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April 1, 2021

Senator Karl Rhoads
Chairperson and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chairperson and Committee Members
Committee on Ways and Means
415 South Beretania Street, Room 211
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

RE : HOUSE BILL 1366, HD 1, RELATING TO FIREARMS
HEARING DATE : April 6, 2021
TIME : 9:45 A.M.

Dear Senator Rhoads and Senator Dela Cruz:

The Hawai`i Police Department **strongly supports** House Bill 1366, HD 1, with its purpose to amend the Class C felony offense of manufacturing, purchasing, or obtaining firearm parts to assemble a firearm having no serial number to also prohibit possession of those firearm parts; also to amend Act 74, Session Laws of Hawai`i 2020, to repeal language that specified the prospective application of that Act.

We here in Hawai`i have been a lot safer than certain other locations in the United States in terms of gun violence. This safety factor is not one of happenstance, but rather a result of working very hard on both laws and the enforcement of laws to keep firearms out of the hands of those who are by law disqualified from their possession. We are in agreement that these amendments will strengthen Act 74, Session Laws of Hawai`i 2020 which was passed to ensure that Hawai`i continues to address the concerns of law enforcement and the community as it relates to firearms.

It is for these reasons, we urge this committee to approve this legislation. Thank you for allowing the Hawai`i Police Department to provide comments relating to House Bill 1366, HD 1.

Sincerely,

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April 2, 2021

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

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz
Chair, Senate Ways and Means Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 208
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Chair Dela Cruz:

On behalf our members in Hawaii, I would like to communicate our strong opposition to House Bill 1366 (HB 1366).

HB 1366, retroactively applies, Act 74 of the 2020 session. Act 74 was an effort to ban homemade firearms and so called “ghost guns”.

The language of Act 74 is vague and overly broad as to what exactly could constitute a part or parts that could subject a person to felony penalties. Making it is far too easy for a well-intentioned, and otherwise law-abiding gun owner to accidentally run afoul of the law.

This legislation only compounds the problem but applying the law looking backwards, potentially subjecting well intentioned persons, who engaged in their craft lawfully to be subject to harsh penalties.

We respectfully request your opposition to HB 1366.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reid
Western Regional Director
NRA-ILA

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 9:10:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Yuen	Testifying for President, Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Oppose	No

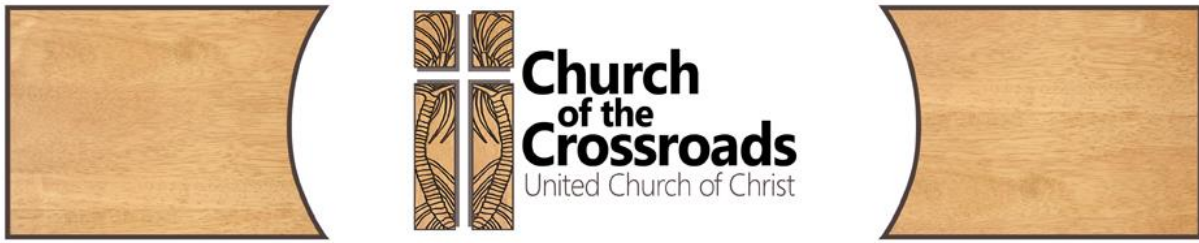
Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

This is a bad law that contains ambiguous language on intent of building a "ghost gun".

Is buying gasoline showing intent of making a firebomb?

I will testify via zoom.



A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation

Testimony of Church of the Crossroads IN SUPPORT OF HB 1366, HD1
To the Senate Committees on Judiciary, Ways and Means
Hearing Date: April 6, 2021, 9:45am

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

We support HB 1366's expansion of the State's Ghost Gun law to assure the law is construed as banning possession of Ghost Guns as well as the key components in creating such firearms. This will prevent those who own these firearms from claiming they were acquired before the effective date of the 2020 Ghost Gun ban.

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

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

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 "grandfathering" Ghost Guns acquired or created before the 2020 Ghost Gun ban, should be prohibited.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Godbey Carson, for the Church of the Crossroads
April 3, 2021



**Statement of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i
In Support of HB1366 HD1, Relating to Firearms**

The [Democratic Party of Hawai'i](#) strongly supports HB1366 HD1, Relating to Firearms, to the extent that it aligns with our Party's [platform](#). The bill would amend the Class C felony offense of manufacturing, purchasing, or obtaining firearm parts to assemble a firearm having no serial number to also prohibit possession of those firearm parts. The bill would also amend Act 74, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, to repeal language that specified the prospective application of that Act. The bill would be effective 1/1/2022.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes fervently that we must make our communities safer now in schools, on the streets, and in our homes. This includes advancing gun control measures such as a ban on assault weapons and full background checks for all; making elimination of police corruption a priority; advancing restorative justice programs for offenders and opposing privatization of prisons and providing an effective means of assisting victims of domestic violence.

We believe that a prohibition on “ghost guns” and “ghost gun” parts is also an urgently-needed part of ensuring that our communities remain free from the scourge of gun violence as we have seen in other parts of the country. Therefore, we strongly support HB1366 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of this important bill.



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

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

State Capitol, Video Conference
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

HEARING: Tuesday, April 06, 2021, at 9::45 AM

RE:HB1366 Firearms; Ghost Guns; Parts; Possession; Prohibition

Aloha Members of the Senate Committees,

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition OPPOSES HB1366.

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition opposes this bill that seeks to turn the owners of homemade firearms into felons overnight.

HIFICO opposes this bill:

1. **THE RIGHT TO MANUFACTURE FIREARMS:** There is no such thing as a ghost gun. Individuals have always had the right to make their own firearms for their own use. This bill further expands the ability of the State to deny lawful citizens a legal path to manufacture and register their own firearms for their personal use. Even worse, it makes this right into a crime whose penalty is severe enough that it would lead to the loss of all rights to own any firearm.
2. **GUN CONFISCATION:** This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property. Changing the date of this unconstitutional bill's enforcement does not mitigate its illegality.
3. **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** With the State facing an unprecedented financial calamity due to the lockdown of local businesses, travel restrictions that has decimated the tourist industry, the legislature should be solely focused on aiding those impacted by this disaster.

Please vote no on this deeply flawed proposed legislation..

For these reasons the Hawaii Firearms Coalition Opposes HB1366. Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo

Jon Webster Abbott

Director, Hawaii Firearms Coalition

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Senate Judiciary/Ways and Means
HEARING: Tuesday, March 6, 2021 at 9:45am
RE: HB1366 RELATING TO FIREARMS

I OPPOSE HB1366

This bill may affect my possession of repair parts for my firearms. The Act 74 of 2020 originally banning the acquisition of "ghost guns" is vague and broad on exactly what parts are legal and what parts are not. I own many firearms and have repair parts on hand to fix them cause like anything mechanical, things break. I have not bought any more repair parts kits since Act 74 was enacted because they could be used to **build a rifle or fix a rifle**. This bill could potentially ban my repair parts kits I already own, but I don't know.

"a) A person who is not licensed to manufacture a firearm under section 134-31, or who is not a dealer licensed by the United States Department of Justice, shall not, **for the purpose of assembling a firearm, possess,** purchase, produce with a three-dimensional printer, or otherwise obtain separately, or as part of a kit:

(1) A firearm receiver that is not imprinted with a serial number registered with a federally licensed manufacturer;

(2) A firearm receiver that has not been provided a serial number that may be registered in accordance with section 134-3(c); or

(3) **Any combination of parts from which a firearm having no serial number may be readily assembled; provided that the parts do not have the capacity to function as a firearm unless assembled."**

If I intend to build a firearm in the future, the kit is banned. But if I intend to use the same kit to repair my current guns it's legal? I'm not sure. Does this kit have to be serialized and registered with the police?

I OPPOSE HB1366.

Todd Yukutake
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My rifle parts kit. Legal or not?



HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 9:32:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dirck Sielken	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as written. Parts cannot be listed as a firearm, nor can they be serialized. I have been trying over six months for an appointment with HPD's new appointment system. For people who buy a legal receiver to assemble a firearm from the parts they want, would this now make them a criminal. Since HPD cannot handle appointments in a timely manner how can anyone complete a project and register with the timeframe you list in this bill. If you want support for this bill, it should be for the receiver only...ie...the same part that is recognized by the ATF and written into law. I have parts for the same firearm to cover repairs, hunting conditions (raining or dry), competition, sport, practice, again, all with the same firearm.

