



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 891, Proposed H.D. 2, RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

DATE: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 **TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 325, Via Videoconferencing

TESTIFIER(S): Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or
Amy Murakami, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) strongly supports this bill and suggests non-substantive amendments.

The purpose of this bill is to protect the health and safety of the public by regulating the sale and use of electric guns.

The constitutionality of Hawaii's electric gun ban has been drawn into question by the United States Supreme Court decision in Caetano v. Massachusetts, 136 S. Ct. 1027 (2016). A pending lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, Roberts v. Ballard, 18-00125 HG-KSC, is seeking a declaratory judgment and injunction to invalidate Hawaii's electric gun ban. The passage of this bill is necessary to ensure public safety, because without it, if Hawaii's electric gun ban is invalidated by the courts, the purchase, possession, and use of electric guns by the public will not be regulated or controlled in any manner.

This bill repeals Hawaii's ban on electric guns and creates a regulatory scheme that restricts the use of electric guns to self-defense, defense of others, and protection of property. It requires sellers of any electric guns to be licensed, conduct a criminal background check of buyers, and to keep records of inventory and sales. It prohibits persons under the age of twenty-one from owning, possessing, or controlling electric guns. Additionally, it creates criminal offenses for the use or possession of electric guns in the commission of a misdemeanor or felony offense.

This proposed H.D. 2 does not include the permitting and registration requirements for electric projectile guns, which were contained in the original bill. The Honolulu Police Department has expressed concern that it would not be able to handle the permitting and registration of electric projectile guns as the number of registrations for firearms has increased dramatically in the past year. Accordingly, the Department supports this effort to compromise and remove the permitting and registration requirement from the proposed H.D. 2.

In the original bill, the permitting and registration requirements included a national and local fingerprint-based criminal background check conducted by the police departments. In lieu of that background check, this proposed H.D. 2 requires licensed sellers to conduct a search through eCrim, Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center's on-line searchable database of Hawaii adult criminal convictions. This bill further protects the public's interests by requiring the purchaser to affirmatively declare that the purchaser is not disqualified from owning an electric gun.

The Department requests the following non-substantive amendments. On page 17, line 1, the sentence should end with a semicolon as follows:

- (4) Is under treatment for an organic brain syndrome;

On page 27, lines 5-8, the paragraph should be amended to read:

For purposes of this subsection, [~~the term "agents and representatives" includes~~] "agent" and "representative" include persons performing services at harbors or harbor areas under contract with the department of transportation."

The Department respectfully requests the passage of this bill with amendments.



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The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
31st State Legislature 2021
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HOUSE BILL 891 RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS

Dear Chair Nakashima and Committee Members:

The Maui Police Department **OPPOSES** the passage of HB 891 HD2, which repeals the ban on electric guns and proposes to regulate the sale and use of electric guns and cartridges.

This act as written does not adequately address the limitations on the type of electric guns that can be owned as well as the comprehensive regulation of ownership. The following are concerns:

1. As written, the act requires the licensed seller and person acquiring an electric gun to have completed a course that focuses on: 1) the safe use and handling of electric projectile guns; 2) current information about the effects, dangers, risks, and limitations of electric projectile guns; and 3) education on the existing state laws on electric projectile guns.

As law enforcement officers, our personnel are required to receive proficiency training annually. The act does not require citizens to meet the same standard, with sellers only having to complete classes once every three years. If required, it would be incumbent on a designated entity to regulate compliance training by the public. Otherwise the public will become complacent in its use.

2. The safety and training courses required does not include weapons retention training.

Law enforcement considers electric projectile guns as deadly weapons that can cause serious bodily injury or death. Officers receive retention training to prevent it from being taken away and used against them, in the same manner as a firearm.

3. The act restricts use of the electric guns for the purpose of: 1) self-defense; 2) defense of another person; or 3) protection of property of the person or of another person.

For law enforcement, the use of the Taser falls into an authorized level of force continuum. This dictates the appropriate level of force that should be used in response to resistance in any particular situation. There is no such continuum addressed in this act in regards to approved training courses. Our officers are trained in force-on-force response and if threatened by an electric gun, would respond with our firearm as we are trained to recognize that it can incapacitate and our weapons system taken away and used against us.

