that the state does not have.

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 10:59:20 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill SB2635, to assist us in making our community safer from gun violence.

Our firearms laws can be improved by this bill, as they currently only regulate access to guns. However, if a person has an illegally acquired gun, they still need access to ammunition and this bill can help prevent them from being able to easily purchase ammunition in our gun shops for illegal guns.

With licensing of ammunition sellers, and proper permitting for purchases of ammunition, we can help control access to ammunition by those who illegally have guns.

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

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this Bill.

It does not account for ALREADY REGISTERED firearms which support multiple calibers. It does not allow for someone to purchase ammunition to teach a class or provide informal firearm familiarization for firearms that they may not own. It adds to the already onerous paperwork related to firearms, and target practice. It will impact those who hand-load their own ammunition, even if they are not selling their ammunition as a business.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:57:11 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose of this bill. It would only inconvenience legall gun owners and law-abiding citizens choosing to excersice there second amendment right. It complicates a simple transaction and forces gun owners to share sensitive information in order to purchase ammuniton. I don't think any criminals actually go to gun shops to legally purchase firearms and ammuniton. This law wouldn't make Hawai'i any safer and I feel like its an attack at the rights of the citizens of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 12:01:49 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I wish to submit this testimony in OPPOSITION to this legislation.

The government does not have a need to know who is buying ammunition or regulating how that is done. The required licensing for buying and selling of ammunition is invasive and unnecessary. It would naturally lead to the rationing of a very important component of the 2nd amendment.

I should also point out that this law would likely create a pretty large Black Market. How would anyone know what ammunition was purchased here and how much was purchased in another state/country? How would ammunition be tracked? How would this be enforced? This sounds a WHOLE lot like the infamous FIREWORKS ban that this state has; we all know how well that worked out at the beginning of the year!

Firearms laws in Hawaii are already among the strictest in the nation. Owners of firearms are registered with our local police departments and watched under microscopes. We are among the most law-abiding citizens in Hawaii, yet we are held accountable for the actions of the mentally unstable and heinous sociopaths, with the ever constant chipping away of our Constitutional right to bear arms.

Why does the Hawaii Legislature place a higher value on the rights of criminals than those of it's law-abiding citizens??

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 12:18:33 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rita Kama-Kimura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose the passing of this bill. It is an obvious back door attack on the Second Amendment! It is perhaps also indicative of the future intent of some of our elected officials.

So I again strongly ask that this bill be declined!

Rita Kama-Kimura

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 12:17:23 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Gutteling, M.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

RE: SB2635 SD2 *Prohibits any person from selling ammunition or shell casings for any firearm unless the purchaser first demonstrates that they are the registered owner of the firearm*

.As a practicing orthopedic surgeon in Hawaii for 28 years, and before that for 5 years in inner city Newark NJ, I am well experienced with caring for tragic gun trauma.

I urge you NOT to pass these new additional restrictions.

The real harm outweighs the good intent.

In this case, ammunition purchase by law abiding citizens would be severely restricted, but have marginal to no effect on criminal gun violence. Black markets for ammunition would be immediately created, and flourish the way the illegal drug market does now. For example, there is no way to prevent a citizen bringing in ammunition in their checked baggage from the mainland. Legally. Even if they don't even own a gun.

Alaska Airlines allows 40 lbs of ammo !

No one can seriously think a criminal with an illegal gun is not going to be able to get ammunition, either by illegal sale or by theft, as a result of this law.

It definitely hurts legal gun owner's rights, and needlessly so.

New laws restricting the legal arming of our responsible citizens must be heavily weighed as to all the consequences, as well as the desired benefits. San Diego-based U.S. District Judge Roger Benitez, echoing the Supreme Court latest 2nd Amendment rulings, recently emphasized that the Second Amendment requires that *the state has to meet a high burden before it can pass a law that infringes on the right to keep or bear arms*

Hawaii laws need to be similarly based.

This proposed law clearly does not.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Gutteling, M.D.

Hilo

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 12:54:59 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill, its simply punishing law abiding gun owers. Criminals do not go into gun stores and go get permits or ask for permishion. They are criminals. This is crazy.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 12:59:58 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Thomas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 1:19:50 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose this measure as another power-grab and further chipping away at our Civil Rights. This bill definitely "infringes" on our Second Amendment rights. It's just another hoop you are so skillful at setting up to prevent us from living as free Americans.