As the bill is written it conflicts with current laws as only the receiver of a firearm must have a serial number. Some firearms have over 200 parts, it is not possible for people to serialize all those parts and HPD does not have the time to pull apart every firearm to record each parts serial number.

Or is this bill saying since I am assembling a firearm with a serial number I can have all the parts I want?

The bill needs to be fixed as it is confusing and should only be for what the federal government recognizes as needing a serial number...the receiver...

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 9:28:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I stand in strong opposition to this bill. Among other things this bill would outlaw having spare parts around for legal firearms, as they could be used to 'readily assemble' a firearm without a serial number.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2021 2:45:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is, and should be, a Federal issue and should be decided by the appropriate BATF policy, not by state legislators. Once decided by federal policy, state action will not be necessary.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2021 3:07:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ethan Fergerstrom	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Banning firearms parts on the grounds of manufacturing "illegal firearms" is morally and intellectually dishonest. Federally the people do have the right to manufacture their own arms for personal use. The blatantly obvious and disengenious part of this bill is to even consider banning components that are not in any way shape or form dangerous to the public. You're trying to create a solution to something that is not a problem. You seek to turn a large portion of the population into criminals over night for simply buying components that we would need to be able to maintain or fix our firearms which we had to do through a long and unneeded process of acquiring our firearms. With no gunsmiths available we have no choice but to perform our own work. This legislation is absolutely RIDICULOUS. Having spare parts lying around and all of a sudden I'm a criminal? There is no reasonable explanation for such ludicrous regulations.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2021 9:25:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is against the 2nd Amendment and Every one who signed this can be removed for Violation of the Oath of Office. When are you going to understand that the people do not want this. The 2nd Amendment is the law of the land and can not be changed in any way. We the people will be coming for any whose name is on this Bill. We will not stand by and let you destroy the 2nd Amendment or the 1st Amendment. We are watching very closely!!

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 11:23:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a responsible physician, firearm collector and owner I oppose a retroactive ban on ownership of home constructed firearms. I agree with background checks and prohibitions going forward, but do not believe that a retroactive ban is fair to anyone who already owns these guns, particularly in a responsible way.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 11:46:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a long time owner of guns and I've complied with all of the rules and regulations related to firearms in the State of Hawaii. I am not opposed to registration (as that is the case here), nor am I opposed to control over "ghost" guns per se (the intent of this bill) but what I am concerned about is sentence three in the proposed bill ...

(3) Any combination of parts from which a firearm having no serial number may be readily assembled; provided that the parts do not have the capacity to function as a firearm unless assembled."

This is so vague that it could be applied to any gun part, intended or not. Most parts that comprise a firearm do not have serial numbers; only the receiver and sometimes barrels have them. I believe sentence three should be stricken from the bill as one could envision this law to be used to stop the sale, production of all parts. If I were to carve grips for a firearm, that part could fall under the proposed law and I would be subject to a class C felony. I do not believe that is the intent; therefore the law has to be specific and not general in nature to avoid unintended interpretations in the future. To me, a bill is like a contract, the parties that crafted and executed it could be of the same understanding but future events and parties may not have that same understanding.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. This is why we live in the USA.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 12:16:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please oppose HB1366 HD1. This prohibition of possession of certain unfinished components is a dangerous and unconstitutional precedent.

The Second Amendment of the Constitution recognizes, a priori, the RIGHT of the people to keep and bear arms. This is a clear attack upon those rights, which are GUARANTEED by the Constitution.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo,

Stephen T Hazam

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 12:26:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bobby jay Gouveia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe in our second amendment and I believe that guns dont hate people its people that hate people and that gun sellers should makes back ground checks alot more strick to avoid selling guns to people with mental disabilities thank you for your time and have a blessed weekend ðŸ• ðŸ¼ðŸ™ðŸ½

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 2:35:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tito Castillo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Greetings,

I am writing to strongly oppose this Bill as I believe it is Unconstitutional in nature. The Second Amendment of the US Constitution is under heavy attack in Hawaii. Our Constitutional rights are being infringed upon in every way and by every means thru this legislative body. It is worrisome that this legislative body seems obsessed with disarming and denying our citizens their constitutional rights to keep and bear arms without infringement. The Constitution clearly makes a point that the Second Amendment, that which gives our citizens the right to keep and bear arms, shall NOT be infringed. You are now attempting to criminalize parts that could go into the making of a firearm, but that by themselves would pose no danger or harm to anyone. If we are going to start down the slippery slope of criminalization, where will that stop? Can my car keys be fashioned into a part, a trigger for instance and will that then make me a criminal under Hawaii law? Will any material deemed "unlawful" then be used to prosecute an individual? This Bill should be dead on arrival yet the obsession against our Constitutional Rights. Please focus on other more pressing matters and stop this attack against our Constitution.

Respectfully, Tito Castillo, Kapaa, HI

Cornell School of Law states:

Second Amendment

In the 2008 case [*District of Columbia v. Heller*](#), the Supreme Court held that the "Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home."

Amendment II

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.***

>infringe

verb

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to act in a way that is against a law or that limits someone's rights or freedom:

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 2:53:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Hochberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to HB1366. Section 3, striking the language apparently intending to make the new provisions retroactive, is unconstitutional. In addition, the Second Amendment provides that “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms ... shall not be infringed.” The right to have parts of firearms is not different from the right to have a firearm. For decades, there was uncertainty among lower courts about whether those words protect an individual right or only a collective right. Compare, e.g., *Silveira v. Lockyer*, 312 F.3d 1052 (9th Cir. 2002) (collective right), with *Silveira v. Lockyer*, 328 F.3d 567, 568 (9th Cir. 2003) (Kozinski, J., dissenting from denial of rehearing en banc) (individual right); *id.* at 570 (Kleinfeld, J., dissenting from denial of rehearing en banc) (same). The Supreme Court resolved that uncertainty in *Heller*, concluding after an exhaustive textual and historical analysis that the Second Amendment protects an “individual right to possess and carry weapons” for self-defense. 554 U.S. at 592. The Court then held that the law at issue in the case, a District of Columbia ordinance banning the possession of operable handguns in the home, violated the Second Amendment under “any of the standards of scrutiny that we have applied to enumerated constitutional rights”—that is, any standard of scrutiny stricter than rational basis review. *Id.* at 628 & n.27.

In *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), the Court held that the “right to keep and bear arms for the purpose of self-defense” recognized in *Heller* is “fully applicable to the States” because it is “among those fundamental rights necessary to our system of ordered liberty.” *Id.* at 750, 778. Accordingly, the Court explained, states and municipalities must comply with the individual right protected by the Second Amendment and may not simply “enact any gun control law that they deem to be reasonable.” *Id.* at 783 (plurality opinion); see also *Caetano v. Massachusetts*, 136 S. Ct. 1027 (2016) (vacating state court decision on Second Amendment grounds). In the years since *Heller* and *McDonald*, the Ninth Circuit has developed a two-step framework for adjudicating Second Amendment claims. First, a court “asks if the challenged law burdens conduct protected by the Second Amendment, based on a historical understanding of the scope of the right.” *Silvester v. Harris*, 843 F.3d 816, 821 (9th Cir. 2016). If so, the court analyzes the law under heightened scrutiny, with the degree of scrutiny varying depending on “how close the challenged law comes to the core of the Second Amendment right, and ... the severity of the law’s burden on that right.” *Id.*; see *Jackson v. City & Cty. of San Francisco*, 746 F.3d 953, 960-61 (9th Cir. 2014).

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 3:58:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bradd Haituka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. This bill will make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS into instant criminals. If a legally registered firearm owner needs to make a repair to their firearm, or wants to upgrade a part on their firearm, the mere act of trying to do this will make them an instant felon under this current bill. This is a clear second amendment infringement. This bill needs to be killed or re-written.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 5:20:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. You are in essence banning materials that are not even a firearm which is a gross overreach of your oath to protect the Constitution.

The same Constitution that like it or not preserves the RIGHT of citizens to be able to defend themselves and says that government shall not infringe on that right.

