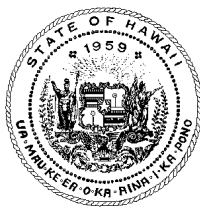


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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 31  
RELATING TO FIREARMS OWNERSHIP.**

By  
Max N. Otani, Director

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs  
Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair  
Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 9, 2021; 2:00 p.m.  
Via Video Conference

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) offers comments on House Bill (HB) 31, which would raise the maximum age of minors for which safe storage of firearms is required from sixteen years to eighteen years.

PSD is supportive of measures which increase the safe storage of firearms and prevent firearms from getting into the wrong hands. The enactment of this bill would only save lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs  
Representative Mark Nakashima, Chair  
Representative Scot Matayoshi, Vice Chair

HEARING: February 9, 2021 at 2pm  
RE: HB31 Relating to Firearms

Hawaii Firearms Coalition **OPPOSES HB31.**

Minors under age 18 can be responsible firearms and this bill would deny them the ability to use firearms in certain situations such as these and others:

**Self-defense is a primary reason for minors needing access to firearms.** It is not uncommon for minors to be at home alone when an incident occurs, such as a home invasion and other threats of violence. Or an adult may be at home but unable to access a firearm due to attempting to fend off an attacker or are disabled or elderly.

**Hunting and target shooting.** Hunting is a long time tradition for many families. Minors can grab a rifle after school and go hunting with friends or may be responsible for pest control around the house and farm. Or they may be a competitive shooter training for an event.

At one time, children were able to bring their rifle to school for rifle practice or after school hunting. Owning firearms teaches responsibility and accountability and you will notice this in children that are trained with firearms. Afterall, a minor can join the military at age 17 and drive a car alone at age 16. Raise the standard, don't lower it, for our youths.

As the NRA State Training Counselor for Hawaii, I will work with firearms instructors and gun stores to emphasize safe firearms storage and youth issues with improved instruction and signage to help mitigate the concerns mentioned in the bill.

Oppose HB31.

Mahalo

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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:31:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James Revells	Valley Isle Sport Shooters	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:53:10 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jerry Yuen	Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB 31. This bill, if passed will inhibit and/or restrict Hawaii's youth from engaging in marksmanship activities, in hunting or having the ability to defend themselves or their family in emergency situations. It also does not consider that the 17 years is the age that they may join the military service and have access to actual "weapons of war". If law makers truly want to reduce unnecessary death, then there should be mandatory safety classes implemented in the school curriculum, to include gun safety.

Training the youth of the United States of America in marksmanship has its roots going back to colonial times. Besides needing to hunt for food, Boys as young as 16 years to be trained as part of the Militia that would defend the community. President Theodore Roosevelt saw a great benefit to National Defense if citizen could be trained in marksmanship prior to military actual military service. The National Board for Rifle Practice (now known as the Civilian Marksmanship Program) was instituted to promote such training and government surplus rifles and ammunition was supplied to clubs and organizations to train marksmanship, and hold matches, and tournaments. These events included young people. The Boy Scouts of America and 4H clubs also have marksmanship programs. Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) programs at many High Schools have Marksmanship programs for Hawaii's youth. Many JROTC schools still have actual ranges, on school property, that are used to training marksmanship. There are college scholarships for marksmanship. Youth that excel in these sports can receive a degree at different universities around the country.

This is a bad bill that will result in a bad law that will do little to prevent youth violence and cause the loss of youth opportunities.

Jerry Yuen

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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:59:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kainoa Kaku	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing in opposition of HB31. The current law is already a gross overreach and HB31 takes it further. The government has no business telling individuals how to manage their household and is incapable of policing such an action.

If I think my child is responsible enough to know how to access and use a firearm then they will have that ability. My children's ability to defend themselves and their family on our property will not be determined by this legislature. The right to self defense is inherent and not reliant on the actors age. Far too many of this sessions' bills seek to make criminals of lawful individuals that may have to act in self defense while ignoring the criminality of bad actors.

Kainoa Kaku

President, Hawaii Rile Association

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:21:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Malia Kaku	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:22:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sherry Kaku	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:24:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Kaku	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:52:15 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Reid	NRA	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

On behalf our members in Hawaii, I would like to communicate our opposition to House Bill 31 (HB 31).

Present law requires parents and guardians to store a firearm in a manner that prevents children under the age of 16 from gaining access. HB 31 would amend current law to require parents and guardians to store a firearm in a manner that would restrict access to even responsible adolescents 16-17 years old.

This change would strip responsible parents of the right to decide when and how their adolescent children are introduced to firearms. Moreover, this one-size-fits-all change would restrict a competent adolescent's ability to access a firearm for hunting and target shooting opportunities.

We respectfully urge your opposition to HB 31.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:39:54 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jonathan Chee	hifico	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB662

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:49:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jonathan Chee	hifico	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB301 It is our constitutional and second amendment right to have and bear arms the job of the legislature is to uphold the Constitution and the second amendment and all amendments Of the United States

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 9:13:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

support

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:26:00 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dan Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Representative,

I am currently a Hunter and as current law states a minor of 10 years and older may get a hunting license and go hunting. Therefore this law is direct conflict with Hawaii Hunting Laws. It is unfeasible to have to lock your firearm on hunting trips when you go hunting with your family and 10 year olds may go on the hunt with you. Many homes on the Neighbor island where we go hunting, there is no safes to store the rifles. Please vote no on this bill.

Dan Goo - Hunter and Hunter Ed Instructor

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:53:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The current law is sufficient.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:07:39 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff Ball	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

And the purpose of this Bill is ?  
more valuable time wasted on needless Bills.  
is this really a major problem facing our State right now ?  
is this really a major problem period ?



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:49:38 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Rice	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing to oppose this bill.

The very core of this bill is suggesting to reduce minor's access to firearms, however, like all laws it does not prevent it only punishes, there is no way to enforce this law in order to prevent death and injury by minors. Those who would obey the law are already responsible enough to restrict access to those in their household who would do them harm. Those who are not responsible enough to secure their firearms would more than likely not be dissuaded by this law either, unless you propose routine (and unconstitutional) inspection on gun owners by going into their homes

While sadly not every household with firearms in them teach their children even basic gun safety, many do. Some even trust their children to have access to their firearms in the event of a home invasion in order to defend themselves and other family members. This bill would punish those people.

I would also point out that minors are smart, and they keep getting smarter, not to mention they have access to the internet. One of the most popular handgun safes sold on Amazon can be hacked into with very basic tools that you can download on a smart phone. This isn't counting basic vulnerabilities to locks such as getting a key, picking a lock, correctly guessing a combination code or exploiting poor design. My own gun safe is 'reasonably secure' but an intruder could get access to it's contents in 5 minuets or less without the key with just a prybar, never mind power tools.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:59:23 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
cheryl B.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support: Raises the maximum age of minors for which safe storage of firearms is required from sixteen to eighteen years.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 12:43:34 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jon DS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 12:57:39 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Linda Castro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

OPPOSE.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 1:14:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elizabeth Kellam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I opposew HB31

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 1:38:15 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Lau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as written. This is excessive government overreach into an individual's home. If this bill is to make sense, all household chemicals and medicines need to be held to the same standard. Furthermore, gun control bills always focuses on the law abiding citizen. Criminals do not follow any law, no matter how they are written or whom they are written for. Strongly oppose HB31.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 2:29:20 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Elliott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

**OPPOSE THIS BILL**

This is another attempt to control how parents teach their children about firearms and their use. There have been numerous cases of home self defense where children trained by their parents used a firearm to defend the family and home. It is a parents responsibility to train their children and the state has no buiness dictating to parents storage requirements in the home.