Is it not enough that by the State's actions & Governor Ige's illegal extension of Emergency Powers so many of us are out of work, out of money, unable to pay our rent or mortgages and now you seem intent on making sure we can not protect ourselves?

This extra session was supposed to be about spending (wasting?) the CARES funds, not about pushing legislation that further restricts. It seems all you do any more is raise our taxes, increase regulations and complain that YOU do not have enough revenue.

Please vote NO on SB2635!

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 1:29:18 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am strongly in favor of SB 2635 and support the regulation of ammunition sales to gun owners with permits.. 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." Hawaii has long regulated gun sales, ownership and use, giving our State one of the lowest rates of gun violence in the country. Allowing the general public to buy ammunition when they do not have a legal gun permit, makes no sense. Live ammunition can be used in the construction of various types of bombs and other instruments of danger and destruction. Such ammunition could also be, if such ammunition sales are allowed, used by one who has stolen the gun of another and uses it, without being a licensed gun owner. There is no logical need for allowing such sales and such sales are clearly not envisioned or protected by the Second Amendment or the subsequent 2nd Amendment gun cases decided by the United States Supreme Court. The sale of ammunition should be properly and legally limited to gun owners with permits and SB 2635 should be passed.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 1:23:40 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Allan K. Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 1:32:14 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I believe these measures are reasonable by only allowing registered owners or their agent to purchase ammunition. It is widely known that unregistered owners pose a public threat and this bill will help to limit and reduce unregistered owners from obtaining ammunitions.

Mahalo,

Amelia Jose

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 1:50:05 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose all upcoming measures. Hawaii already has some of the most infringing laws in the nation. No more, we are already abiding by the laws . You're going to make things more expensive in an overly crushing cost of living . Please stop this nonsense.

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 1:56:24 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a **father, Veteran, and your constituent**, I respectfully request that you please oppose SB 2635 SD2.

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

Again, please oppose SB 2635.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 2:31:31 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please oppose this bill; it has negative unintended consequences. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 2:26:51 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is a waste of time and resources that government doesn't have. There are more important matters at hand for you to be focusing your time on. The legislature should only be focusing on COVID and the economy - DO YOUR JOBS!

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 3:11:54 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill as it places an undue burden on the purchaser of ammo for their firearms and it will not in any way prevent a firearm crime from taking place. This bill serves no logical purpose. As a matter of fact, I am disabled and it is very difficult for me to recover my firearm registration as it is stored in a safe, securely locked up. This safe is not easily accessible, as I do not want it easily found in the case of a break in. I also strongly insist on an appeal process for any laws imposed and there should be no vague discretionary decisions left up to the police. Everything should be spelled out very specifically when it comes to calibers.

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 3:30:18 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

LATE

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.

LATE

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 4:33:50 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 4:47:05 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 5:12:01 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin J. Cole	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha,

I am vehemently opposed SB 2635. This is a de facto ban on reloading among friends. If person A has a press for one caliber and person B has a press for another caliber, and they share reloading duties, this bill would make this activity a felony.

What business is it of the state what law-abiding citizens do in the free exercise of the 2nd amendment rights? Like other previous efforts to over-regulate the firearms community in Hawaii, these efforts will do nothing to inhibit criminals from obtaining guns or ammunition.

V/R

Kevin J. Cole, Col USAF Ret.

Mililani

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 5:27:07 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darryl Y.C. Choy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please accept my strong opposition to this bill. The right to self protection can not be hampered by restricting the purchasing of ammunition. This right is beyond those granted by the second amendment.

LATE

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 5:19:05 PM
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glenn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Members of the Special Committee and the Senate

I oppose any bill that is aimed at further limiting the 2nd Ammendment Rights of the Citizen's of Hawaii and the United States. This type of legislation only restricts the rights and practices of law abiding citizens. We already have strict laws dictating that every firearm in our state be registered by the individual who is going to responsible for the firearm. To further restrict the purchase of ammunition is going way beyond the bounds of what should be allowable. It is a clear form of government over-reach. Again, this legislation only affects the free access of ammunition to law abiding citizens. We have every right as law abiding citizens to freely purchase and use firearms for hunting, sport and home defense, as we see fit. This is protected by our US and Hawaii State Constitution.