Its not complicated.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 6:50:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Damen Makua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it concerns,

I am a responsible gun owner, veteran and law abiding citizen. I am deeply concerned about this new "Biden" Administration focus on gun control and recent attacks on the 2nd Amendment rights in the U.S. If HB 1366 passes, it will be a direct infringement on my right to bear arms. It is a known fact that States with strict gun control suffer higher violence, crime and murder i.e Chicago, compared to Texas who has low crime and murder rate due to their stance on the importance of 2A. By passing all these new gun control laws, you restrict law abiding citizens from adequately defending themselves while criminals continue to bypass these laws and commit crimes such as home invasions and burglaries. I strenuously object to HB 1366 as well as every other Bill which attack the 2nd Amendment. Those voted into power were put there by the people with the intent to protect our Constitutional rights not take them away...Respectfully Damen.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 7:10:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerry Guillermo-Birchfield	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 7:24:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 7:53:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wilfred Lum	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good Evening,

I strongly oppose HB 1366 as it is currently written. As it is written, it would now ban all components that a lawful American Citizen can obtain to upgrade their current firearm. There are a lot of law abiding people that enjoy upgrading their firearm so that it can be:

- safer
- more accurate
- look different

From changing out the springs of their handgun so that it recoils less, to putting in a new trigger or adding a new forend so that it can now accept an added attachment like a flashlight so we can light up an area in the dark, there are a lot of reasons why owners purchase additional aftermarket parts for their firearms. But banning these components outright because they "could" be used to make a "ghost gun" is not the right way to go.

And as such, I oppose this bill because it takes away freedoms from law abiding people and does nothing to stop criminals who don't abide laws in the first place.

I also want to add that criminals do not have the money to make a "ghost gun", its not cheap. Plus can you tell us how many crimes (deaths or gunshot injuries) in Hawaii over the past few years were actually carried out with a "ghost gun"?

Wilfred Lum

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 8:12:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pawel Kryszkiewicz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing this testimony in opposition to HB1366 HD1.

Any laws limiting gun ownership in any way, shape, or form will always affect law-abiding citizens almost exclusively and won't have any effect on a gun crime in any meaningful capacity.

Laws like HB1366 HD1, in particular, seem to be created for the sole purpose of infringing on citizens' rights and expanding governments' powers over us. Retroactive enforcement of such laws looks particularly wrong and tyrannical.

Regards,

Pawel Kryszkiewicz

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 8:21:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. If passed, it will surely end up in court and the State will lose. This is a waste of tax payer funds. Spend your time and our tax dollars on something that will actually benefit our citizens.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 8:37:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tadashi Mitsuoka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Honorable Members:

I oppose House Bill 1366, sponsored by Representative Patrick Branco, that amends language regarding home-built firearms. Specifically, I oppose any ban on possession of certain unfinished firearm components, as well as home-built firearms; especially when those "...firearm components..." are not specifically identified, listed, and written into the law.

HRS Section 134-10.2 – forbids manufacturing, purchasing, or obtaining firearm parts to assemble a firearm having no serial number; unless licensed to manufacture a firearm under section 134-31, or who is not a dealer licensed by the United States Department of Justice.

HRS Section 134-10.2 — without providing a time limitation; makes it a class C felony for an individual to; for the purpose of assembling a firearm; purchase, produce with a three-dimensional printer, or otherwise obtain separately, or as part of a kit:

1. A firearm receiver that is not imprinted with a serial number registered with a federally licensed manufacturer;
2. A firearm receiver that has not been provided a serial number that may be registered in accordance with section 134-3(c); or
3. Any combination of parts from which a firearm having no serial number may be readily assembled; provided that the parts do not have the capacity to function as a firearm unless assembled.

One of the skills a gunsmith needs to have is to know how to make replacement parts for firearms. Very often, the repair is on a firearm that does not have replacement parts available. The very skill to fabricate is the art of gunsmithing and House Bill 1366 infringes on the First Amendment. Indeed, the ingenious gas and spring recoil powered bolt designed by David Marshall Williams was the forerunner of many automatic and semi-automatic weapons in use today. The M-1 Carbine was developed by Williams while at Winchester Arms. It was carried by more than 8 million U.S. soldiers in World War II.

The design of the M-1 Carbine would not have been possible under the restrictions imposed by House Bill 1366 and HRS 134-10.2. And without the ability to utilize 3D printing to develop prototype models or actual parts; will further delay any development of firearms' community safety improvements.

"Carbine" Williams began gunsmithing as a "trustee" in the blacksmith shop at Caledonia, a Halifax County prison, while serving a 30-year prison term for the murder of a deputy. Williams began drafting innovative gun designs from scraps. His designs drew the attention of Colt Firearms, whose representatives visited him in prison.

The Supreme Court has said that the First Amendment protects works which, taken as a whole, have serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value, regardless of whether the government or a majority of the people approve of the ideas these works represent.

The M-1 Carbine killed millions. Gunsmiths, such as David Williams built, created, innovated, or restored firearms(works); as an art form. If it is necessary to censor gunsmiths by making it illegal to possess the trade components needed in the performance of their art, because it runs so far afoul of the community's concept of decency that it is legally obscene; gunsmiths should not be targeted because of any particular mass shooting or murder is found to be offensive.

The Supreme Court has also said that "in our system, undifferentiated fear or apprehension of disturbance is not enough to overcome the right to freedom of expression."

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 8:43:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lovell K. Kaopua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

A gun owner who is registered in the State of Hawaii with the ability to manufacture a firearm should be lauded not criminalized. The State of Hawaii should require the registration of newly manufactured firearms and assign a serial number which should be engraved on the receiver and frame at the owners expense. Within three days of issuance of the serial number the owner must return to register the firearm with the serial number engraved.

Criminals who use unregistered Ghost guns in the commission of a felony must be punished severely. It's because of criminals, lawmaker create laws that unintendedly criminalize the legal gun owners. "STOP!!, LET'S THINK ABOUT IT"..

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 9:03:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leo Dodier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and do not believe This change would have any affect upon criminal activities in the state of Hawaii.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 9:30:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB1366 seeks to criminalize retroactively, unfairly penalizing persons who acted legally at the time.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 9:40:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this measure because it is already illegal to possess a firearm without a serial number and you cannot build a firearm without a serial number leagally already. When you buy a lower reciever it has a serial number and you have to register it as if it was a firearm. You can build a firearm without one. There is no need for this bill there is already a law against ghost guns. It will further burden firearm owners whom already endure some of the most onerous gun laws in the country. Respectfully, please spend taxpayer dollars wisely instead of spending it on damaging them. You swore to uphold the constitution, do so.

Thanks

Sean

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2021 11:48:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill.

These parts can also be used to repair and replace broken parts in registered firearms.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 1:00:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon Montenero	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Any retroactive law is UNCONSTITUTIONAL! Especially if that which is being outlawed was previously legal.

In addition, yet another "gun" law restricting the activities of peaceful law-abiding gun-owners has NO effect on crime!

Enforce the laws we have! Go after CRIMINALS, not the voting citizens!

My vote for you depends upon your vote for me!

Mahalo,

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 5:29:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose 1366

Common sense tells me that the very nature of such legislation is unenforcable.

Any competent hobbyist can produce a rudimentary weapon from scrap metals.

The focus of anti-crime bills should be administering punishment for convicted criminals, rather than letting them loose. I notice this seems to be a pattern with our justice system.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 7:40:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to HB1366 HD1. If passed it makes persons, who previously acquired them legally, guilty of a felony and does not reimburse citizens the full inflation adjusted value.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 7:47:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Our legislature banned Ghost Guns last year for many good reasons that should extend to all Ghost Guns (ie, no grand-fathering of ghost guns or key components already in existence). These firearms are not registered, background checks have not been performed, and many of them have plastic components that are not detectible at airports or other security checkpoints. They were created, in most instances, as a deliberate evasion of background and permitting laws, by persons who could not legally access firearms. Let's protect our community from such illicit and dangerous firearms, by assuring our prohibition is retroactive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ellen Godbey Carson

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 8:37:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elmer Domingo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Gun Parts are parts. this bill is an infringement to our 2nd amendment

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 8:39:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose banning people from building guns at home in a legal manner. Go after criminals who don't obey laws and not the law abiding citizens.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 8:48:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill will in effect make people with spare parts for maintenance/replacement of their current firearms felons simply because those replacement parts could also be used in an unregistered firearm. Free market and the right to purchase and maintain spare parts should not be illegal to law abiding citizens.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 8:53:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Ilo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

VERY STRONGLY OPPOSE! DO NOT TURN GUN OWNERS AND ENTHUSIASTS IN TO CRIMINALS!