4. The act does not address liability with the use of an electric gun by a person.

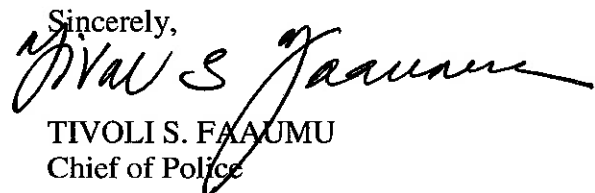
If an electric gun is used on someone with underlying health issues, it can result in death and would be considered a homicide and investigated as such. This is something impossible to determine when deciding to use an electric gun. Last year, our officers were involved in an in-custody death where the use of a Taser was justified but the offender died due to underlying health issues. This may result in litigation against the county.

5. The act does not restrict the type of electric gun possessed by a person.

Currently, our officers use the Taser conductive energy weapon which delivers 50,000 volts of electricity for five seconds per cycle. Our officers are trained to not go beyond 15 seconds total. Axon sells a citizen Taser which has less voltage and is limited to a single 30 second cycle. Both are designed to incapacitate. As written, there are no restrictions as to what type of electric gun can be possessed, maximum voltage, limited features, etc. and who can own an electric projectile gun and when it can be used. There is a distinct difference in models of electric guns. These restrictions should be addressed regardless of the manufacturer.

The ownership of electric guns should be regulated as closely as firearms as currently there is no carry law in Hawaii allowing for firearms but this act would authorize the public carry of electric guns. The proliferation of electric guns in Hawaii may increase the black market for these weapons and be more problematic as the potential for the nefarious use of electric guns will increase.

Accordingly, the Maui Police Department does not support the passage of HB 891. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Chief of Police

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March 3, 2021

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nakashima and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 891, H.D. 2 Proposed, Relating to Electric Guns

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

The HPD supports House Bill No. 891, H.D. 2 Proposed, Relating to Electric Guns.

The HPD supports the changes to the bill which eliminate the permitting and registration requirements in obtaining an electric gun. The HPD would like to suggest that the effective date be delayed until January 2022. This would allow the county police departments to prepare the forms and procedures to license sellers of electric guns in their respective counties, as required in Sections 134-C and 134-D(g).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Susan Ballard in black ink.

Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Handwritten signature of David Nilsen in black ink.

David Nilsen, Major
Records and Identification Division



HB891

Measure: RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS.

Report Title: Electric Guns; Cartridges; Electric Projectile Guns; Regulation; Permit; Registration

We strongly oppose this bill.

While the changes in version HD2 are a significant improvement on the previous version, the bill still has significant burdensome language and constitutional issues.

- This bill would severely hamper the public's ability to own and use a taser for self-defense by requiring a permit to acquire.
- Training would be costly and be difficult to get for sellers, resulting in no one selling them.
- There is currently NO training program available.
- The Hawaii Criminal Justice data center is not set up or funded to provide individuals with background checks.
- Storage requirements have already been declared unconstitutional.
- It prevents the gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.
- No other person can possess your electric gun. IE your spouse cannot use your electric gun for self-defense.
- The registration system would be burdensome to stores and retailers.
- Bill prevents online purchases.
- No other state has these requirements.
- Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm.
- Items are not serialized.

Andrew Namiki Roberts

Director Hawaii Firearms Coalition

HB-891-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/2/2021 12:40:58 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Hayama	Young Guns	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Representatives:

Though we support the legalization of electric guns for self defense, we do not support HB891 HD1.

On the mainland, you can purchase so called electric guns from most retail stores that sell general merchandise and you can also buy them on eBay, amazon and many other online retailers.

HB891, though it's great that it overturns the ban here in Hawaii, the restrictions and conditions to acquire one is just ridiculous. With no restrictions in most states, 54 pages of regulations for a \$10.00 self preservation item, that you can purchase from many online sellers or at just about any retailer on the mainland, just exemplifies how bad this Bill is.