Please consider striking this bill or at least waiting until such a time that public (in person testimony) is allowed at a public hearing. The fact that this is going forward during a time like this where our citizens are being restricted access to submit in person testimony makes me feel like this action is subversive trying to push something through that your constituents the general public probably won't support. Please, do not further restrict our rights as Hawaii and US Citizens.

I think some of the founding fathers and authors of the Bill of Rights would have considered such actions as the definition of tyranny.

“The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few, or many, and whether hereditary, self-appointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very **definition of tyranny.**” – James Madison

A Concerned Citizen of the State of Hawaii

Respectfully Submitted

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 6:00:59 PM

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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 6:27:38 PM

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LATE

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/23/2020 6:47:06 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

oppose

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 7:02:24 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 8:06:15 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 8:28:37 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

None of the suggestions in this bill will make our streets safer. Just more of a burdon on law abiding citizens.

1. Prohibits **any person** from selling ammunition or shell casings.. : This will be impossible to police
2. Requires the licensing of sellers of ammunition...,: This is just more red tape to make exercising the 2A for legal gun owners more difficult. Financial burden on store owners.
3. Regulate ammunition in the same manner as firearms: This is just more red tape to make exercising the 2A for legal gun owners more difficult.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 8:46:08 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is an invasion of privacy. We already have enough restrictive laws concerning firearms ownership. Fix the real problems which include the lack of proper care for our mentally ill and our poor economy. Your other issues will fix themselves.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 8:46:28 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please oppose SB2635. This bill would punish law abiding firearms owners both within and outside of the State of Hawaii. This bill unfairly targets law-abiding Hawaii firearms owners who are simply exercising a passion, a hobby, a perfectly-legal activity, and also, let's not forget, a Constitutional Right. This bill would also greatly hurt the hunting tourism industry of Hawaii as hunters who come to Hawaii for weekend hunts would not be able to purchase any ammunition for their firearms. Such restrictions would greatly impact the finances of small and large hunting guides as hunters would go to other places to hunt and take their wallets with them. This would also affect the greater tourism industry as the hunters may bring their family members to Hawaii to vacation while they hunt. This revenue stream would go away, leading to job loss and decreased earnings to businesses and subsequent tax revenue loss.

SB2635 also hurts the organizations such as the Boy Scouts and other such 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. How would they purchase ammunition? Purchasing ammunition for firearms not registered to the individual would in essence constitute a "straw purchase", making all involved criminals. Now that group is disenfranchised from a Constitutionally protected event and the youth are not afforded the ability to learn SAFELY about firearms. Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders.

Furthermore, today's firearms are more and more available as multi calibers. To the point where manufacturers are marking them as MULTI. There are factory kits available for firearms to convert calibers. These are designed by the manufacturer. The manufacturer SIG has the P320 and P250 pistols available as 9mm, .40, .357 SIG with different conversion kits. The "firearm" of the SIG is just the "Fire Control Unit" How does an owner procure ammunition for these firearms if it was not originally registered as a certain caliber? To enact this places an undue burden on the firearm owner. How is law enforcement set up to easily and conveniently help firearms owners? Will owners have to re-register a firearm for every caliber if they choose to change?

SB2635 does not address shooting events where firearms owners gather together to engage in a legally protected activity. When an individual runs out of his own ammunition, he is barred from borrowing ammunition from his friends, even though all persons are legal possessors of firearms. And should the event occur where borrowing or giving of ammunition would occur, all involved would be made into criminals. Why are we criminalizing legally protected activities?

As such for these and many other reasons, I urge you to OPPOSE SB2635.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:06:06 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strong urge that this bill not be passed. As a citizen with legally registered fire arms this bill will do nothing to curb gun violence and will only serve to make it harder for legal gun owners like myself to obtain ammunition. I own a dual caliber pistol that I enjoy taking the the range, pre-covid and practicing my marksmanship skills. My pistol is a dual caliber gun and this law will make it difficult if not impossible for me to obtain ammunition. It will not stop unlawful guns or ammunition from getting into the hand of someone, it will just make my legal rights to enjoy a sunday afternoon at the range more difficult.

Please reconsider this bill.