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 8:57:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill #hb1366.

Bill #hb1366 is very vague in its writing as to what parts constitutes a prohibition. It would lead to making law abiding citizens criminals by a stroke of a pen. Also, on the federal level, those items known to be firearms are clearly defined. The items in bill #hb1366 are not considered firearms, just pieces of metal or plastic. That being said, how are we to make things right via registration if we don't know what to register. On a side note, not registering a firearm is already illegal and defacing a serial number is a federal offense. So, bill #hb1366 is just redundant if one is a criminal, however if one is a law abiding citizen that had those items legally, they will now be criminals. Very unfair.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Ray DeCastro

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Submitted on: 4/3/2021 9:32:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1366. All Ghost Guns should be prohibited, including all existing Ghost Guns and their key components, to assure they do not cause harm in our community. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. 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. We should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key components for Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban.

Thank you for your consideration

Deborah Nehmad

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Submitted on: 4/3/2021 9:42:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine MacPherson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 1366. Even though our history prohibiting gun legislation has been less than adequate we have a chance now, to go forward with this legislation as a testament to the many dangers that exist in our community. All Ghost Guns should be prohibited, including all existing Ghost Guns and their key components, to assure they do not cause harm in our community. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. 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. We should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key components for Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 10:37:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

My name is John Kawamoto, and I support HB 1366, which closes a loophole to make all "ghost guns" illegal.

Hawaii experiences a low rate of gun violence as a result of its hard work to enact strict gun safety laws. Unfortunately, loopholes in the law have been created by technology, and these loopholes that should be closed.

One such loophole would allow "ghost guns" to be assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. 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, guns can now be made of plastic, and they are particularly dangerous because they cannot be detected by many existing security screening devices. Everyone is endangered when plastic firearms are taken into places where they are prohibited.

We should extend our existing Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key components for Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 12:11:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Fujimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please stop imposing laws which infringe on a persons 2nd amendment rights. you are only affecting law abiding citizens! It has absolutely no affect on the non law abiding criminals in our society.

This Bill is particularly disturbing in that it criminalize something which was not illegal.

thank you for your time

Todd

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 12:12:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacob Holcomb	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Confiscating lawfully aquired property from people who have done nothing wrong will only convince the public that the government cannot be trusted and it is better to avoid registering firearms altogether. This is the concept of **blowback**.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 12:19:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill. Ghost guns, and all their components, should be banned. They are dangerous, untracable and undetectable. Don't let the gun lobby try to use a constiutionality argument to contest the bill, the framers of the constitution could not have imagined such a weapon.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 12:20:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support HB 1366 which closes loopholes for ghost guns. Ghost guns create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number or permit.

Plastic guns are particularly dangerous because they cannot be detected by existing security screening devices, thereby endangering us all if brought aboard airplanes and other places firearms are prohibited. Please consider voting for this bill.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Nelson

Kaneohe

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Submitted on: 4/3/2021 2:50:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gregory E. Jenkins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Greg Jenkins and I live in Maui County, Haiku, House District 13. My written testimony concerning State of Hawaii HB1366 is as follows:

On April 6th, the Senate Judiciary and Ways and Means Committees will hold a joint hearing on House Bill 1366, to ban possession of home-built firearms.

As a responsible firearm owner and hunter I am opposed to State of Hawaii HB1366. As a Citizen of the United States of America, I strongly believe that State of Hawaii HB1366 infringes upon my Second Amendment Rights.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

Respectfully,

Greg Jenkins

PO Box 1323

Haiku, HI 96708

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Submitted on: 4/3/2021 3:38:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support HB 1366. "Ghost guns" make a mockery of all our existing laws that have been passed to protect our community from gun violence. Ghost guns are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. 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. We should not only ban new Ghost Guns, we should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key components for Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban.

Mahalo for your consideration and thank you for your service.

Richard Tillotson

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Submitted on: 4/3/2021 4:39:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support HB1366 All Ghost Guns should be prohibited, including all existing Ghoste Guns and their key components, to assure they do not cause harm in our community. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. 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. We should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key components for Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban.

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Submitted on: 4/3/2021 5:24:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Evelyn Aczon Hao	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key components for Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban. Plastic guns are extremely dangerous because they are undetectable by many existing security screening devices, thereby endangering us all when plastic firearms are brought onto airplanes and other places where firearms are prohibited. Let's put precious lives ahead of the proliferation of an undetectable firearm.

Thank you.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 5:48:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Woody Child	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 1366.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 6:36:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glenn Pestana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To the all the people voted in and working for us in our government. I am a registered voter and avid outdoorsman, I follow all guidelines needed to obtain & use my firearms safely for recreational purposes only. As a qualified Auto Mechanic for over 40 years I enjoy making & fixing mechanical products, fishing equipment, household repairs and firearms included for myself and enjoy going to the Target Range and testing my accomplishments. So please don't force me to give up this right and OPPOSE HB1366 for me. Thank you, Glenn A. Pestana.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 7:04:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am adamantly opposed to HB1366. Such laws eventually lead to situations where a person cannot rebuild or restore a firearm or even modify a firearm. Making your own tools and items in a long cherished American endeavor. This law would just open up more lawsuits taking away resources from real concerns.

This is an issue only in the press, not in real life.

V/R

Kevin J. Cole, Col. USAF Ret.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 7:52:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jamie allen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 1366. All Ghost Guns should be prohibited, including all existing Ghoste Guns and their key components, to assure they do not cause harm in our community. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. 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. We should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key components for Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban. Lets keep Hawaii safe and a place that is the sancutary it is intended to be. We are not the mainland, we are the island of Aloha

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 8:23:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I support HB 1366 HD 1.

Why wait until a MASS SHOOTING occurs in Hawaii to pass this bill. Ban "Ghost Gun parts and assembly" NOW. Innocent victims have rights too.

All Ghost Guns should be prohibited, including all existing Ghoste Guns and their key components, to assure they do not cause harm in our community. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. 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. We should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key components for Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 9:00:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose HB1366. This bill will make a person who purchased a non-firearm legally, a criminal.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 9:01:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
L. Richard Fried, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Ghost guns have no place in HI. I am Chait of the HTA and one of the reasons visitors come here is because they feel safe. The more gun restrictions we have the safer, per all studies, we are.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 9:28:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support Bill HD 1366. All Ghost Guns should be prohibited, including any existing guns and any key components. This is to prevent harm in our community and is an action being taken or considered by other states and the Federal government. Fire arm registration, with appropriate part/serial numbers, are essential to keep guns out of the hands of felons, children, and the mentally ill. Such guns are not usually detected by security systems, including at SCHOOLS. We should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key componenets for Ghost Guns that re-existed the effective date of Hawaii's 2020 Ghost Gun ban. Please make the consistent step to protect our community and close loopholes.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 10:15:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support HB 1366. All Ghost Guns should be prohibited, including all existing Ghost Guns and their key components, to assure they do not cause harm in our community. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. 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. We should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key components for Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 12:08:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Austin White	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this measure. Yet again as has been proven time and time again that laws do not affect criminals, only the lawabiding by slowly eroding their rights uder the guise of "safety". What is the end goal of making something already illegal, more illegal and removing the grandfathering of an item? This is by definition oppression. I thought we were fighting oppression and embracing freedom and individuality? Or is that only when it aligns with the oppressor?

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 2:05:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support passage of HB1366 HD1. I was grateful last year when the legislature banned production of untraceable Ghost Guns, since they were increasingly being used for crimes.

Now is a good time to finish the job and ban all Ghost Guns, even those in existence before the ban went into effect. Since plastic guns can't be detected by many existing security screening devices, they continue to endanger us all.