Mahalo!

HB-891-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 4:26:51 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

Please oppose HB891.

Thank you,

Andrea Quinn

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 9:23:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

oppose

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 9:33:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elijah Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL DUE TO EXTREME RESTRICTIONS BUT SUPPORT THE OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRIC GUNS.

HB-891-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 9:45:46 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE BILL HB891 HD1 DUE TO EXTREME RESTRICTIONS BUT SUPPORTS THE OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRIC GUNS.

HB-891-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 9:59:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chase Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi I am writing today to express my concerns with HB891 as it is currently written. I am opposed to the current bill, and would like to see the use and ownership of electric defense tools to be completely legal for citizens of Hawaii. I am opposed to the registration that is being suggested and feel this is an unnecessary invasion of privacy and government overreach of power. This is a tool used by many within the United States to protect themselves and we as citizens of Hawaii, should be allowed this right to basic self preservation as well. Any suggestions of training is ludicrous and there are no programs for it available in our state where these tools are illegal to own and that part should at least be disregarded immediately. The suggested registration will not stop criminals who can already acquire tasers and electric guns via the mail without issue if they want to break the law. The laws that ban tasers are supposed to prevent crime yet they only effect those seeking to defend themselves against criminals who are already willing to break the law. This bill should be changed to completely allow adults to purchase and use electric defense tools, such as tasers, without persecution or any extra government intervention. Please vote to allow American adults to make their own decisions and protect themselves as they deem necessary.

HB-891-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 10:17:31 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my OPPOSITION to this bill. While I do support the repeal of the ban on electric guns, it makes no sense for a less-than-lethal weapon to be treated on equal terms as a firearm.

The requirements set forth would deter many from seeking them out as a means of defense.

The age requirement would also prevent young women from being able to defend themselves from attackers.

The requirements set forth on retailers to stock them would lead many retailers to not even bother.

The training that would be required simply does not exist on the island outside of law enforcement, and those programs usually require the student to be tased as part of the course, which would deter if not prevent the elderly and those with medical conditions from taking the course.

The requires set forth unheard of in the rest of the United States and as mentioned before would more or less simply be an extension of the ban. I would support a simple repeal of the Electric Gun ban without these onerous restrictions.

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 11:22:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB891

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 11:37:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Lynn Lequieu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

How about making sure there is an electric gun training and safety course that the county offers or even approves of, before even starting writing and expecting to pass a whole bill that requires such, hmm??

HB-891-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/2/2021 12:44:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sheldon Miyakado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the way the bill is written, as stated below:

- This bill would severely hamper the publics' ability to own and use a taser for self-defense by requiring a permit to acquire.
- Training would be costly and be difficult to get for sellers, resulting in no one selling them.
- There is currently NO training program available.
- The Hawaii Criminal Justice data center is not set up or funded to provide individuals with background checks.
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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 4:36:32 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha

As a law abiding citizen and taxpayer I highly oppose HB891. This bill put a burden on people like myself from owning electric guns. It would require us to pay for classes and possibly take time off from work to obtain a permit. I was furloughed due to this pandemic and work for tourism. At anytime I could be furloughed again so I'm very careful with how I spend money. I also feel we need to be able to protect ourselves. Especially, with all the crazy people that now in habit Waikiki. I was confronted at work by a drugged out homeless person. He claimed he owned the property and also all the workers that were there. He got really aggressive and got within 6 feet of me. Fortunately, after 10 minutes security came and called HPD. Anything could have happened in those 10min and we as citizens should be able to protect ourselves.

Mahalo and Aloha, Barry Lau

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 6:34:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha leaders in our state legislature

I oppose this bill which restricts law abiding citizens from owning and operating freely an instrument that could be life saving.

Any law that restricts law abiding private citizens to be able to protect themselves is an abhorrent thing. Such a bill that make it harder for them to have access to something that could potentially save life is really on the wrong side of what the law ought to do, protect law abiding citizens and keep criminals at bay.

Why would you want to restrict a non lethal form of protection?