Mahola

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:09:33 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2635 SD2. The only thing this bill will accomplish is making it more difficult for law abiding citizens to complete a currently simple task.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:16:51 PM
Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

A individual intent on committing crime and already in the possession of a black market firearm will have little difficulty purchasing/bartering for bullets which are effectively untraceable. This bill will have no effect on crime and add burden and cost to legal gun owners.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 9:26:25 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Gill	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this poorly written bill.

It ONLY affects Law Abiding Hawaii Citizens.

It will NOT affect the criminals that use illegal guns (and illegal ammunition) to commit crime.

Sincerely,

Paul Gill

Hawaii Kai

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 10:07:16 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB2635 SD2

This Bill once again penalizes the Law Abiding firearm owner, by creating another "hoop and ring" to jump thru.

"Anti Gun persons" again want to burden the Law Abiding firearm owner with another Anti Gun Law - yet - when it comes to criminals breaking the law, "Anti Gun persons" think about the criminals Civil Rights and Constitutional Rights - How is it , the criminals Civil Rights and Consttutional Rights have a Higher Priority than the Law Abiding firearm owner? Example - Releasing criminals from prison during the Covid19 Pandemic, how did that turn out? Some, not all, went back to their law breaking ways - this in the name of Civil Rights and Constitutional Rights, so that they do not catch Covid19! - "Get Out of Jail Free"

And now the Law Abiding firearm owner is now asked to "prove" he owns the firearm that he is purchasing the ammunication for. What if I want to purchase ammunication as a gift?

Another thing that bothers me - is the fact, that when politicians swears the oath of office, they swear on a Bible to Support and Defend the Constitution of the United States. YET here are some politicians who are negligent in that Duty - to Support and Defend the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. If you, as a politician are anti 2nd Amendment - Do Not Swear on the Bible, that you will Support and Defend the Consttution of the United States. There is no picking and choosing - The Constitution of the United States IS a WHOLE! The 2nd Amendment"Shall not be infringed!"...

We do not need to Burden further, the Law Abiding firearm owner - Hawaii Firearm laws are one of the strictest in the United States. We need criminals to once again "fear" the consequences of breaking the law. Right now criminals don't care, it's a "cakewalk" for them to get caught, they do not fear jail time or other consequence. Criminals are just breaking the law over and over and over!

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 10:19:48 PM
Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 10:14:04 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:10:23 PM
Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Henry Bruckner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB2635 only penalizes law-abiding citizens exercising their 2nd Amendment rights--it does nothing to abate or even address criminal activity. It will, however, have a material, negative impact on businesses that sell ammunition and cartridge cases. Hawaii's gun laws are already among the most restrictive in the nation.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:21:13 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:31:59 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
RYAN TINAJERO	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly **oppose** this bill because it flagrantly compromises the fundamentals of privacy protections. Firearm registration forms already contain intrusive pieces of personally identifiable information concerning registered gun owners. Such information includes, but is not limited to the physical home address and social security number of the registered owner. Forcing a gun owner to furnish such form in person or online to an ammunition seller puts the gun owner at risk for identity fraud and creates an undue invasion of privacy since there is no absolute mechanism for a physical ammunition storefront or online ammunition seller to absolutely protect the information presented in-person or otherwise transmitted to them electronically. As the fallout of the recent *BlueLeaks* reveals, no law enforcement agency nationwide can absolutely protect vital personal data contained on their information technology systems from hackers, indicating that citizens will always be at risk as long as their personally identifiable information is amassed and stored on databases. It is both irresponsible and immoral to pass this bill because of the negligent requirement of individual gun owners to provide substantive amounts of personally identifiable information in order to complete a simple transaction.

In order to achieve the bill's goal of achieving public safety, particularly by addressing armed criminals, the legislature must focus on improving both the quantity and quality of law enforcement patrol officers that respond to crimes. Criminal activity of all types will continue to proliferate within the state as long as an officer deficit continues to strain the Honolulu Police Department. I implore this legislature to genuinely demonstrate care for Hawaii's residents by focusing on creating proactive and timely criminal response solutions. Innocent lives are at risk the longer a citizen has to wait upon an available law enforcement officer to respond to an emergency call for service. It is always disheartening to hear news stories about residents waiting for law enforcement officers to assist them, only to hear later on in the same news story that help is too late, resulting in either a fatality or loss of personal possessions. This legislature can change the course of history by enacting realistic legislation that increases the response times of police officers.

Thank you for your time.