Read please <https://ammo.com/articles/parents-guide-to-self-defense-concealed-carry>

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 3:17:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Carvalho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this Bill



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 4:21:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tom Galli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this legislation.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 6:39:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cheryl Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

A law isnt going to remind irresponsible gun owner about this issue. If they're not responsible, they are not responsible either way

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:01:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christian R Grado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. It does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm. Highly opposed.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:04:59 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William George	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt, train safely, cleaning, or defend themselves. Does not take into account required training for all to be able to handle firearms. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:21:08 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ed Au	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:22:24 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Glennon T. Gingo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Respectfully oppose this bill as it arbitrarily assigns an age of maturity and creates undo barriers in gaining access to a firearm. Aloha and best wishes.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:28:00 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chad Dias	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:01:19 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ramiro Noguero	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose because denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:02:24 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
travis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This is an overreaching bill.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:04:57 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keoki Kaimiola	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

If a sixteen year old is anywhere near a firearm they're already properly trained to handle a firearm. So they will know how to properly store it as well. This bill is just another nonsense bill trying to bring down people who support the second amendment.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:08:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gary Fuchikami	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Why is this bill even being presented? How many Hawaii children 17 years of age or under have committed a firearm-related crime (including suicide)? None? Then why this bill? While in a very small percentage of cases (less than 1%) where under-18 children have used firearms to commit a crime on the mainland, it's not something that's done here. Our society and culture is ingrained in our children of respecting life, others, authority, etc. Hawaii is a special place and is like no other in the nation (or the world perhaps).

Most of us already lock our firearms in safes and cabinets for obvious reasons (the NRA strongly recommends that we do just that). I don't know of any of my friends who own firearms who don't lock them up.

Continuing to focus on firearms just because of the "scary nature" of them (not unlike the way ARs seem formidable and scary because they "look mean" has absolutely nothing to do with how it actually performs. A select-fire military carbine (M16/M4) is a true "assault rifle" as it fires multiple shots with a single trigger pull. ARs do not. They can fire no faster than a standard issue HPD semi-auto handgun.

Please stop the "assault" on the law-abiding firearm owners of Hawaii. You guys are getting as bad as California. We're already losing hundreds of residents every year because of such draconian legislation on our safety and high taxes. Pretty soon, the exodus from Hawaii will mirror the exodus of California residents and businesses. It will then be too late when we go bankrupt.

Aloha & God Bless!

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:34:31 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Riley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:44:47 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Matsumoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi,

I strongly opopose HB31 because a responsible parent would lock up all firearms anyways. Also, a 16 year old cannot legally purchase a firearm, because to legally purchase a firearm, they would have to be 21 years old anyways. No parent in the right mind would allow access to firearms to any of their kids under 18 years old.

Thank you,

Ryan

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:55:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Zachary F. Henderson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This Bill will deny access of young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. If a 16 year old can drive a car they can be held responsible for there actions with a firearm.

If the state is so concerned in the safety of a minor around firearms maybe they should require a firearm safety course or Hunter education course in all schools. That would actually benefit young adults and teach them instead of sheltering them so they take no responsibility and grow up to be non-functioning members of society.

Stop waisting taxpayer time and money on mediocre Bills. Stop infringing on the second amendment.

Do not pass this Bill.

Z.H.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:25:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lionel Delos Santos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear legislature, i strongly oppose denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hurt or defends themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead make the parents or guardian into criminals if the minor gain access to the firearms.

thank you

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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:34:00 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gregory Michael Shiwota	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:50:23 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Kikukawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:51:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erica Filler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 10:32:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
gretchen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.  
Please do the same.  
thank you

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:20:52 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Calvin Flores	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill, as it denies young adults access from firearms for hunting or defend them self.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:24:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Phillip Paranada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:58:46 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shaun Woods	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

OPPOSE HB31

Raising the age of minors for which safe storage of firearms is required from sixteen to eighteen years is quite frankly ridiculous grandstanding. The news is replete with stories of minors younger even than sixteen who have used firearms to save their and their families lives in the face of violent attackers. It is not the state's place to dictate the age at which a person may be a responsible steward of firearms. That's what we have parents for: this bill is the literal definition of a "nany state" measure. **When you make people into criminals before they have harmed or threatened anyone, you are the violent aggressor.** Don't be a violent aggressor. Restore your faith in parents to teach their children firearm safety, as has been done for generations.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:15:39 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tiffany Tse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Restrictive gun laws imposed on law abiding citizens does not affect the will or intent of criminals who choose to commit crimes period. Criminals who commit crimes do not abide by laws and the more restrictions placed on law abiding citizens only hurts people who follow the law. Please do not let this pass, the states with the most restrictive guns still have an abundance of violent gun crime. Stop binding the hands of those who have no intention of hurting others while criminals live outside the law on a daily basis.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:20:59 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Harwood-Tappe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I, David W. Harwood-Tappe, OPPOSE AND DECLARE MY DISSENT OF THIS BILL FOR REASONS STATED HEREIN.

This bill denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm. We all have the right to self-defense with a firearm..

Please uphold your oath to defend the constitution of the United States of America as it never states an age limit for someone to keep and bear arms. Mahalo!



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:07:07 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kuhina Kahaialii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe that minors at the age of 16 are capable of understanding gun safety and are able to handle a firearm safely.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:42:10 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
brett iwanuma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It denys a young adult who may have been trained in the safe use of a firearm to protect themself or a loved one. You will also be turning parents into criminals if they are put into a situation where a minor gained access to a firearm to save themself or a loved one from threat of danger, death, rape and kidnapping.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 5:27:57 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
royce luna	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 6:56:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laughlin Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose this bill. Unnecessary legislation, invasion of privacy.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 7:50:58 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kawela Mata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a gun owner responsible storage of weapons and ammo are the responsibility of the gun owners and should not be limited to governed by the government like little children gun owners are responsible enough to understand how and where to safely store ammo and weapons

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 8:05:48 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
alyssia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose to this bill because it denies the young people to learn to hunt for family and to protect them selfs if the time has Approached it self and it makes us parents or Guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the fire arms . Which it doesn't take account for the maturity of minor .