This legislation is another one that emboldens and protects criminals. Not law abiding private citizens.

In recent times of civil unrest and the rise of violent crimes, why restrict an instrument that can protect citizens and impede or potentially prevent such crimes.

Please stop trying to push legislation through that will ultimately hurt law abiding citizens that contribute to society, have businesses that provide jobs, contribute to the state in taxes and provide valuable services to our community.

Rather than restrict private law abiding citizens, why not enact legislation that will be tougher on crime.

Please vote to oppose this bill which is an affront to what good people in our community are trying to do to keep themselves and their families safe.

A vote for this bill is a vote for criminals.

Vote to prevent and impede crime from happening, please vote against this bill.

Don't empower and embolden criminals. Please do what is right to support and protect private citizens.

Thanks for allowing our voices to be heard.

HB-891-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/2/2021 6:37:03 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ed Au	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 6:58:38 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Let my voice be heard that I oppose HB891 as currently written. Police officers do not have a legal obligation to my safety. With that being said, less than lethal alternatives allow law abiding citizens options to self defense. I oppose the way HB891 is written. Too burdensome, unnecessary regulations and unconstitutional. I oppose HB891.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 7:08:10 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support electric guns but this bill really would make it very hard to have and create lots of unneeded work for state and county workers. Once again you will make it very hard for us to defend ourselves in a non lethal manner.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 7:34:38 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE THIS BILL DUE TO EXTREME RESTRICTIONS

HB-891-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/2/2021 7:38:22 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pablo Penalzoza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL BECAUSE:

- This bill would severely hamper the publics' ability to own and use a taser for self-defense by requiring a permit to acquire.
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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 7:43:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose, HB891 would severely hamper the publics' ability to own and use a taser for self-defense.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 7:44:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose, HB891 would severely hamper the publics' ability to own and use a taser for self-defense.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 7:55:21 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Vote no on HB891 HD2. This bill is too restrictive. It would be too cumbersome and costly to implement, both for individuals and for the government. Above all, it is unconstitutional because it violates the second amendment in the U.S. Bill of Rights. A better alternative would be to repeal the law that restricts electric guns in the first place. These guns are used generally for defensive purposes. No other state has a law that is anything like this. The goal of laws in general should be to defend and protect the constitutional rights and freedoms of citizens, not to violate them. Vote NO on HB891_HD2.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 7:58:20 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kualii Makaneole	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 8:06:25 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blaine Stuart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill demands requirements that cannot reasonably be achieved, and is a defacto ban on the product. It is a second amendment violation. Why must the legislature continually infringe on the public's right to keep and bear arms? Stop it!

HB-891-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/2/2021 8:10:01 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The people need to be able to protect themselves legally. AND. With reasonable restrictions. This bill has way to many. I don't understand what the problem is? Does our government not trust it's citizens? Mahalo Joe B.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 8:12:01 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 8:19:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I believe that this bill is currently a waste of time as a number of provisions of the bill are not or can't be fulfilled. The required training to obtain an "electric gun" is not available in the state so that makes the entire process moot; can't be done so why bother? Also, reputable manufacturers of tasers all have "tracking" confetti or other identifying methods in order to know whose taser it is. Stun guns (not firing projectiles with wires attached) are not viable as one has to have physical contact with the target; in most cases the user would probably be overwhelmed and the stun gun used against him/her. Standard tasers are probably the only thing that should be allowed and without such restrictions as they're more easily tracked than even firearms in terms of leaving identifiable evidence when deployed.