Ghost Guns allow criminals, felons and other prohibited categories to have guns. They have already being used to commit violent crimes. Since Ghost Guns have no identification numbers, they can't be traced, which is a nightmare for law enforcement and for our safety. We must face facts: Ghost Guns are purposefully built to evade our gun laws and this loophole must be closed. To say otherwise is nonsense.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 4:45:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL! IT IS A VERY DANGEROUS BILL THAT COULD VIOLATE INNOCENT PEOPLES RIGHTS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE JUST FOR HAVING PARTS? HOW MANY OF YOU CAN NAME ALL THE PARTS? HOW MANY PARTS AND OR UNFINISHED RECEIVERS ARE ALREADY ON THESE ISLANDS? HOW MUCH MORE WILL BE SMUGGLED TO THE ISLANDS. VERY BROAD REACH WITH NO DEFINITION AND LEAVES ROOM FOR PEOPLE MAYBE YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR OWN RELATIVES TO HAVE TO PROVE THEIR INNOCENTS FOR HAVING A UNFINISHED PART, THAT COULD VERY WELL BE PLANTED, DROPPED IN THEIR POSITION. SOUNDS FAR FETCHED, BUT THESE KIND OF THINGS WHETHER RELATED TO GUNS OR DRUGS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE AND WILL CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE..... FOR PARTS! NOT EVEN A COMPLETED FIREARM!

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 3:39:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Millicent Cox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 1366. All Ghost Guns should be prohibited, including all existing Ghost Guns and their key components, to assure they do not cause harm in our community. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. 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. We should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key components for Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 5:17:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this measure. If passed, this bill makes possession of any parts by any individual a crime regardless of whether it is for legal or illegal firearms. As a marksmanship competitor for over forty years, this is very alarming in that we keep parts to ensure our legal firearms are in serviceable and safe condition. This issue needs immediate attention to prevent a default making law-abiding citizens criminals.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 5:28:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

It was ridiculous to create a law impotently attempting to ban production of personal firearms in a an era of programmable cnc machines and 3d printers and it's equally ridiculous to retroactively go after supplies that "could" be converted into these items by a individual who bought them in good faith. Please stop introducing pointless gun laws. Please end the saftey cult that has had us locked up "for our own good" while we watch our livelihoods drain away for safety theater. History was not kind to Macarthyism and it will not be kind to the power and resource grabs that we're engaging in today. I'm so very disapointed in all of you.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 5:51:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Good Morning,

I OPPOSE HB1366 HD1- as it is written.

Section 2 - item "(3) Any combination of parts from which a firearm having no serial number may be readily assembled; provided that the parts do not have the capacity to function as a firearm unless assembled."

Many spare parts of a firearm - are non serialized or cannot be serialized - example - springs, detent pins, triggers and trigger assemblies, iron sights, - the list goes on! How do you serialize a screw? How am I supposed to keep my firearm in excellent, safe working condition without spare parts?

I believe as a law abiding firearm citizen - I am being discriminated against because I own a firearm!

Focus your attention on criminals and criminal activity! Not trying to make the law abiding firearm owner a criminal! Criminals do not obey the law - criminals are no longer afraid of the law! This bill HB 1366 HD1 will do nothing against criminal activity and crime - This bill HB 1366 HD1 is UNSAFE for everyone who is not a criminal.

I OPPOSE HB 1366

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 6:28:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joseph Palimoo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi my name is Joseph and I asked that you oppose this bill.thank you and have a good day.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 6:44:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose, we dont need more gun laws.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 6:55:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Once again the Hawaii legislature is trying to assault the rights of individuals with this bill. The right and ability to build a gun is as American as an right. There is no such thing as a ghost gun. This is another boggieman term created by Democrats who hate guns and hate gun owners / enthusiasts. It is already against the law to not acquire a serial number for a gun that a citizen manufacturers.

Stop the endless assault on those of us that wish to build our own firearms.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 7:16:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edelio Gerola	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I respectfully submit my opposition to this bill. This bill infringes on my rights under the second amendment. Please vote no to this bill.

Thank you.

Edelio

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 8:03:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 1366 to close loopholes in our current law making Ghost Guns illegal. The ban should be made retroactive to ban possession of 3D printable guns, plastic guns, make-it-yourself guns that are already in existence, which were designed to evade background checks, permit/registration rules, and detection. Banning *all* such guns simply makes sense.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 8:55:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 8:57:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am against this bill as it simply makes otherwise law abiding honest citizens defacto criminals.

It is ridiculous to make laws based on the testimony of people who know nothing about firearms and have a unreasonable fear of an inanimate object.

Guns don't cause crimes, **criminals** do.

In fact guns are used more than 6,500 times a day in America to **stop crimes** and most of the time never actually had to be fired to do that. (Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology, Kleck)

<u>Committee on Judiciary</u>	<u>Committee on Ways and Means</u>
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair	Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair	Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

HEARING: Tuesday, April 06, 2021, at 9:45a.m.
Regarding: **HB 1366, HD 1 Relating to Firearms**
Voter Position: OPPOSITION

Senators of the Judiciary + Ways and Means Committees,

I reemphasize my **opposition** to **HB 1366 HD 1** because its goal to remove Section 6 of Act 74, now codified in [Section 134-10.2 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes](#) (HRS), will still execute the very essence of an *ex post facto law*. “Every law that makes criminal an act that was innocent when done, or that inflicts a greater punishment than the law annexed to the crime when committed, is an *ex post facto* law within the prohibition of the Constitution” (*EX POST FACTO LAWS, n.d.*). This measure turns a citizen that lawfully possesses a firearm receiver with no serial number *prior to* enactment of Act 74 into a felon. I find it very disturbing that the prospective enactment of HB 1366 HD 1 punishes a citizen for simply holding on to a piece of metal, especially since that citizen has no mechanism to take corrective legal action upon implementation of the measure. Moreover, the addition of the word “possess” to HRS Section 134-10.2 makes the revised statute overly broad whereby the statute can be maliciously applied to firearms repair kits, thereby turning owners of such repair kits into felons, despite the fact that there is no viable evidence that would prove that such repair kit owners will assemble a firearm using a non-serialized receiver. This situation continues to establish a dangerous precedent for citizens and puts them at undue legal risk for simply maintaining *passive legal possession* an inanimate object, such as a non-serialized firearm receiver in this case, prior to an arbitrary time period.

Inanimate objects do not and cannot pose a public safety threat. Inanimate firearm receivers—serialized or non-serialized—cannot act on their own and accordingly cannot initiate any activity on their own.

I will continue to urge that the members of the Senate Judiciary as well as the Ways and Means committees **keep Section 6** of Act 74 so that innocent citizens are not automatically turned into felons based upon a misguided measure that does not substantively improve public safety whatsoever. In the midst of a pandemic, precious time can be spent on other bills relating to COVID-19 relief so that the safety and wellbeing of Hawaii’s citizens can be objectively and substantively improved.

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan Tinajero

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<https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution-conan/article-1/section-9/clause-3/ex-post-facto-laws>

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 9:35:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

oppose!

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 9:51:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Congratulations to our Legislators for Banning Ghost Gun in 2020. Now let us finish the job... Expand the law to BAN Ghost Gun that pre-existed prior to the 2020 Ghost Gun Ban.

Why would anyone want to make a plastic lethal gun for any reason? And those who created a gun before 2020 should not be allowed to keep or use it in our community. Give our officers the tools to eliminate this deadly weapon. Any gun that is created with the intent to be hidden is up to no good. We need to protect our community and get rid of pre existing Ghost Guns. Thanks you for reading this.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 10:19:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Riki Nakamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Sirs:

Please vote against HB1366.

It is designed to deprive people of property without compensation, and is primarily intended to violate Constitutional rights under both the Hawaii and Federal Constitutions.

Sincerely,

Riki Nakamoto

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 10:43:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill. I supported the legislature's bill that banned Ghost Guns last year for many good reasons that should extend to all Ghost Guns (ie, no grand-fathering of ghost guns previously in existence). These firearms are not registered, background checks have not been performed, and many of them have plastic components that are not detectible. They were created, in most instances, as a deliberate evasion of background and permitting laws, by persons who could not legally access firearms. Let's protect our community from such illicit and dangerous firearms, by assuring our prohibition is retroactive.

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. We should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban.