BlueLeaks Reference: <https://krebsonsecurity.com/2020/06/blueleaks-exposes-files-from-hundreds-of-police-departments/>

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:25:18 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fel Sepada	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I extremely oppose **SB 2635 SD 2** in its entirety and any politician that swore an oath to uphold our great constitution and supported this bill. I will work hard to continue to oppose said bill and any that violates We The People's Constitutional Rights. I vote and I will be using it to voice my dismay and educate anyone regarding this bill and its sponsors / supporters.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:34:18 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donn Nagamine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

I strongly oppose SB2635 SD2. If the intent of this bill is to somehow reduce crime, it will not. Much like illegal firearms, if criminals can get them, they can also get the ammunition. This bill will only serve to burden law abiding gun owners and gun shops with more unnecessary restrictions. This is a burden criminals would not have to bear. This bill also will over work a Police department that is under staffed and dealing with manpower shortages. Instead more funds and effort should be given to the hiring and training of police officers. Please do not support this bill!

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:35:56 PM
Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY oppose SB2635 SD2.

It would create unreasonable burdens upon the vast majority of gun owners who are law-abiding citizens.

It would not prevent criminals from acquiring ammunition. It will be VERY easy to circumvent this law by anyone who is willing to violate it.

It is so much of a burden to comply with, that many if not most otherwise law-abiding shooters will find themselves violating it because it imposes unreasonable burdens for complinace.

For example, most of my guns are convertible to DOZENS of different cartridges and multiple "calibers" as erroneously stated in this bill. A requirement to list all of the cartridges on the registration would be unreasonable. However, not listing all of the possible cartridges on the registration would cause an owner to be in violation of this law when he changes the barrel to accept a new cartridge that isn't specifically listed on the registration.

There are many other bad and unworkable provisions in this bill.

Please do NOT pass this bill.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:53:15 PM
Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Law abiding citizens do not need a permit to possess a firearm or ammunition.

The constitution gives us the rights to bear arms and ammunition.

This bill does nothing to protect people or prevent crime, it only punishes those of us who follow laws.

Thank you,

Ron Knopp

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/23/2020 11:57:29 PM
Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sterling Luna	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose. This seems to be creating another permitting process that is unwarranted. Another firearm related law thats frivolous. Please stop with these legislation that just burdens the citizens and strains the finance of the state

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 12:08:06 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Robertson	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

This is a snake in the grass move by the state senate. To attempt to pass this quietly in the night of Covid-19 is a test image of who I will NOT be voting for during the next congressional seat election. The current gun laws prevent me from obtaining a concealed carry permit. I ask why? I am a law abiding citizen, honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, able to obtain a secret clearance. I was told because there was not enough gun violence in this state to allow/justify obtaining a concealed carry permit. Well why can't I get an open carry permit? I can't either. This is wrong. This is to further limit the 2nd amendment in this state which I know the 9th circuit has already deemed current laws are UNCONSTITUTIONAL. You guys are trying to sneak (because of the pandemic) more laws in to limit people to own and operate firearms prior to LOOSING in the 9th circuit. I firmly appose the registration of ammunition/ permitting of purchase of ammunition. We all know it will DO NOTHING TO REDUCE CRIME, only limit law abiding citizens from owning ammunition without permission to operate those firearms.

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.”

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 12:24:18 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rodney Hatanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To our esteemed senators,

This law would unduly inconvenience and infringe upon the constitutional rights of law abiding citizens. The current wait time for registration appointments is approximately eleven (11) weeks in Honolulu which is an infringement of the constitutionally guaranteed rights of the U.S. Constitution and the Hawaii Constitution. Furthermore, legal firearms owners will need to re-register their firearm for any caliber conversion (i.e., a 22 long rifle caliber conversion kit which allows for a more cost effective training method with the firearm to ensure proper handling of the firearm).

Also, this bill is in direct violation of HRS 134-3(b) which prohibits disclosure of firearm registration forms to firearm sellers for confidentiality. Forms that law abiding firearms owners filled in with the knowledge that the information on the forms are to remain confidential.

And, the bill will prohibit the sale of "shell casings" without proof of registration. What will this accomplish other than to further inconvenience law abiding firearms owners?

Criminals do not follow the law. FACT. That is why they are criminals.