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 8:13:24 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joshua Nelson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**WHY DO I OPPOSE THIS BILL?**

- Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.
- 2ND AMENDMENT: This bill would result in government committing a clear violation of the limitations placed on it by the US Constitution's 2nd Amendment guaranteeing that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 8:34:04 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elijah Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I opposed HB31. It denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:12:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB31 denies access to firearms to young adults for hunting and self defense. HB31 does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm. This is a bad idea and it discourages young people from learning the safe and responsible way to keep, bear, use, clean and store firearms. It teaches young people that guns are bad, which is not true. This bill attempts to manufacture more ways to get people in trouble, provides for more penalties, and infringes on our freedoms. Each new law diminishes the liberty of citizens and makes the government more powerful and dictatorial at a time when even existing laws cannot be enforced because there are too many of them and not enough police. Please, kokua, vote NO on HB31.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:25:13 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Minors should be educated about firearms safety and storage well before the age of 16 or 18. Requiring blanket storage provisions is not suitable for all situations and should be left up to the individual gun owners.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:06:05 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stanley Mendes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB31

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:21:52 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stanley Mendes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB307. My muzzle loader and shotgun is a 50cal.that I use to hunt and use for other recreational purposes. Again I'm not a criminal so don't infringe on my rights.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:22:13 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stanley Mendes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301 I am a legal gun owner who uses this platform of rifle and shotgun to hunt and protect my home.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:56:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ethan Fergerstrom	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To deny access of a firearm to an individual based on age not maturity is counterproductive. Firearm safety, and ownership should start young. It used to be commonplace to correctly teach the younger generation to respect them. Limiting access to a firearm that they could also legally use to hunt serves no purpose.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:06:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cecil E. Haverty	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:07:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gil Frank	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Serves no purpose. Restricts those under 18 from hunting or shooting sports.



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:48:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bryston Tanigawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. My children know to never touch my firearms without me present. We don't need more laws that future anti-gun AGs can use on gun owners to tack on more charges.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:18:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joel Berg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I want only two things from the 2021 legislature. Fix the economy and observe (or expand) the Bill of Rights. Both were trampled 202 and it has been shameful. This Bill is sickening.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:46:02 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Craig Brumbaugh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill and others like it do nothing to curb firearms related violence by criminals and instead hinders the rights of law abiding citizens like myself. Moneys used to enforce this law would be better used educating the law abiding public about the safe use of firearms as well as enforcing existing laws that actually protect the public and punish criminals who commit violent crimes.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:53:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Soleil Roache	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Many individuals under the age of 18 are mature and responsible enough and have enough training to have access to firearms for hunting, recreation and self protection. Hawaii needs more education, not legislation, about firearms and safe gun handling. Stop making it so difficult for sane, sober, moral, prudent, law-abiding people to defend themselves in this state.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 3:27:33 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Douglas Roache	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it doesn't take into account the maturity of the individual. My mom is a certified firearms instructor so I grew up constantly learning firearms safety, so by the time I was 16 I probably knew more about gun safety than most adults.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 4:14:08 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Ley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I very strongly oppose this Bill. Approximately 5,000 underage kids die each year from alcohol. yet we don't have a law that all alcohol must be locked up. lets not even discuss prescription drugs not being locked up. I've owned guns since I was ten. my rifles were on a gun rack above my bed. we were brought up around guns, we were taught how to behave around guns. instead of making these unenforcable laws , how about we start teaching kids in school about gun safety

Sincerly Brian ley

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 4:25:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Very simple: Let PARENTS choose how to raise their own kids. A minor can drive a car by themselves at age 16. Cars are dangerous. We haven't banned "minors" from that.

Some of my fondest memories as a child are of going out and safely shooting firearms with my dad. If you wanna add a regulation...fine. Create a required firearm training for 14-18year olds to go thru and then... let their parents handle it.

The ENTIRETY of section 1 for this bill is based on "what's happening on the mainland". I'd like to see the stats for HAWAII on guns. Cause all I find is in 1999 (i.e. 20 years ago...) the Xerox murders being the worst ever mass shooting in Hawaii. So 20 years ago, an unhappy grown adult company tech worker killed about 7 people and injured some more. Now, let's punish the children and families who have NOTHING to do with that.

<https://www.mauinews.com/news/local-news/2016/10/in-accidental-shootings-involving-children-hawaii-below-u-s-average/>

***Hawaii had a rate of less than one shooting per 1 million people for the two-and-a-half year period — well below the national average of 3.39 incidents per million, and one of the lowest accidental shooting rates for children in the country. (Oct 2016)***

So WHAT is need for the "keiki crackdown" all about?

*Hey...one day I might leave my house, fall down and trip. To protect me, you guys ought to ban me from leaving my house. Oh...we've already done that one some already...*

My point, you are NOT solving a huge statistically problem and you can't create safety by banning life (LIFE). You create stronger safety BY INCREASING EDUCATION. Get a teen gun program going for those homes if people are concerned. Instill some gun ethics... maybe teach some skills. We ever have another hurricane.... those kids can help feed their community on the pigs (or the chickens on Kauai).

You think because a child cannot get a gun they won't just find another way to end their life? (btw, pills are a LOT easier...so can we also ban ANY POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS MEDICINE (or household CHEMICALS) in the house from 16 year olds as well?) ***Or is this bill more about controlling guns and weakening the 2nd amendment?*** Because if you wanna make teens feel better... just give them something positive and constructive to DO. Happy, busy people who are part of a group don't kill themselves.

Or does someone think a gun locker and denial of access is BETTER than just teaching adolescents that shooting humans is wrong? Or better than investing time to create a healthy happy mind? SCHOOLS got closed...of course the kids are sad! You shut down their family.

Maybe don't keep shutting things down and restricting things as a "solution". *Anything that is over-pruned will die anyway.*

*Mahalo*



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 4:51:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Timothy Soderholm	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and urge legislators to vote against it. This bill would simply be a change for change's sake, and would commit enforcement resources with no appreciable effect on public safety. Furthermore, individuals between 16 and 18 years of age are home alone, and may need access to a firearm to defend themselves against a violent home invasion, which seem to have been increasing in frequency lately.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 5:06:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

oppose

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Submitted on: 2/7/2021 5:08:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ray Engel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose. Firearms for hunting and range practicing are important to many families who hunt together and share this activity.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 6:09:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Russell Takata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE this measure. There is no provision in the bill regarding individuals 16 to 18 years of age who are legitimately members of a Junior ROTC unit, junior rifle/pistol competitors, or participants in recreational shooting sports. In essence, this bill will criminalize parents, schools, and marksmanship organizations that provide firearms safety training programs for juniors, and federal and nationally sanctioned shooting sports matches.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2021 6:24:16 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Norberto Dumo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 7:15:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Taylor Ward	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

It is up to the parent to guide and direct the adolescent regarding firearm safety. Not the government... We do not lock up our car keys and keep our vehicles locked up. That is the duty of the parent to teach the lesson...

This is an infringement on the United States Constitution. 2nd Amendment

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 7:40:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Annika	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Just as we do not lock up kitchen knives, or keys to a vehicle when a minor is in the home (both are very dangerous) - it should be up to the parent to teach their kids respect for these tools.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 8:01:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephen Yuen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. It also does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 8:05:32 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kalei Chong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Started my son shooting a .22LR at a young age. Taught him the safety aspects and respect for the firearm and has become a proficient marksman with a variety of firearms types and calibers. This would deny young adults access to firearms to hunt or defend themselves. Vehemently oppose!

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 8:18:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jordan Au	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello,

I would like to oppose HB31. I oppose this bill because it would deny access to a firearm to defend themselves. Opening the locked container where you store your firearm takes too long in an emergency situation and could mean the difference between living and dying. Also, if a parent is not home and a person under 18 uses a firearm to defend themselves then the parents would be at fault for their child defending themselves. That would make absolutely zero sense. If the minor needed the firearm quickly I doubt they would have time to call their parents to get permission to retrieve the firearm from the locked container before the criminal gets inside.