It is not uncommon for ANY firearm bill to be opposed by so many as seen in the written testimonies. Regardless of the numbers opposed, we need to pass this bill. Safety is of utmost importance.

I have found when our police departments speak up about legislative issues, there is something there.

However this bill and amendment are necessary to close a loophole!

Parts acquired prior to September 15, 2020, are not violating the the current law.

How this got in there in the first place, must've been a mistake or missed

Anything without a serial number is suspect.

Good catch on closing the loophole for our police department.

"The legislature notes that Act 74, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, established, among other things, the class C felony offense of manufacturing, purchasing, or obtaining firearm parts to assemble a firearm having no serial number. This offense is now codified in section 134-10.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes. However, according to law enforcement agencies, persons found to be in possession of firearms having no serial number, which are also known as "ghost guns" because they are untraceable, claim that their actions do not violate the law because the parts used to assemble the firearm were acquired before the September 15, 2020, effective date of section 134-10.2,

Hawaii Revised Statutes."

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 11:38:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lionel Delos Santos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha , legislature , i strongly oppese this HB1366 bill because ofhe cant fix our own firearms and hurting the gun owner more then finding and putting away crimminals ,punish them not law abidned people that keep firearms away from them, , The crimminal will just get it from blackmarket like they get fireworks.

thank you

lionel

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 2:21:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose the banning of a firearm or firearm accessory simply because a law is passed banning its ownership by individuals after an arbitrary point in time. If I for example, own something, it is mine and I should be able to keep it. Forever. It is mine I bought it. I own it. I have broken no existing law while using it as manufactured. I have no ill will in the fact that I own it. It is MY property and the state has no say in my business. If the state creates a new law among the ten thousand others that affects *new* ownership of these items from 2020 on, then so be it. Until then, get out of our lives.

Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair
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Senate Committee on Judiciary

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Lori Shinsato, Individual, Registered Voter in the State of Hawaii

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Opposition for H.B. 1366, H.D. 1, Relating to Firearms

I am Lori Shinsato and not submitting testimony on behalf of any group. Professionally, I am a social worker in the health care and mental health settings. I do not normally get this involved with the legislative process; however, I am now, which is reflective of my concern with this bill. My speaking up is late, yet, I respectfully ask that you consider my testimony for your decision. I strongly oppose H.B. 1366, H.D. 1, Relating to Firearms, which amends the class C felony offense of manufacturing, purchasing, or obtaining firearm parts to assemble a firearm having no serial number to also prohibit possession of those firearm parts.

I have read through the many testimonies submitted for this bill. Those in support of this bill are in support of protecting Hawaii, which I am in agreement with. Unfortunately, this bill does not protect Hawaii. According to the State of Hawaii, Department of the Attorney General, Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division (CPJAD), *A Review of Uniform Crime Reports for 2017*, data released in 2019 [more recent data for the State is not available]:

“Of the 3,010 murders, robberies, and aggravated assaults reported statewide in 2017, 43.3% were committed using strongarm weapons; 26% with “other” or unknown weapons; 19.0% with knives or other edged weapons; and 11.7% with firearms.”

After a closer review of the breakdown of the 2017 data, there were 39 murders reported. Of the murders, 4 involved firearms and 35 murders were done by other means including strongarm weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.), other or unknown weapons, and knives. There were 1,894 aggravated assaults. Of those assaults, 1,715

were by strongarm weapons, other or unknown weapons, and knives. There were 1,077 robberies reported. 910 of those robberies were done without firearms involvement. Again, strongarm weapons, knives, and other dangerous weapons were involved. In the State of Hawaii, a person is more likely to be victimized by someone using their hands and feet, knives, or another dangerous weapons. In the State of Hawaii, a perpetrator is least likely to be using a firearm.

I am pro-police, which means, I cannot imagine our community without police presence. When I call 911 to report a crime, I want to know that the police will respond. I want the criminals to know the police will be responding. Those in support of this bill are in support of protecting our police officers. I agree that we need to take care of our police officers. I do not think this bill does that. According to the same CPJAD report, in 2017, 298 police officers were assaulted in the line of duty. The report states,

“The use of ‘strongarm’ physical force is most often the means of assault on police officers. In 2017, 69.1% (206) of the assaulted officers were attacked by hands, fists, or other bodily means. ‘Other’ dangerous weapons were used in more than a quarter (82, 27.5%) of the assaults.” Knives were involved in 7 cases and firearms were involved in 3 cases. The report also states that, “Most of the assaults on police officers in 2017 occurred when the officers were responding to disturbance calls, or when officers were performing ‘other’ (i.e., responding to civil disorders, interacting with mentally deranged persons, etc.) types of duties.”

After reviewing crime statistics, it is clear that in the State of Hawaii, firearms do not need further restrictions. Our current laws are very restrictive already, as supported by the crime data. The aggression in people needs to be addressed.

Whether it is the intention of this bill or not, if passed, this bill will end up increasing class C felony charges overnight. Many law-biding citizens will be criminalized on January 1, 2022, just because they are in possession of firearm “parts” that is vaguely defined in this bill. There are many parts involved for a firearm to operate. This bill does not distinguish which parts a person should not be in possession of. It is also worth noting that the “parts” that citizens possess were legally acquired at a significant financial investment to the individual, both of which this bill does not care to address. These concerns have been stated by many in opposition of this bill. It has also been mentioned that the art of gunsmithing requires “parts.” Those in opposition have mentioned the specialized skill, knowledge from studying, craftsmanship, dedication, and artistry necessary for gunsmithing, in which the purpose is to create a firearm that is accurate. Accuracy is needed for sportsmanship hunting and competition shooting.

Shooting is a recognized Olympic sport. I suppose Hawaii will never have an Olympian nor gold medalist this category, because our athletes will only shoot with factory parts.

I would also like to point out that these restrictive firearm laws are anti-female, especially in the State of Hawaii. Statistically, the most likely way to be murdered or assaulted is by stronghold force. In a self-defense situation, a female, typically smaller and weaker, will have less chance of survival if being attacked by a male. Realistically, a firearm may be the only option for the female's survival in a life threatening situation. With that being said, a firearm may be the only option for survival for non-violent, law-abiding citizens in a life threatening situation. A non-violent, law-abiding citizen will not have the aggression necessary and/or may not know how to physically fight back if attacked by an aggressive person with a knife.

I believe in education as a form of prevention. More discussion is needed on firearms safety, awareness, education, and routine practice of skills for additional safety. Improving firearms education would be a far better option than living in fear of firearms or worse, violating the constitutional rights of those who wish to own firearms.

This bill has already taken up a lot of time [the previous bill included]. Passing this bill into law will take up even more time, unnecessarily, and for what outcome. The police in particular will have to enforce the law, which appears to be targeting firearms and law-abiding citizens who own firearms. Plus, this bill will not reduce violent crimes.

To protect the State of Hawaii and to ensure that our police officers are being used to their highest and best use, we should be focusing on improving mental health services, community resources, and education, which in turn would reduce anger, aggression, violence, and crime. People need support. This bill does not support anyone. If this bill is passed, it will be proof that as a community we are missing the bigger picture, because we live in fear of what is happening on the mainland. Let's take care of Hawaii the right way, our way, and be the example for the rest of the nation.

I humbly ask, please do not pass H.B. 1366, H.D. 1.

Thank you for this opportunity to be part of the legislative process.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 4:28:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to express my extreme support of HB 1366. I am proud of our strict gun laws and believe all Ghost Guns should be prohibited, including all existing Ghost Guns and their key components, to assure they do not cause harm in our community. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. 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. We should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key components for Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban.

Mahalo,

Bella Hughes

Hilo, HI

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 6:25:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Judiciary Committee and Committee on Ways and Means,

I humbly ask that you please oppose HB1366. This law is vague on what exactly a is a "ghost gun" and what parts are illegal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 6:49:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

No one needs access to an untraceable gun except a criminal. Please pass this ban on ghost guns and help to put an end to needless violence in our islands.

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HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 8:02:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqueline Foster	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Mahalo

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 8:13:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support HB 1366. All Ghost Guns should be prohibited, including all existing Ghost Guns and their key components, to assure they do not cause harm in our community. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. 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. We should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key components for Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban.