This well intentioned albeit poorly thought out bill only limits the rights of law abiding firearms owners. It adds yet another hoop that law abiding firearms owners need to jump through despite "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed" which is a direct excerpt from the Hawaii State Constitution, Article 1, Section 17.

Please vote no on this bill to prevent erosion of the Hawaii State Constitution's guaranteed rights of law abiding firearms owners.

Thank you,

Rodney Hatanaka

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 12:25:19 AM
Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

If friend wants to buy ammo to shoot my gun while I'm there won't be able to do it.

Somebody is going to buy ammo for a safety class won't be able to do it.

More work for HPD that they Don't need to be doing.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 12:52:43 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This Has already bin Dismissed by the suprme Court In Cal as UnCostitutioal!!!

This violate the 2nd Amendment. Witch is the Law of the Land the state or countys do not have the authority to change the Constitution.

You are in Violation and we will be chargeing you with the crime of vilation of our constitution Rights.

D O J

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 6:01:59 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

LATE

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

Comments:

I am opposed to passage of SB2635 as amended because:

- 1) it is still an impingement on a citizen's Constitutional Rights and,
- 2) it does not outline an appeal process for any unilateral decision made by the police regarding the issuance of a permit in the case of firearms capable of firing multiple calibers of ammunition.

SB-2635-SD-2

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

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose this bill on the grounds that is unconstitutional. It places undue hardship on legal owners of firearms and on the citizenry as a whole by infringing on their 2nd Amendment rights and gives too much discretion to police departments in the licensing and registration process. There are still crimes being committed by armed criminals so firearms registration is not "effective" and yet this legislature seeks to impose further restrictions on law abiding gun owners. Criminals by definition do not abide by or obey the law so it can only be concluded that this is yet another attempt by our legislators to find ways to attack the 2nd Amendment, the rights protected in it, and the free exercise thereof.

As we have seen in the widespread mob violence, looting, and destruction that has taken place in the mainland recently, the right to defend one's self, our loved ones, our homes, and property is essential. I am sure many up there thought it could never happen in their communities. They were wrong as would we to be so naive. New York has the largest police force in the nation and they were unable to deal with the unrest and violence they were confronted with. How would we as a community fare if we were faced with a similar anarchic situation? What about the violence and looting that happens following a natural disaster when government's help cannot reach us?

In that this bill is being heard during the Covid-19 lockdown without the opportunity for the public to know that it is happening, much less to testify in person, is indicative to me of the secretive nature of this procedure denying us the exercise of our 1st Amendment rights on the matter.

This bill is a mistake. I humbly ask you to reconsider and do not make it.

William Iaela

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 7:09:02 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

Stongly oppose

This bill will only further erode our enumerated right to keep and bear arms, and our right to protect ourselves in these hard times.

The increasingly volitile social situation requires that we be able to protect ourselves.

"When seconds count, the Police is only minutes away"

The ability of criminals to acquire will not be diminished. The black market will happily step in to serve them. Only law abiding folks will be affected.

Please vote to oppose.

Aloha
Gordy Fowler

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 7:48:48 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

LATE

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

Comments:

This legislative proposal will serve only to encumber lawful owners of firearms. Purchase of ammunition for firearms other than those registered to an individual should not be a prohibited activity. I considered just yesterday purchasing ammunition on sale for a future firearm caliber that I am planning to acquire. There are already thousands of state and federal laws that regulate lawful gun owners. There is no evidence that this proposal will do anything other than make more difficult the exercise of our constitutionally protected rights. I oppose this proposal in the strongest possible terms.

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 7:50:10 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 8:13:19 AM
Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 8:30:01 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

LATE

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

Comments:

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 8:46:14 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill to assist us in making our community safer from gun violence. With licensing of ammunition sellers, and proper permits for purchases of ammunition, we can help prevent access to ammunition by those who illegally have guns. Our permit laws can be improved in this manner, as they currently only regulate access to guns, not ammunition. However, once a person has an illegally acquired a gun, they still need access to ammunition and this bill can help avoid them being able to easily purchase ammunition in our gun shops for illegal guns.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 9:01:33 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John D. Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This law, if passed, is impossible to enforce; moreover, is the legislature willing to provide the resources to track each sale of ammunition to registered gun owners.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 9:05:57 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please OPPOSE. This bill will do nothing to reduce crime. Criminals obtain property illegally and this will not stop the criminals.