Firearms education and training can help to prevent negligent discharges. This bill does not take into effect the minors maturity level and level of training. Therefore I am opposed to this bill.

Jordan

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:16:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**I oppose this bill because it directly limits and restricts the law abiding citizens, regardless of age, from protecting themselves and their family against criminals and outside threats. It also is infringes on the constitutional 2nd amendment.**

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:20:24 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Wallace	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I being a veteran of this country believes this bill goes against the second amendment and my rights of the constitution.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:21:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:31:22 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chase Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi,

I am writing today to express why I oppose HB31. I am disappointed that I am having to take time out of my day again to oppose something that I feel I should not have to spend time on at all, as we simply do not have any issues regarding this topic in our state. I will not join in on band wagon manipulative tactics to harm firearm owners who are not causing anyone any issues by simply owning firearms at their homes and storing them as needed while abiding by the current laws.

I believe this law is unnecessary and limits storage capabilities and access in situations where an imminent threat of violence will occur, where a minor would be able to gain access to a firearm and prevent themselves from being harmed. I also feel this puts all firearms owners in Hawaii at potential risk due to the wording of the bill in regards to how firearms should be stored and what situations are considered to be breaking the law. I do not feel this would be properly taught to our community and firearm owners will be at unnecessary legal risk due to simply not knowing of these unnecessary changes with storage rules. My biggest concern is how will this be enforced and will this bill be placing families in harms way for law enforcement to gain access to check on how there Firearms are stored.

It would be illegal under the current laws for any minor to handle and operate another's firearm without permission and we are lucky to live in an educated society where people maintain and store their firearms without needing to be threatened in such a way, so that children do not have access to use them, unless given permission to do so in an emergency or for hunting if that is agreed upon and with adult supervision. Would a well trained and disciplined 17 year old who participates in firearms competitions on a national level not be allowed to defend themselves against a home intruder if it were to be absolutely necessary for them to remain unharmed? That is a horrible situation to try and imagine but it is a reality in today's world. I can recall stories of children much younger in other states that reasonably used firearms in defense against home intruders and thankfully neither the family nor the child were spoken down upon or threatened with jail time after. I would hope for the same results in Hawaii where I am a parent and a firearm owner. If a young girl was about to be attacked or had the option to use her fathers firearm in defense, I would personally hope she'd at least have the option without fearing any further negative recourse for herself or her father. That would

already be a horrible situation and no one should have to sit idly while they are assaulted and harmed by another.

This bill, in my opinion, was drafted to prevent violent attacks with firearms by those who are not allowed to use firearms already under our current state and federal laws. I believe strongly, as a parent, that if a child uses your firearm in a crime that all involved in the crime should be held accountable. That leaves accountability with those committing a crime and not with someone who technically had a crime committed against them, potentially by their own family. This bill would simply go after a person that was tragically harmed already by something far scarier than firearms, and that is human violence and aggression. If the parent had knowledge of the crime and were to be complicit in any way, then I am in total support of punishment being passed on to them for their part in the crime. There is no fair or justified reason why the parent of a person who commits a crime with a firearm with which they are not supposed to use is treated any differently than a person who's firearm is stolen and then used in a crime, as this is exactly what is occurring in that situation and they are the same. My child could also steal my car, a knife or many other objects and then proceed to use them in a crime. Why are other objects not being pursued for improper storage charges or anything of the sort if this is a fair bill? I do not want to be tried for the crimes of another and as a firearm owner I already work to protect my family and my investments and store my firearms in a safe way for everyone in my home without threat of violence or fines from the state. I am also able to stop a violent threat within seconds and follow all laws and that allows me to sleep comfortably at night in a world in which robberies and assaults seem to only be on the rise.

I think it's very important to express that I do not condone violence of any sort and I strongly feel that this type of bill, if passed and made into law, will directly lead to unnecessary violence between police officers and average/ currently law abiding citizens, due to but not limited to: false reports of firearm storage as the result of domestic disputes, angry neighbors, upset co workers or simply a stranger with no context and a wild imagination who is happy to call 911 and make a report. Nonetheless, all of the said situations could put a law abiding firearm owner at risk of being unfairly targeted by police. I am a supporter of the police and I do not feel that I am a threat to my community by my ownership of firearms or my business which offers firearm components for sale. In fact I feel that my work and my responsible nature allows for me to be the best member of the community I can be. I strongly feel that my firearm ownership and training encourages the best parts of my life and I would love to share that message with you all and have that be considered when passing laws that will effect me. I work hard and strive to be a good example for my son and to provide for my family. I am a law abiding honest member of our community and I ask all of you to please consider my family and how this bill, if passed, could potentially put us all at risk.

thabk you,

Chase Cavitt





**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:36:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This ridiculously UnAmerican unconstitutional bill needs to be thrown out. It is absolutely disgusting to see you folks trying to whittle away at our rights. These rights shall not be infringed upon. We the people are not ok these incredible violations against our rights. Throw this trash out.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:38:38 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
SUSAN M ASATO	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:43:57 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**I oppose this bill because it directly limits and restricts the law abiding citizens from protecting themselves and their family against criminals and outside threats. It also is infringes on the constitutional 2nd amendment.**

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:25:22 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leilani Diga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is an outrage.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:26:02 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Weist	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB31.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:30:07 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edward C. Obert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against this bill due to the fact that a person of 16 years of age (and younger) can safely make decisions with regards to fire arm useage in the absence of an adult to supervise if said youth were give proper firearm handling instructions from the parent or guarding of said youth.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:31:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
anthony kaauwai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to Hb 31, I have been around and helped teach kids as young as ten years old on the Safty of firearms. Educating kids on firearm safety can prevent accidents, with the high cost of living in Hawaii a lot of children are left alone in their homes, and home invasions on the rise, young adults should be able to protect themselves and siblings from criminals. There have been many occasions that children as young as 14 have defended themselves and siblings from home invasions with a firearm. Vote no on this bill

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:14:34 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy L Nakashima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose bill HB31



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Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:26:18 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin J. Cole	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

**I am vehemently opposed to HB31. Raising the age from 16 to 18 accomplishes nothing and cause more issues where none are needed.**

**We trust 16-year-old people with cars after all.**

**V/R**

**Kevin J. Cole, Col. USAF Ret.**

**Mililani**

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:27:59 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rasa Fournier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Minors under 18 engaged in handling guns for sport or self-defense should not be restricted. If home alone during a break in and assault, having the ability to access a weapon could save their life. There is no necessity for this bill. And in fact, it would do harm.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:31:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bradford Davis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good morning Committee Members,

I would like to respectfully communicate my opposition to HB31 This bill would hinder me from exercising my freedom to effectively enjoy target shooting, hunting, or even self protection. This bill would not benefit law abiding citizens. In addition, further consideration of HB31 will effectively change who I (and potentially others in my sphere of influence) will vote for as my representative in the next election. HB31 does NOT reflect the common attitudes, beliefs, or concerns found in the local community.

Respectfully,

Bradford Davis

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:32:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William Chase	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves.
- Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:44:23 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
RYAN TINAJERO	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this measure because it effectively denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. The measure does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead criminalizes the parents or guardians in the unlikely event that a minor gains access to an unsecured firearm (if there are such incidents). All this measure seeks to accomplish is an increase the nexus of criminality based upon ease of access rather than taking proactive action against a prospective user.