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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 8:15:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Terence Lee. I am born and raised here on Oahu. It was in Washington that I was shot 5 times by a person who should not have had access to a firearm. I am aware that Hawaii has strict gun laws compared with other states in the nation. I am thankful for that.

I support this ban on ghost guns.

Mahalo for reading this testimony,

Terenc Lee

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 8:41:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon DS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill beause we need parts to repair our firearms.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 8:53:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edwin Javier Colón-Rivera	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

The main reason I oppose this bill is the wording. Not all gun parts or aftermarket gun parts have serial numbers, hence every gun enthusiast like me who enjoys modifying his or her firearms will be in violation. Please find a better way to prevent the build of illegal or unregistered firearm that does not affect the legal gun enthusiast.

Thanks for your time,

Edwin

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 9:08:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeremy Van	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill because it infringes on an individuals right to make their own firearms for their own use. This bill further expands the ability of the State to deny lawful citizens a legal path to manufacture and register their own firearms for their personal use. Even worse, it makes this right into a crime that would lead to the loss of all rights to own any firearm.

This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to register, surrender, or destroy their property. This law is vague on what exactly a "ghost gun" is and what parts are illegal.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 9:10:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

We should not be taking any stance on this that the federal government and supreme court has not ruled on, its only setting Hawaii up for headlines and truly only affects the law abiding citizen. Crimnals dont follow laws so this just further vilifies law abiding gun owners.

You law makers should try and make one, its not quite as easy as you think.

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 9:15:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John D'Adamo III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose HB 1366

Do to public health concerns, all firearms transactions at HPD are by appointment only
If you bring a firearm in to the state of Hawaii by law you have to register it in 5 days at
the present time you are lucky if you can get a appointment in 60 days we don't need
any new law when the old laws don't work

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 9:53:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB1366.

HB1366 would make thousands of Hawaii's citizens felons while doing nothing to deter criminals who ignore the multitude of existing laws.

I oppose all anti-gun laws that disable our citizens from defending themselves and their families.

Most of the anti-gun laws **benefit criminals** (who simply ignore the anti-gun laws) by disarming the general public and making it easier and safer for criminals to attack our citizens.

Please respect our Constitution and our Second Amendment rights to defend and protect ourselves and our families.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 9:59:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a law bidding firearms owner I oppose this bill. Individuals have the right to make their own firearms for their own use. This bill further expands the ability of the State to deny lawful citizens a legal path to manufacture and register their own firearms for their personal use. Even worse, it makes this right into a crime that would lead to the loss of all rights to own any firearm. Also this bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to register, surrender, or destroy their property. This law is vague on what exactly a is a "ghost gun" and what parts are illegal.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 10:16:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maurice Aquino	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill (HB 1366) because I feel it restricts my rights as a U.S citizen to exercise my 2nd ammendment rights, there are alot of firearms enthusiast that like to build there own firearms or upgrade there firearms in a legal way. if this bill is passed it will make law abiding gun owners criminals, lots of enthusiast may have some spare firearm parts laying around and this bill will make law abiding citizens a criminal. Hawaii has one of the most strictest gun laws where criminals dont obey such laws.

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HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 10:45:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Douglas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please understand that many people have firearms that they put together themselves and then legally registered them.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 11:03:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill and any other bills that are retroactive in nature. Banning something and making it illegal to own which was legal is not something you can do. It would be like banning and making it illegal the car or any other property you have that you have right now that you bought legally in the past.

Any bills that would restrict, and or infringe upon our rights are unconstitutional. All of you swore a oath of office to uphold and defend the cconstituion of the US and Hawaii. Vote No.

Respectfully,

William Hopkins

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 11:32:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

here we go again with another useless law, there is already over 20K laws on the books that stop no crime at all, 1 more will not deter any criminal or mentally deranged person, it just persecutes the millions of people that obey the law, don't you think its high time to turn your efforts to stop the bad guys and leave the rest of us alone ? you have nothing to fear from the law abiding. but i'm beginning to think its nothing more than disarming the country completely. i urge you lawmakers to stop with these useless laws.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 11:45:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra Van	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill because it infringes on an individual's right to make their own firearms for their own use. This bill further expands the ability of the State to deny lawful citizens a legal path to manufacture and register their own firearms for their personal use. Even worse, it makes this right into a crime that would lead to the loss of all rights to own any firearm.

This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to register, surrender, or destroy their property. This law is vague on what exactly a "ghost gun" is and what parts are illegal.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 11:51:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it is poorly written and vague on what "parts" are legal and what are not. Are replacement, accessory or spare parts also illegal? It is unclear to say the least. Modular guns have interchangeable parts, are those parts also illegal? It is ridiculous to make law abiding citizens criminals if this bill passes.

The criminal elements will still do whatever they want no matter how many laws you come up with to "make us safer" and infringe on our second amendment rights.

Paul Fukuda, P. E.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 12:47:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George Peabody	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

You Violate 2nd Amendment by approving HB1366, and is a violation of your Oath of Office, is a violation of my right to keep and bear arms and my right to personal defence. DO NOT APPROVE THIOS DIABOLICAL HB1366 OR HB31 !

What do you fail to understand about "...SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED." ? It is the supreme law of the land!

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 12:49:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please oppose HB1366. This is another one of those bills that turns ordinary law abiding citizens into felons with the stroke of a pen, and does nothing to prevent, stop, or deter crime. Criminals will not heed this law. Instead, lawmakers should be focused on keeping repeat offenders behind bars. Please put a stop to Hawaii's notorious ridiculous "catch-and-release" program. You're protecting the criminals rights more than the victims rights, or the law-abiding citizens rights for that matter.

LATE

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. 1366 HD1 RELATING TO FIREARMS,

DATE: Tuesday, April 6, 2021

LOCATION: State Capitol, Via Videoconference

TESTIFIER: Keopu'u Napoleon-Ahn

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am an undergraduate student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Thompson School of Social Work, and I strongly support bill H.B.1366 HD1, With its purpose to Amend the class C felony offense of manufacturing, purchasing, or obtaining firearm parts to assemble a firearm having no serial number and also prohibit possession of those firearm parts. In connection, Amends Act 74, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, to repeal language that specified the prospective application of that Act.

Additional public safety depends on this bill's passage; This bill would help close any remaining loopholes surrounding "Ghost guns" as they are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. Simultaneously having no serial number, those firearms evade the permit and registration process, thus not protect the public as to who can acquire such guns. However, I oppose any law changing that would make possession before the law's effective date legal. This would directly contradict this bill's purpose by enabling hundreds if not thousands of unidentified members of the community to use their "Ghost guns" freely, continuing the cycle of potential gun violence. Although gun violence is relatively low in Hawai'i compared to other locations in the U.S, we are in no position to allow room for any unforeseen tragedies regarding gun violence.

Again, I support this measure because it increases firearms' accountability and prevents untraceable guns from falling into the wrong hands. This bill would eliminate potential gun violence while simultaneously decreasing gun-related bodily injuries and deaths in Hawai'i. And lastly, This bill would additionally control and punish those who continue to all "Ghost gun" affiliation after the bill's effective date.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,
Keopu'u Napoleon-Ahn.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 1:39:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please oppose HB1366. This is legislation against a non-existent problem. While this legislation will do nothing to lower crime rates, it will make overnight criminals out of legal and responsible gun owners. Home-built guns are not, and never have been, a significant source of weapons used in violent crimes. The "ghost gun plague" is only a media myth designed to increase advertising revenues through fear. The FBI keeps statistics on the sources of guns used in crimes. Their data shows that homemade firearms are simply not used in the commission of crimes.

Be rational. Examine the data. Then oppose HB1366.

Mahalo,

Tom G

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HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 2:43:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Fong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1366. This bill would make law abiding citizens into criminals with the stroke of a pen. Not only is it very vague in the language used but it would cause law abiding citizens to be forced to sell or destroy items legally obtained prior or face becoming a felon. Not only is this unconstitutional but it is unconscionable. I urge everyone to oppose this bill and stand up for the rights of our people.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 3:03:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Vote NO on HB1366 HD1. This is a bad bill that would violate the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. First, it violates the United States Constitution Article 1, subsection 10, which prohibits the states from enacting ex post facto laws. Second, it violates the Bill of Rights Second Amendment by infringing on our right to keep and bear arms. Third, it fails to respect and protect private property. The fourth count against HB1366 HD1 is that lawmakers have failed to demonstrate that firearms manufactured by private individuals cause crime to escalate.