Please OPPOSE.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 9:31:06 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Committee on Judiciary

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

My name is Terence Lee. I am a resident of Kaneohe. I am in support of this bill. I am a gun violence survivor. It is apparent to me there is a gun problem in America. There is a proliferation of guns, both registered and unregistered. Hawaii can only GUESS at how many guns are already on the island. Regulating sales of ammunition will not only make it safer for residents, but also give us some data on ammunition usage island wide. We need this data if we are to make common sense gun laws.

Mahalo,

Terence Lee

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 9:52:09 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 10:13:30 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 10:16:44 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 10:34:55 AM
Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 10:32:46 AM
Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 10:47:13 AM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

These laws rarely do anything to prevent an actual crime. A similar law was passed in CA in 2019, requiring background checks. The result was that only 101 of 345,547 checks were flagged due to the purchaser being expressly "prohibited" while another 62,000 were denied because of clerical errors. So, even with a more stringent system in place, CA ended up causing more trouble for law-abiding citizens than potential criminals. This is no different than Costco requiring proof of vehicle type so I can buy the proper tire size as a means of helping HPD prevent speeding violations. It simply won't work, it's a waste of time & money, and our representatives should be looking at ways of keeping bad people behind bars instead of punishing the good ones.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 12:26:18 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill SB2635, to assist us in making our community safer from gun violence.

Our firearms laws can be improved by this bill, as they currently only regulate access to guns. However, if a person has an illegally acquired gun, they still need access to ammunition and this bill can help prevent them from being able to easily purchase ammunition in our gun shops for illegal guns.

With licensing of ammunition sellers, and proper permitting for purchases of ammunition, we can help control access to ammunition by those who illegally have guns.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 12:30:19 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill SB2635, to assist us in making our community safer from gun violence.

Our firearms laws can be improved by this bill, as they currently only regulate access to guns. However, if a person has an illegally acquired gun, they still need access to ammunition and this bill can help prevent them from being able to easily purchase ammunition in our gun shops for illegal guns.

With licensing of ammunition sellers, and proper permitting for purchases of ammunition, we can help control access to ammunition by those who illegally have guns.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 12:38:26 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Showing Identification/Registration to purchase ammunition is just another burden to law abiding gun owners, HPD's Firearms Registration Division, and to Gun Stores. This bill will not affect criminals or those with bad intentions from possessing ammunition and could actually create a dangerous atmosphere for gun stores and it's employees from thieves now looking to steal ammunition.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 12:38:45 PM
Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aurencio Seguritan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB2635 as its an unnecessary step that does not deter crime. Criminals will find ways to acquire ammunition by illegal means. The only only purpose of SB2635 is to create more obstacles and infringe on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 1:04:00 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rayne Kauhi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

LATE

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 1:10:42 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

i believe this bill will not curb gun violence, it is only designed to be hindering law abiding gun owners and, would not keep crimnals from doing violent crimes against law abiding citizens

SB-2635-SD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 1:19:49 PM

Testimony for JUD on 6/24/2020 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill.

HRS 134-3(b) prohibits disclosure of firearm registration forms to firearm sellers for confidentiality.

Out-of-state visitors (ie tourists, hunters, competitive shooters, instructors) would not have any of the required documents.

Criminals do not go to gun stores.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tim Means	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 1:35:20 PM

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

Comments:

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Review of this bill is flawed in respect to the following facts.

Long guns registered prior to 1992 will not have the individual listed as the registered owner. Example may list Kings Sporting Goods (which is out of business). The long gun is legal, as registered, however the original purchaser is not listed as the registered owner. That stated will not have a Firearms Registration showing the specific caliber of gauge.

Firearms registration desks @ the County Police Departments are not staffed for the surge on adding "additional registered owners". This will incur long lines for senseless paperwork just to buy a box of ammo for dad.

Similar to above a Thompson Center firearm which was registered may have up to 17 caliber selections, and not all were listed on the original registration. If an existing owner buys a new caliber barrel only, will be an additional paperwork burden.

Current Federal law requires point of sale ammunition legal age requirement verification. Example to buy a box of handgun caliber ammunition, must be 21 years old.

This will incur extreme burden for hunters of neighbor islands who want to purchase off island a box of ammo for their hunting firearms.

This serves NO public safety purpose, and is total harassment. Hold this bill in committee.