Moreover, what is problematic about the bill is the hypothetical situation presented within its introduction only cherry-picks national data from data sources outside of the state of Hawaii—it does not produce a valid argument concerning any incidents of unsecured firearms being used in the State of Hawaii. In other words, the measure in its entirety serves as a red herring logical fallacy whereby a potential incident that may take place is used as a scare tactic, even though such record does not exist in reality.

Finally, an individual at the age of 18 is no longer a minor and accordingly should be afforded the capability to hunt or defend their life within the confines of their own residence without an arbitrary age restriction.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:20:45 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jared Tanouye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a law abiding citizen who see's the damage from firearms in our own state. And they are always from known criminals who obtained their guns illegally. Please do not take away our ability to protect ourselves.

Thank you

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:29:20 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Francis Corpuz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:59:53 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Soon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This age restriction is insulting and unnecessary. I started shooting and hunting from age 7.

My father bought me a hunting shotgun when I was 15 years old and hunting trips were the best memories I have as a teenager.

I taught my 4 children to use guns safely when they were about 7 or 8 years old., including my young daughter.

This bill assumes that all young people are irresponsible idiots. It is an insult to young and old alike.



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:13:22 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin Lee Solomon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

H.B. No. 31, 22 February 2021, Firearm Ownership

I, Justin Lee Solomon, of Moilili/McCully, oppose this bill.

“The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” - United States Constitution

The reason minors sometimes have deadly accidents with weapons, is because they were never taught about weapons. They were never taught weapon safety. They are only taught “Don’t touch guns, come tell an adult.” Well, that obviously doesn’t work. When you tell a child, “Don’t push the red button.” The child will always push the red button. “Don’t touch a gun.” doesn’t work, for the same reason. This bill would prevent me, and other parents from teaching our children proper gun safety. It would make us felons, for teaching our children how to actually be safe, and not to be curious about a weapon, if they were to find one. This bill also stops youth gun sports. Yes, youth gun sports are a thing. There are youth teams, who out shoot some of the best adult teams, and there’s no reason whatsoever, for you, our elected representatives, to deprive our children of a freedom, which has never hurt, or infringed on anyone else, in any way. There are also youth hunters. It may surprise you to learn that people still hunt, but it’s true. I spent my youth hunting, and helping to put food on my family’s table; there is absolutely nothing wrong with a sixteen year old learning how to provide natural protein for his family, while also learning the discipline, and maturity, safety knowledge that hunting provides. Youths are sometimes victims of violent crime, and as such, should have the right to protect themselves. A twelve year old girl shot a home intruder in south east Oklahoma in October of 2012, with a semi-automatic, large capacity, .50cal shotgun. A fourteen year old girl used a semi-automatic pistol with a detachable large capacity magazine, to stop two home intruders, who were after her younger sisters, In August of 2019, in Lawrence West Virginia. Your jobs, as our elected representatives, is to protect our rights to life, and liberty, even those of us under the magical age of 18.

“The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” - United States Constitution. This section bill, is an affront to our civil liberties, and needs to be struck down.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:43:54 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sean C Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose this bill. 16 year olds are responsible to handle and use firearms safely. State of Hawaii Hunter Education allows minors over 10 years old to get their hunting license. I am also a NRA instrutor and have taught minors as young as 8 years old and they know what they can and cannot do. Why are we changing this law? Stop penalizing responsible people. Its all about "Education" not about laws.

Sincerely,

Sean Goo

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:55:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judy Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

When my children were even younger than 15, they knew what they could do and what not to do with firearms which we owned then and still own. Its about teaching them to be responsible.

Please oppose this bill,.

Judy Goo

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:07:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elisha Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

I learned about firearm safety when I was 5 or 6 years old as my father taught me the safety and dangers of firearms. My dad was a policeman and Educated us about firearms. Its about Education not about laws.

Elisha Goo

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:21:20 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jon Abbott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear House Committee Members,

I OPPOSE this legislation and ask you vote no.

Young adults should be judged on the merits of their individual maturity and not by their age. Many young people between 16-18 use firearms in order to hunt and provide food for their family. These individuals also have a right to defend themselves. Lastly, this legislation instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the 16-18 year old gains access to the firearm.

I urge you to vote no on this flawed legislation,

Best Regards,

Jon

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:27:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melissa A. Connolly,	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. The last thing we need is a mismanaged state making parenting decisions.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:29:26 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HB31 Firearms Storage Requirements - OPPOSE**

I don't require the Legislature to mandate that I need to lock up my already locked up firearms in my home. It is common sense. Changing the age by 2 years is not going to make a difference at all. In many states across the nation 18 is the legal age to purchase a long gun. At 18 years old a person is able to enlist in the military and fight for our country with a long gun. What is the difference. At 18 a person is an adult. Treat them like one.



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:53:28 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
George Pace	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Vote NO.

The Section 1 rationale/justificatioin is random garbage statistics full of inuendo and implication but lacking any direct causal linkage. Why not just state the simple facts? Why don't you geniuses simply state how many 17 and 18 year olds in Hawaii in the past year, or 5 years, or 50 years have stolen unsecured firearms from homes to 1. commit crimes, 2. cause unintentional injuries, and 3. commit suicide? That would make things very clear and simple. Why didn't you do that? It might make it too simple in that it doesn't support your unfounded thesis. For further clarity you could have, and should have, put those numbers in context by telling us the total number of 17 and 18 year-olds in Hawaii who have 1. committed crimes, 2. caused unintentional injuries, and 3. committed suicide.

It would have been simple to present a clear case for the necessity of this law for the state of Hawaii. Why didn't you do that? One has to wonder if there simply isn't a clear case supporting the proposed law, otherwise, why not present the full, simple, relevant-to-Hawaii facts?

Vote NO.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:03:54 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
George Pace	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Vote Yes.

Evaluation seems sufficient to determine eligibility.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:11:13 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gavin Lohmeier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

oppose HB31. there is no need to increase the age to 18. there will be no significant difference.

sincerely

Gavin Lohmeier

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:12:17 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
steven lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB31.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:26:55 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matthew Uchida	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support this change. 16 year olds are allowed to do many things legally already. They can drive a car, they can have a job, they can stay home alone, and they can have sex. I don't think that it is necessary to require that a 16+ year old cannot access a firearm.

If a 16 year old is home alone and someone is breaking into their home, I think the 16 year old should have the ability to defend themselves if the parent feels the 16 year old is responsible enough.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:48:21 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrew Lum	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill, it does not take into account the maturity level of the individual. If 16 year olds are able to get married in the state, why are they not mature enough to have limited access to firearms? Why waste tax payer time & money on this when there are far more pressing matters to attend to. Crime is on the rise, local businesses have closed for good, and people are still struggling to make ends meet.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:04:45 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melissa Lahti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Many 16 year old hunt on island and know how to responsibly handle firearms.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:19:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ricardo Trinidad Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I "OPPOSE" this Bill, to the fact that, every American, regardless of age, if they are mentally fit, and have clear conscience, must have access to guns as well, provided they are fully trained and understand strict discipline in handling of weapons and discharging it. It is their birth given right, under the Second Amendment of the US Constitution.

Rather, if I may add, the House should propose a Bill on implementing a increase of age to acquire a Driver's License from age 16 to age 21. This I think would eliminate, the numbers of vehicles on the road, make them ride their way to their schools.