Home-made aircraft can be certified as experimental by the FAA and used legally, and yet Americans have no constitutional right to keep and bear aircraft. Home-built motor vehicles also can be certified safe as long as they meet legal guidelines, and yet Americans have no constitutional right to keep and bear motor vehicles. But when it comes to fundamental, God-given rights, why is our right to keep and bear arms so threatened constantly with an unending attack of anti-gun legislation at all levels of government?

The state legislature should be finding ways to strengthen our rights, not erode them to the point where they no longer exist. Vote NO on HB1366 HD1.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 3:16:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Howard Murai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB1366 HD1 proposes to make possession of certain firearms parts illegal. Doing so, will deprive the owners of the use and enjoyment as well as the economic value of those firearm parts but no provision has been made for compensation of the owners for their losses which. This is believed to be a violation of the Constitution and rejection of this bill is respectfully requested.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 4:25:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
colby sakumoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB1366 will turn law abiding citizens into felons by changing the legal status of an object they legally possessed, prior, to the implementation of the bill. It is absurd that anyone be made a criminal due to an object they leagally purchased/own.

HB1366 contains vague language that will cause confusion when selling/buying parts used to repair leagally owned firearms. This will have a devistating effect on businesses in Hawaii that specialize in firearms repair and service.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 6:19:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 6:56:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Arnold	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a Hawaii Resident, US Citizen, United States Marine Veteran, and Supporter of the Constitution and the 2nd Ammendment. I served my Country, sacrificed my body mind and period of my life, and watched my brothers die and do the same to protect our Constitutional Rights.

This legislation is a direct violation to those Rights and is not supported by myself or a great many people of this state. The legislators were appointed to echo the voice of the people, its called a democracy. It appears some have forgot their role in this system and need reminding their job was to uphold those rights.

Making people Felons for doing something that has been, up until now, legal and constitutionally protected is ludicrous, un-American, unconstitutional, and a direct violation to what this country is stands for.

This proposed legislation needs to be struck down immediately.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 7:45:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samuel Webb	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill, because it would make it illegal to own firearm that has already been registered with HPD.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 7:49:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walter Kanemori	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Leave hb1366 as is, no need to amend.

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HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 8:26:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this proposed legislation. Private citizens have had the right to manufacture their own firearms for personal use. This proposal removes that right, and potentially seizes property without due process. This makes repair part illegal to possess, to what end? We have scarce resources in Hawaii and yet the legislature has put forth over 15 pieces of legislation focused on gun control, and far fewer to address the COVID-19 Pandemic. One would think that gun control is a bigger problem than COVID.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 9:43:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

To our representatives.

We have never had a gun problem! We do have a problem of following California's illegal gun laws!!!

Chicago has already proven that the more gun laws created, the more law abiding citizens have less, or no protections against criminals, as they do not get their guns legally, or care what laws are created!!! Gun laws only effect the law abiding, and do nothing to protect the citizens that follow these illegal gun laws! How many law abiding gun owners have committed crimes with their legal guns? 1/2â™,ï,• ??? Please name one???

By implementing such laws, we continue to tie Law abiding citizens hands, and empower the criminals, as they know normal citizens cannot protect themselves, against their illegal guns, because the gun laws make the Ordinary citizen unable to carry the very instrument that can save their, and others lives!

In all the mass shootings, the victims had to wait for a good guy with a gun, instead of stopping the shooting by having law abiding citizens shoot back!

Law abiding Citizens are the first responders! Police show up after the situation has already begun, and in most cases ended with some, or mass carnage!!!

Chicago has been a prime example of this!

Illegal guns, drugs, and contraband will always be available through Mexico boarder, or the black market, as we are now letting anyone come in through our southern boarder! More people die from drugs than shootings, and obviously we have not stopped drugs from flowing in!

Instead of making more laws that criminals will never follow, maybe enforce the second amendment as it was written, by making sure law abiding citizens have a chance to protect themselves, and others by concealed carry, and other means of being able to fight back!

I believe that the 2nd amendment is second for a reason, and because of all the current infringements, we continue to destroy our security of people, property, and rights!!!

Anyone in government that continues to try and make laws that contradict our great constitution, should be removed from office, and prosecuted for lying on their oath of supporting, protecting, and enforcing our constitution, and constitutional rights!

Just my opinion !!

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 9:51:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John W. Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

With Geopolitical storm clouds forming over the Pacific and growing domestic instability across the nation, now is not the time to curtail civil liberties and rights. Rather than focusing on reducing citizens' access to firearms, the Hawaii legislature should be focusing on two general objectives.

One: Empower citizens to achieve their individual and collective potential.

Two: Reduce the underlying causes of the current domestic instability now dividing our nation.

HB1366 HD1 is one more step in the wrong direction. What is next? Legislate restrictions on free speech? Perhaps criminalize typing or handwriting portions of the Bible, Koran, or other religious works?

Please focus your energies on tackling the big issues of our times. HB1366 HD1 will not make the public safe. I urge you to oppose HB1366 HD1 and get back to work solving the big problems challenging the State of Hawaii.

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HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 9:51:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose this bill

It is already illegal to own or possess or make a firearm without a serial number. Building one with the intention of abiding the law should never be a punishable offense.

A lot more needs to be done about the criminal element, not lawful citizens engaged in lawful hobbies.

Strongly OPPOSE

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 9:55:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrik Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support HB1366 HD1. Please do not allow this bill to pass. Thank you.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 11:07:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stanley Cadinha Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

Being able to repair, maintain and upgrade is an important aspect of gun ownership. Not being able to obtain and store common components could render a weapon useless. I have the constitutional right to bear arms and this bill is another infringement.

I have the right to protect and defend myself, family and property. When are you going to pass laws that assist and favor law-abiding citizens and punish criminals. Law-abiding citizens help protect society from crime. Stats from the DOJ and other government agencies prove this point. The most important component of a gun has a serial number which must be registered. We already have some of the strictest gun laws in the nation, so why do you keep trying to make it harder and harder for gun owners? Every new legislative session has new proposed gun bills. Enough already! Most of you probably do not own a gun so I don't think you understand the implications of the laws you propose. Your time would be better spent on fixing our economy, schools, etc. rather than trying to find ways to infringe on our Constitutional rights.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/6/2021 4:16:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samuel M. Aquino Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello,

I am STRONGLY opposing HB 1366 as it not only CLEARLY infringes on our rights as US citizens to manufacture our own firearms, but also due to its vagueness makes purchasing and/or owning previously purchased parts for repair and maintenance illegal and turns lawful citizens into felons with a stroke of a pen. The vagueness of HB1366 is a clear attempt to make any and all parts illegal to own.

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HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/6/2021 9:26:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support HB 1366. All Ghost Guns should be prohibited, including all existing Ghoste Guns and their key components, to assure they do not cause harm in our community. "Ghost guns" are assembled from firearm components to create a new firearm that has no registration, serial number, or permit. 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. We should extend our Ghost Gun ban to include all Ghost Guns and key components for Ghost Guns in Hawaii that pre-existed the effective date of our 2020 Ghost Gun ban.

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HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/6/2021 9:35:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I purchased an "80%" firearm kit, which I serialized and registered with the HPD.

Would HB1366 affect this legally owned firearm?

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/6/2021 9:59:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Opposed! Parts to repair LEGALLY REGISTERED AND OWNED firearms are the same parts you trying to ban. its ludacris.

LATE

HB-1366-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/6/2021 11:17:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/6/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Baltazar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1366. Please do the same. This bill only hurts the law abiding gun owners.

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April 6, 2021

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
and Members
Committee on Ways and Means
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Dela Cruz and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1366, H.D. 1, Relating to Firearms

I am Brandon Yamamoto, Captain of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 1366, H.D. 1, Relating to Firearms. This bill strengthens the language of the "ghost gun" law passed in the previous legislative session.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Handwritten signature of Susan Ballard in black ink.

Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brandon Yamamoto in black ink.

Brandon Yamamoto, Captain
Records and Identification Division