Finally, in light of Hawaii's culture within the police, a permit will NEVER be issued to anyone anyway, just as firearms concealed carry permits have never been issued to a "normal civilian" with no connections to law enforcement or high ranking politicians, judges, etc. So, why are we wasting taxpayers' monies on a bill that's unnecessary? When Hawaii actually begins to trust their law-abiding firearms owners to issue them concealed carry permits, then perhaps we can revisit this bill and others like it.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 8:22:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 8:23:16 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE HB 891 There is currently no training available

It prevent the gifting to your family member

HB-891-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/2/2021 8:30:53 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Coster	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to HB891. This bill represents an apparent belief by some in our State Legislature that a citizen shouldn't possess the ability to defend themselves or their loved ones against violence perpetrated against them. This bill makes it impossible for a private citizen to purchase, possess or own this less than lethal means of protection and puts in place qualifiers for thier purchase and use that either do not exist, or are administratively burdensom for anyone considering making them available for sale. Further it makes it a crime for anyone other than the "registeed owner" to employ the device in their own defense and in effect makes them a criminal instead of a victim. I respectfully urge this session to concentrate on legislation that improves the safety and security of the people they represent and hold criminals accountable for their actions instead of creating legislation stripping citizens of every conceivable freedom they possess with regard to self defense.

Respectfully,

Robert A. Coster

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 8:37:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Too many restrictions, and blocking another way for a law abiding citizen to defend themselves.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 8:42:17 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hi my name is Joseph And I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 8:44:24 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ross mukai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill, it is clearly designed to create a red tape circus by requiring training that does not exist and making tasers harder to purchase than firearms. Tasers should be the preferred option. In other states with reasonable laws a person can simply purchase tasers and pepper spray on amazon. How can our state justify inventing a costly and complicated set of requirements that do not exist anywhere else, for products that are available everywhere else

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 8:55:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this because there are too many requirements to own an electric gun (EG). You even have to take a class every 3 years. I don't have to do that for a pistol or rifle. So to say that there are more requirements for an EG than a firearm is ludicrous.

Then having to enroll in RAPBACK that per the FOIA done and the FBI stating that no one is enrolled since it's implementation back in 2016. So where is by \$42.50? I want my money back.

This bill should be very simple. See below example:

- 1) EG's are legal
- 2) Felons are not allowed to possess an EG

The only reason so much restrictions are being put on this is because of the Roberts v. Ballard lawsuit. What you are trying to do is make EGs legal, but heavily regulate them, thus terminating the lawsuit. So either #1 you are incompetent or #2 you are corrupt by trying to pass this bill with so many restrictions.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 9:10:37 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as written. Most states you can walk into store that sell these and purchase with no restrictions or ridiculous requirements. Why are you making it so hard for people to defend themselves legally??? Just read this bill...there are more requirements and punishments for a law abiding citizen than there are for criminals...improve the bill by making it easier for a law abiding citizen to get one and harsher punishment for a criminal to possess and use one.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 9:18:24 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

- This bill would severely hamper the publics' ability to own and use a taser for self-defense by requiring a permit to acquire.
- Training would be costly and be difficult to get for sellers, resulting in no one selling them.
- There is currently NO training program available.
- The Hawaii Criminal Justice data center is not set up or funded to provide individuals with background checks.
- Storage requirements have already been declared unconstitutional.
- It prevents the gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.
- No other person can possess your electric gun. **IE your spouse cannot use your electric gun for self-defense.**
- The registration system would be burdensome to stores and retailers.
- Bill prevents online purchases.
- No other state has these requirements.
- Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm.
- Items are not serialized.

Allowing the use of electric guns for self defense BUT making it nearly impossible and impractical to actually own one is ridiculous. Law abiding citizens have the RIGHT to self defense and to protect family. Criminals are more brazen and more confident then ever! Watch the news!?! This bill, as it's written does not help but hinder law abiding citizens trying to protect themselves. Criminal don't care. Criminal will acquire these electric guns via any means necessary like they do everything else and use it against unsuspecting law abiding citizens. It seems Hawaii's Legislature do not trust the same people that voted them into office.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 9:24:04 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB891. I'm in favor of tazer ownership as an alternative to firearms. This bill is so restrictive that I would be a fool to purchase a tazer instead of pistol as the effort required is the same for a less effective tool. Please introduce a less restrictive bill that incentivizes tazer ownership as an effective means of non lethal self defense that is an alternative to firearms.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 9:28:15 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please reconsider the measures you want to impliment.

- Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm.
- Items are not serialized.
- Storage requirements have already been declared unconstitutional.
- This bill would severely hamper the publics' ability to own and use a taser for self-defense by requiring a permit to acquire.
- The Hawaii Criminal Justice data center is not set up or funded to provide individuals with background checks.

I do not support all these restrictions that limit personal safety.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 9:32:47 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

1. It would severely hamper the publics' ability to own and use a taser for self-defense by requiring a permit to acquire.
2. Training would be costly and be difficult to get for sellers, resulting in no one selling them. Strictly limiting access to the poor.
3. There is currently NO training program available.
4. The Hawaii Criminal Justice data center is not set up or funded to provide individuals with background checks. It would cost millions to set up.
5. Storage requirements have already been declared unconstitutional.
6. It prevents the gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.
7. No other person can possess your electric gun. **IE your spouse cannot use your electric gun for self-defense.**
8. The registration system would be burdensome to stores and retailers.
9. Bill prevents online purchases.
10. No other state has these requirements.
11. Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm.
12. No taser exists that are serialized.
13. Training and storage requirements would place additional burdens for the poor.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 9:35:20 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Don't limit my ability to protect my family

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 10:17:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose the passing of this now "55" page bill. I strongly suggest that you might want to take a close look at the testimony submitted by HIFICO. They do an excellent, very details overview of the pitfalls that could come with this over burdening bill.

So again I stand in opposition of this bill moving forward.

Respectfully

Rita Kama-Kimura

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 10:25:02 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 10:38:20 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB891. Law-abiding citizens need to be able to defend themselves.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 10:55:17 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenny Kwan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

It does not make any sense to control a NON-LETHAL like a firearm.

It is already a pain to acquire firearms, who will be in charge of issuing permits etc?

There is currently NO training program available.

It does not makes sense that no other person can possess your electric gun, what if my family is in danger?

No other state has these requirements.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 11:10:58 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hipolito Olaes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It severely hampers law abiding citizens ability to own/use a taser for self defense by adding permitting and training requirements, essentially treating this like a firearm. There are no other states in the union that has these same requirements. And even if this were considered a firearm, this bill summarily attacks our 2nd Amendment Constitutional Rights, which shall not be infringed! To close, anti gun laws only limit law abiding citizens and NOT Criminals! Anti Gun Laws ties law abiding citizens hands behind their backs and giving criminals the upper hand. I Oppose this bill!

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 11:11:56 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arthur Kluvo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB891 - What? Do you think this legislation will hinder criminals from obtaining these weapons? This bill will only effect law abiding citizens making it even more difficult to obtain means of self protection. There are already so many restrictions on lethal weapons it makes it near impossible to legally own a weapon for self protection. These electric guns are not normally lethal, but would be a self protection deterrent in many situations. Please vote no on this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 11:23:03 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley Linoz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose HB 891.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 11:24:53 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Lipscomb	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, I'm writing to register my opposition to this bill. There's no denying that violent crime and home invasions are on the rise. Hawaii continue's to foster an environment where criminals and those that would do harm to others are encouraged to practice their craft against law abiding citizens. This bill further erodes our citizens' right and ability to protect themselves and their loved ones. The permitting process in place for firearms is already burdensom and mildly-functional, so increasing that workload would further exasparate the problem. The use of tasers is not an issue in Hawaii -- this bill is premature at best.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 11:28:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose hb891, I support the ownership of electric guns, but oppose the restrictions placed on owning a non lethal item. This bill puts egregious restrictions on electric guns and tasers that can be bought on amazon. It is legal in 48 states for citizens to own. Hawaii's crime rate is spiking and no one is doing anything about it.

How is HPD going to accommodate the registration of electric guns from citizens when they cant even handle the current load due to "Covid restrictions". Its impossible to get an appointment to apply for a firearms permit. Therefore this bill is not for the protection of people it is to further restrict us of our rights to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

Covid may kill, but criminals kill too.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 11:33:53 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Wela	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it is written. I believe tasers should be widely available. You load the ownership of tasers with so many garbage rules and regulations people might as well buy firearms instead. We can always depend on politicians to make life easy for criminals and hard for honest citizens.