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:43:28 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John D. Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As written this law is unenforceable and appears to be a "feel good" bill; I am opposed to this type of legislation, including this bill.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:10:18 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Byon Nakasone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

NEGATIVE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:14:49 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin H	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support this unconstitutional bill. The second amendment is written in the constitution and has been upheld all these years. Trump and his fakenews shows how fragile our democracy is. The 2nd and 1st amendment are key for democracy and the future of America. Remove either of these and Trump wins. I implore you to not violate what little rights we have left.

Thanks,

Justin

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:36:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jostin A Iriarte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose House Bill HB31

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:41:04 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

HB31 OPPOSE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:42:04 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Terry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against the proposed bill HB31 for the following reason, as highlighted by the Hawaii Firearms Coalition:

The proposed bill denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

CONCLUSION: I am against HB31 for the reason stated above.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony against HB31.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:45:52 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kent Kurihara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

While politicians, educators, and special groups, continue to declare that young children have the maturity and wisdom to pick thier sex, or issue consent to older individuals for sex, bills like this are contradictory to that logic.

A young adult of sixteen can drive a car in most states. Society has determined that they may be trusted at a young age, so they should be trusted with something far less dangerous, like a firearm.

With regards to self defense, It's immoral to deny a yound adult the right to self defense.

This bill should not progress any further .

Sincerely,

Kent Kurihara

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:08:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barry Aoki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB31.

If this bill is passed, it will leave my 16-17 year old family members with limited options to protect themselves. Calling 911 is not the best option at the time help is needed. I know, I am in law enforcement and Police arrive in time to clean up the mess and not prevent crimes.

I know some in the legislature support giving voting rights to 16-17 year olds so they should be allowed the option to protect themselves with firearms.

OPPOSE HB31

Barry Aoki



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:29:50 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ian Bishop	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello,

I'm writing in to oppose HB31.

As a responsible gun owner, I convey safety at all time when handling any firearm. Unloaded or loaded.

I am not a parent, but as a child of a gun owner, I was taught at a very young age the rules and safety measures of handling firearms. It is the responsibility of the parent to teach safety and responsibility.

I feel it would be immoral to criminalize a parent or guardian for locking away a firearm that may be used for home defense or hunting in rural areas of Hawaii. Locking away a firearm meant for home defense negates the whole purpose of a home defense firearm.

Instead of criminalizing, the focus should be on safety and education.

Thank you for your consideration to say NO and oppose HB31.

Ian Bishop

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:40:21 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Blue	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I humbly ask you to please vote in opposition of this bill. The current law is more than sufficient and does not need any adjustments. Thank you for your time.

Mahalo

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:48:18 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jason Baligad	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose Bill HB31. A sixteen year old who is properly trained and can safely use any firearm to defend themselves should have the same rights as an eighteen year old in alike situations. If a sixteen year old can obtain drivers license to operate a vehicle (which can also be a deadly weapon) as an eighteen year old than a firearm to defend themselves should be no different.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:00:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peter J Long III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I hearby express my OPPOSITION to HB31.

If a sixteen year old is deemed by the state to be able to lawfully be in control of a motor vehicle, then I believe that that same sense of responsibility should be extended to them with respect to the storage of firearms.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:06:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Austin White	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill does not address the underlying root cause of teenagers resorting to violence. Mental health care without repercussions should be the primary focus

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:16:38 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
tracy cabrera	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose Bill HB31.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:16:46 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steve Aruda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose to Bill HB31

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:03:18 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Megan Pearl	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.



**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:14:16 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Fred Delosantos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

please oppose HB31. This bill unfairly burdens Hawaii's law-abiding gun-owning community.

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:52:32 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Derek Tamashiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi,

I oppose this bill. Children need to be taught responsibility. Firearms training is a good way to teach children about responsibility. They also need to be able to protect themselves and friends and family. Not everyone is a skilled fighter or self defender. Some of us are not very strong, fit, or have the mental strength to fight back if someone invades our home. Firearms are the great equalizer.

Thank You,

Derek Tamashiro

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:55:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kyle Morin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My stance on this bill is oppose.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 2:00:39 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William Hopkins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is not needed. Minors 16 and over should be able to use a firearm under adult supervision for hunting and for home defense.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 2:02:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
justin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

federal law and constitution states that a law abiding citizen can poses a rifle at 16 for hunting and self defense purposes as long as their not convicted of a dangerous drug offense or felony in this state an 18 year old is already restricted from registering and buying a rifle under constitutional and federal law due to the permit to acquire loophole this bill only further restrict people from their second amendment rights and shows complete disregard to our constitution

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 2:13:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Reginald Eubanks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB31 is another bill based on arbitrary numbers without statistical support. The age of maturity can vary among households and is not measurable when compared to other activities such as driving and the age of sexual consent (16 years old). Please vote in opposition of this inconceivable bill.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 2:22:19 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
william racoma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My children have passed Hawaii's obscene requirements for firearms and now you wish to infringe on their rights even further even though they have complied with the law.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:11:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lindsay J Parker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good Afternoon

I, Lindsay Parker oppose HB31



LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:32:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kristi yamanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

What happens when a father takes his 16 or 17 year old son out to hunt for their food and for the food of their family? Teaching children responsibly and safely is what should be considered. Please remove and oppose this bill.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:37:02 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Toyomura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Government cannot infringe on individual rights and dictate what persons do in their own homes and under their own roofs. The US constitution guarantees us personal rights and freedoms

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 4:35:25 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Samuel Webb	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because the age to get a drivers license is 16, if your mature enough to control this very dangerous machinery, your mature enough to be around a firearm.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:04:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Riemer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to HB31. The restrictions in place are already too strict and the statistics in Hawaii do not support a need for this legislation.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:13:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Lacno III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

It is an infringement of the 2nd amendment

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:17:42 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Trevor Tamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Something that I notice is lacking with a lot, if not all of the bills targeting firearms and firearms owners is a way to bolster firearms education. Why are there no bills to provide more firearms education and safety? The proposals always cast a negative light on firearms and only provide a biased sales pitch. When our elected officials have ignored or refused to get educated on firearms, I suppose that is one explanation as to why. I personally garnered a great amount of respect for firearms having been taught by my dad, a retired police officer, starting from when I was five years old. I know I am not the only one who has experienced that. This bill fails to take into account the individual minor and lumps them into a category of being viewed under a certain assumption of people in that age group.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:27:23 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wesley Mun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not see the reasoning for this bill.

It is not the firearm that committs the crimes. Is it wise to upset the law biding, voting legal gun owners in the state? We have proven our worth as shown in the low firearm related crimes in the State.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:37:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
james	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Government should not be concern of how an American citizen stores there gun.They should be concern of where the Child Traffic Kids are being stored.Hawaii is rampid on Child Trafficking but you guys seem to not care,you are sick people.



LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:51:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Harper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

again another bill that's useless, 18 year olds can go in the army but can't be trusted to handle firearms at home, its just senseless.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:42:29 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Crow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose Bill HB31

I have been hunting since I received my hunter's safety certificate in 1978 at the age of 13. I was raised in a home where Respect & Safety was taught and understood about firearms.