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 2:42:02 PM

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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." Furthermore, with Ammo Shortages and Finances being an issue I should be able to buy ammo that I do not have a firearm for. Therefore, I oppose.

Sincerely,

Matthew Clark

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

If you sit back and think about laws, they are made for law-abiding citizens not criminals that is why each anti-gun law that is passed it ties the hands of law abiding citizens and letting the criminals run wild.

It doesn't matter how many anti-gun laws you pass, the bad guys will find a way to get guns. Also remember you can be a victim of a crime and with laws being made and passed, the law abiding citizen cannot defend themselves. The saying we have in the military, is "better to have the equipment and never use it, than to not have and need it."

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 3:18:40 PM

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

Comments:

SB2635 will only hinder legal firearms owners from readily purchasing ammunition. I don't carry all of my proof of every firearm I own with me so if I were to visit my local gun store on a whim and they are having a sale on ammunition, I could lose out big saving just because of a nonsense law. I also have friends that make ammunition for me and it would be such a waste of time if I had to always be the one buying all the separate components just because he doesn't own the same caliber firearm as I do. Those who acquire illegal firearms will also acquire ammunition the same way if need be.

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

Comments:

This bill should not pass for the fact that it is against my second amendment right. It would only make it extremely difficult to practice my sport and hobby. It only hinders legal gun owners, sportsman and hunters.

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

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yvonne Haxton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to it being another **unnecessary layer** to hinder the 2nd Amendment right. I can pickup medical prescriptions for my Ohana by showing valid identification and sign an electronic signature pad without being the designated individual. Circumstances can change for the designate (dynamics in relationships, relocation, passing away, the list goes on) -making this a requirement is another barrier to **'box in'** the legal firearm owner and hinder their ability to engage in their constitutional right as United State citizens to engage in their chosen recreational activity.

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Submitted on: 6/24/2020 6:44:46 PM

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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. 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 SB2635, SD2 which proposes that the sale of ammunition requires the seller to be licensed and the purchaser or possessor to show their firearm registration. SB2635 does not account for new shooters who will need to purchase ammunition to complete basic handgun training courses prior to applying for permits. SB2635 does not address spouses that share firearms but do not share registrations. SB2635 does not address firearms that are capable of shooting more than 1 caliber of bullet. SB2635 does not address firearms whose registration does not require the caliber of the firearm to be stated on the registration. SB2635 does not address family members who may be borrowing a firearm for hunting or sport shooting. Most importantly, SB2635 is proof that the Hawaii State legislature passes laws on whim such that they can't even remember what they are doing. SB2635 violates the already ratified firearms registration confidentiality per HRS 134-3. HRS 134-3 ensures that registration information that identifies a person by their name or address shall be confidential and not be disclosed to anyone except during processing, Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center, law enforcement or court order. A "common-sense gun law" as the saying goes, is not one where ammo purchases go hand-in-hand with presentation of personal information. A person walking out of a gun store with newly purchased ammo is a big target between the door of the store and their place of residence. Since Hawaii does not issue concealed carry permits, except to the security of the rich, any criminal watching the exterior of a gun store has an opportunity to attain

not only ammunition illegally, but with our registration in hand, they have our address to where our firearms are kept. Regular handling of this type of sensitive information should not be something that is enforced on law-abiding citizens. Research how well the ammo purchase restrictions went for California, you'll find that even police officers are being denied ammunition purchases, in fact the latest statistic I had seen was that out of 340,000 purchases, there were 60,000 rejections for an ammo purchase when only 1,001 were actual cases where a person was not allowed to purchase a certain type of ammunition. That's a 0.2% success rate, but a staggering 17.4% failure rate. This is the most basic statistic and I hope you can see the massive flaws with the system you are proposing so I implore you to shred this piece of legislature and never revisit it for the sake of privacy of firearm owners and sensible practices of the sale of ammunition. Carrying around very identifying documents of your firearms when purchasing is not sensible in any definition of the word.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taylor Millwood	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This only hinders legal gun owners by requiring another process to go through before purchasing ammunition.

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

Comments:

Oppose this bill. It is a violation of our rights to have to show proof of gun registration to purchase ammunition. This only hurts lawful gun owners. In the case of firearms capable of firing multiple calibers, the bill leaves the decision to include any additional calibers on the permit up to the discretion of the police, with no outlined process for appeal.