HB31 will deny access to young adults to firearms to hunt or defend themselves. It doesn't take into consideration the level of maturity of the young adult but it does make the parents into criminals if the young adult gains access to the firearm for hunting or self defense.

This Bill would make honest Law Abiding Citizens criminals and not do anything to the real criminals on our islands.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:46:29 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tihane Lopez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:09:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
john	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:14:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose this bill.

There are thousands of minors, at the age of 16, that are responsible hunters. There are some minors that hunt, and are required to take game for sustenance. Perhaps a closer look at firearms safety and safe handling programs would be a better and more effective to increase safety. Not a law that will be a detriment to responsible and mature minors.

The owners of these firearms are not the problem. There are practically ZERO crimes committed by the legal owners of such firearms and magazine. However, there are TONS of instances where MULTIPLE REPEAT FELONS have committed crimes, some with ALREADY ILLEGAL firearms.

Seems the problem's root lies there, with CRIMINAL FELONS, NOT legal firearms owners.

The priorities of the legislature should be on the problems of the economy and Covid, NOT making legislation that harms law abiding citizens.

No new gun laws are needed, especially right now. It will solve ZERO issues.

OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:19:23 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dennis Djou	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:20:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
c ching	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. It does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:45:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ron Knopp	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.



LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:12:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin Muneoka-Nagy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Everyone should have the capability and right to protect themselves regardless of age, furthermore people should know the difference between right and wrong well before the age of 16 so passing the blame onto the parent/ guardian isn't right.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:40:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lambert Castillo	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Comments to HB31:

Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:48:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
mitchell weber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB31,

Sixteen year olds should have the ability to protect themselves with their parents firearms. There are millions of sixteen year olds throughout the country who are forced to stay home alone often times in the care of their younger siblings while their parents work. Your proposed bill would effectively neutralize their ability to defend themselves from armed attackers in their own homes. Sixteen year olds are permitted to drive and some in the Democratic Party have recently argued for their ability to participate in our republics most treasured duty as American adults the right to vote. Is it the position of this committees members that sixteen year olds are too immature to defend themselves but of sound maturity to shape our republic?

regards,

Mitchell Weber

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:53:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jorge gonzalez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Minors and young adults should be taught firearm safety. We should not be making parents and guardians into criminals over firearm storage.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:56:32 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aimoku Chee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**I am in opposition**, The legislature should support the Second Amendment and not do things to erode our constitutional rights. The legislature has sworn to uphold the U.S Constitution and Bill of Rights. I have a bachelors in political science and was told by my professors at the University of Hawaii that the Japanese High Command during World War II did not invade the U.S Mainland and Territories because they were aware that thy would suffer high casualties and losses in their military because the U.S populace was heavily armed and would defend their homeland. This deterred the Japanese military from invading the U.S physically.

Furthermore, the Third Reich disarmed the German and Austrian populace of small arms when Hitler came into power. The disarming of the national populace was also done by Joseph Stalin and the Russian Communist , Mao ZeDong and the Chinese Communist party as well as, other dictators like Pol Pot, Hugo Chavez, Fidel Castro in small counties like Cambodia,Venezuela, and Cuba. The list go on and on of these countries which were once free and fell to dictators because their populace was disarmed. These governments which disarmed their populations eventually committed horrific genocide on their citizenry and populations. The disarming of the populace by these nations added to the holocaust of the Jewish people (6 million people murdered), the deaths of 100 of millions of Chinese nationals, and Russian Citizens 40-60 million are the estimated murders of these tyrannical regimes. Castro murdered 15,000- 30,000 himself in Cuba and Island similar to Hawaii. Had the citizenry not been disarmed these tyrants would not likely come to power. In the world we live in today with all the national turmoils it is easy to see that the U.S could be invaded by Russia, China or N. Korea. We are the first line of defense for the U.S Mainland, if our enemies will try to over take us, we should at the least have the rights to defend our families if such a predicament should arise. To do this we need small arms to keep and protect our liberties or we will not even have a chance of surviving.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:31:44 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stanley Cadinha Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Responsible gun owners store their guns unloaded in safes just for that reason. Additional laws on this matter are unnecessary because individuals who don't store their guns properly will probably not comply anyway. Also, some minors involved in school shootings, owed the firearms that were used in the crime.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:36:43 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cecelia Yamamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a mother, I do not understand the rationale for raising the age of safe firearm storage from 16 to 18 while maintaining the "age of consent" at age 16. Unfortunately, the likelihood of a minor child being sexually assaulted by an adult is much higher in Hawaii than the risk of that same child having access to an adult's firearm.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:42:18 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doug Thatcher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- SB307 - 50 caliber firearm ban
- I OPPOSE!

I have 50 cal Muzzle loader that I use in permissive hunts infact 50 caliber is the smallest allowed now TO HUNT IN HAWAII.

This bill covers Any firearm with the capacity to fire ammunition 50 caliber or higher.

Bans all of the above for possession, manufacture, acquisition, and transfer into Hawaii  
Note: this would include 50BMG, 50S&W revolvers, 50 Desert Eagle, 12GA Shotguns, muzzleloaders, etc.

I am oposed to this and ask youi to vote against SB307

Mahalo

DOUG THATCHER



LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:09:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leona Souza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose denying access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:14:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Yamamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is over-reaching. Why is there not a law requiring the "safe storage" of all prescription meds from those under the age of 18 since minors are much more likely to die from a prescription drug overdose than a firearm accident? The reason is because these type of bills are impractical, futile and do not serve the needs of the public.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:16:58 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sterling Luna	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

oppose! under the definition for unorganized militia from the state of hawaii constitution states that any american or intention of becoming american from 17 years of age to 46 years old has the right to belong to that militia and well 18 does not comply so its unconstitutional you know... the oath you took and swore to uphold.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:38:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Fel Sepada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB31

This bill is an insult to all Law Abiding and Legal gun owners. It insenuates irresponsibility on the gun owners part. I strongly believe that gun owners are responsible and very safety oriented people. Therefore gun owners naturally will educate those around them regarding safety and storage.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:42:19 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amber Tranetzki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill to raise the age requirement from 16 to 18 years of age.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:43:18 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Skye Kahoali'i	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

While the purpose is laudable in the case of the proposed legislation, again, safety with firearms is addressed in the most roundabout and ineffective way possible. It is not that our young people cannot handle the access to firearms, it is the extended infantilism, lack of coping skills, and mis-education that we impart to them that makes them behave in immature ways with firearms as well as a host of other potentially dangerous objects that they can come into contact with.

Chronological age does not confer some magical change upon any individual. A suicidal minor of 17 years, 364 days, does not in most cases become suddenly mentally healthy on the attainment of their majority the next day barring the most extreme of interventions. Enacting such legislation only covers up the issues with our youth that lead them into immature decisions as adults, which then ruins lives just as surely.

If we truly want to address this issue, which, by the way should depend upon local and not national statistics--being that our local cultural circumstances are quite different from those found on the mainland--we need to embark upon aggressive educational programs about firearms safety, just as we do with automobile operation, drug experimentation and use, and sexual activity. Trying to keep our youth as infants and toddlers forever does them the greatest of disservice, as well as pose greater problems with their proper integration into the greater society as fully-functioning adults later.

This drive towards behavior modification through object control should be discarded immediately for the historical failure it has been, especially in light of success achieved with methods that actually aim at behavior modification as is the case with driving under the influence and smoking, rather than object control.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 2:40:02 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
steven schramm	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

what if a 16 year old needs a weapon for self defense because they let violent crooks out of prison early they cant do it

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 3:24:45 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Hirayasu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support this bill. Hawaii already has some of the most restrictive gun laws and there is no need for more.



LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 5:40:04 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ri	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it does not take into account the maturity of the individual, and instead would make the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 5:44:48 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessie Alejandro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose strongly. Our rights again as tax paying American citizens being taken away from us unfairly & unconstitutional!

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 7:19:01 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan B Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Alan B. Fernandez and I am representing myself. I am OPPOSED to HB31 Firearm Storage, changed age from 16 to 18 years of age. I OPPOSE this bill because it denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. It does not take into account the maturity of the individual.

Thank you!

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 7:20:55 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Chirico	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposing HB31 because it violates my consitutional rights. The consitution does not allow for you or any legislative body to pick and choose what arms you feel is appropriate for citizens to own or not to own or how to store them. There are many states with less restrictive gun ownership rules that show less crime when people are allowed to protect themseles from criminal who do not follow laws or rules. Kate Stinley who was Murdered in San Franciso and died in her fathers arms by an illegal alien who was repetitiously deported and protected by santurary city poiices and DA's is just one example. With the new adminatrations policies you can bet many more like that criminal are on the way, in fact DHS has 900 newly arrived ILLEGAL ALIENS in custity right now that the gloriuously stupid new Adminstration wants released into the US. The truth is police arrive way to late to protect us and the best defense is to be armed. I urge you to oppose this bill as it only limits law abiding citizens and not criminals who don't follow rules and could care less about it. People can not adaquately protect themselves if they do not have easliy accessabel access to a gun to protect themselves in time to save themselves, their loved ones or others from criminals who are not restricted.

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 7:41:27 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Boyd Ready	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Representatives:

Odd that the current push to extend voting to 16 year olds is coincident with this bill to ensure that 16 year olds have no access easy to firearms. Governments over the last 100 years have killed hundreds of millions of unarmed citizens, and the vote can bring to power such a fearsome foe of humanity. Auitomobiles kill tens of thousand every year, and the very young and the very old are the most dangerous, yet they drive. Are 16 year olds, or are they not, to be trusted with power?

I oppose this bill unless all voting for it are also opposed to the 16 year olds voting.

With respect.

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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:09:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support increasing the age from 16 to 18 for storage of firearms in a residence. Children are not permitted to purchase firearms on their own, and should not have access to firearms in their own home, without adult supervision. This means keeping firearms locked and in proper storage until the adult owner unlocks and authorizes access to the firearm in a supervised situation. This bill would help protect from suicides and firearms crimes committed by young people.

Thank you for your consideration

Ellen Godbey Carson

LATE

State of Hawaii House of Representatives and Senate  
SB 301, SB 307, HB 31 and HB 1366 RELATING TO FIREARMS  
TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

TESTIFIER: Craig Dansie  
DATE: February 9, 2021

Good afternoon,

My name is Craig Dansie and I am a man currently domiciled in Hawaii in the County of Honolulu My address is 150 Hamakua Drive #304, Kailua, HI. After reading SB 301, SB 307, HB 31 and HB 1366 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** of said bills relating to firearms.

How about you stop proposing and voting for legislation that violates the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and the United States Constitution? How about upholding your oath to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii?

Constitution of the State of Hawaii, Article I § 17:

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.

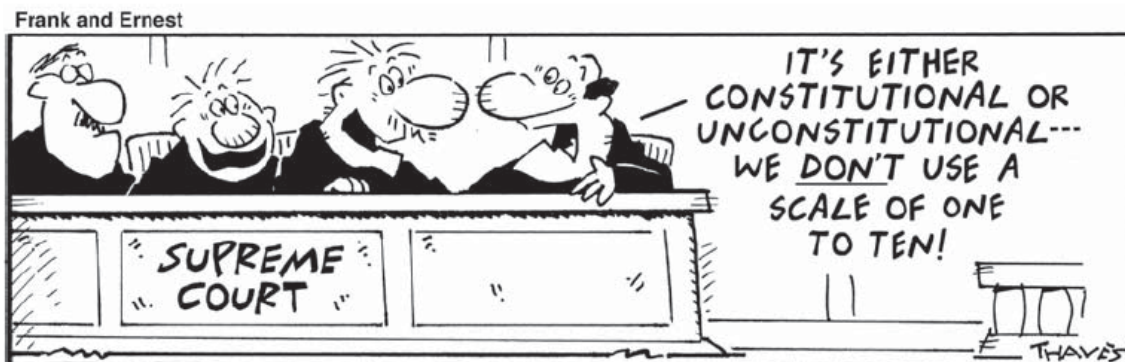
Constitution of the United States, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment:

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.

*"The Constitution is either a superior, paramount law, unchangeable by ordinary means, or it is on a level with ordinary legislative acts, [...] alterable when the legislature shall please to alter it."* - Chief Justice John Marshall

"All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void." (*Marbury vs. Madison*, 1803.)

Vote no on SB 301, SB 307, HB 31 and HB 1366.



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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:36:47 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
mark fergusson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I hunted with my sons when they were in their teens. They are very careful when handling and using guns. It is very important that they learn Gun safety. In order for them to do so they must have access to guns.



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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:44:08 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marichris Diga-Lazo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill! We need to start educating instead of adding more and more laws.

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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:51:01 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Walter Philbrook	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Each individual case is different. Some minors are very mature. It is up to the parents to teach their children gun safety. I totally disagree with laws effecting my judgement of my child. 16 is good enough, if they don't comprehend by then and are mature enough then they never will

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 9:02:58 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeffrey Wang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 10:32:34 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Arthurs	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is gun control by stealth

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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 11:49:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mr. & Mrs. O'Neill	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I respectfully urge the Senate to oppose this bill. It is in direct violation of our Second Amendment rights given to us in the United States Constitution. It is nothing but a back door gun control measure.

PLEASE oppose this measure.

Regards, Steve and Linda O'Neill

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 12:11:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eric Hammond	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My kids have been trained well in firearm safety. And they are not even 16 yet. At 16, they will be better at gun handling than many gun owners today.

I oppose this bill.

Thank you

LATE

**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 12:16:50 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
vernon young	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear JHA Chair and Committee,

I support the change. Thank you

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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 12:23:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaleb Binkley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in opposition to HB31. I believe adding further restrictions to storage methods in this manner does little to address real risk and would mainly be enforceable upon trial after an incident. This opens up more possibility for further government intrusion into residents homes if the State decides it wants to mandate inspections for storage. Mahalo



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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 12:51:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Benedict Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a retired GySgt Marine, born and raised in Hawaii. I oppose HB31

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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:12:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Krystyn Llacuna	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it denies access of young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. It does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:33:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jesse Simonson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB 31 as it is an attack on our 2nd amendment right. Instead, the State of Hawaii should be conducting extensive firearm safety courses to better educate adults and minors. This bill would also limit minors to hunt and gather legally without the supervision of adults which is a punishment to the responsible young handler of the firearm.

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**HB-31**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 2:09:22 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/9/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelly Lim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this HB31 for the following reason.

Denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. Does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into a criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.