Sincerely

Daniel Wela

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 11:34:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

While I strongly support the right of law-abiding citizens to possess directed energy weapons (in this bill referred to as electric guns), the bill has several serious flaws and should not be passed as worded. Directed energy weapons do not have the same safety considerations and risks that firearms do. The bill as written is far too restrictive and burdensome. Specific issues include:

- - Required training program that does not exist and would likely be prohibitively expensive
 - Requirement for a background check with no mechanism in place to accomplish it
 - Unreasonable requirement for training and licensing for retailers
 - Unreasonable storage requirements

The bill as written is unreasonably restrictive and far in excess of requirements in other states.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 11:41:02 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Members of the Committee:

I am opposing this bill because of the following reasons.

1. As a concerned grandmother, I would like to gift a taser gun to my 18 year-old granddaughter so she can defend herself at college. Hence, I would like to see the age lowered to 18, because here in Hawaii you officially become an adult at that age.
2. It prohibits the use of another family member, including those living in the same household, from using another family member's taser gun. That part just does not make sense to me
3. I do not approve of getting a permit for a taser gun. The bill also speaks of training, but are there classes for such training?
4. The bill disallows online purchases for taser guns, and the registration process would make it difficult for small businesses to resell them. If our small businesses who sell firearms and taser guns in Hawaii ever go out of business, we will never be able to purchase taser guns online, so I would like to see the bill amended to allow online purchases.
5. Most importantly, we are the only state that has all of these very cumbersome requirements.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not pass this bill out from committee.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 11:45:24 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 11:45:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly OPPOSE this bill!

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 11:49:16 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Is this a joke or just some ruse for representatives to delude citizens into thinking they actually have care and concern for their constituent's safety and right to self-defense? That is the only reason I can think of to propose a bill to obtain an electrical gun that makes it practically impossible to obtain the weapon. Not to mention a complete insult to the intelligence of your constituents to propose a bill that you proceed to wrap up in the red tape of beauracracy. My tax dollars paying salaries for this non-sensical waste is infuriating.

If you TRULY have care and concern for the people of Hawaii then you will revise this bill to make a SAFE and EFFICIENT way to legally OBTAIN an electric gun. With the absolutely alarming rate of rising criminal violence, the public needs options to defend ourselves and our children. **Do the research** and **educate yourselves** on how other states have created procedures to legalize the electric gun. **We are not exactly blazing a trail here.** It has been done many times before.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 12:19:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

While I fully support the right of the citizen to own one of these tools for any Legal purpose, this bill has too many strings and restrictions. Once these are put into law, history shows that they will be nearly impossible to undo.

Therefore I have to oppose this as worded

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 12:40:32 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Judiciary Committee Members,

I am Strongly Opposed to HB891HD2 in it's current amended form. I am for electric guns but there are too many restrictions in this bill as is.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 12:47:18 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Byon Nakasone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB891!!!!!!!!!!

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 12:57:23 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Why is the regulation so complicated, expensive, and time consuming? Are we trying to make sure only wealthy people with lots of free time have access to adequate self defense tools?

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 12:57:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support Hawaii Firearms Coalition's testimony. Hawaii Firearms Coalition OPPOSES HB891 and requests amendments.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 1:07:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Hawaii's citizens need every affordable option to defend themselves. The red tape of this bill denies people the right and opportunity to defend themselves in a non-lethal way. What is the purpose of creating a bill that is financially burdensome to both retailers and prospective owners? To be able to obtain and carry a electric gun is the minimal of what the state can do to help Hawaii's citizens defend themselves from violent crime.

Electrical guns are legal without major restrictions in over 50 percent of the United States. Any of those states allowing electrical guns can easily be used as a standard. Why are the authors of this bill not utilizing these state's laws as resources? Use common sense and make logical revisions to this bill so that it will actually be of some benefit to the people.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 1:09:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose



TESTIMONY

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF HAWAII

% 92-149 Kohi Place

Kapolei, HI 96707

RE: **HB891** to be heard on Wednesday March 3

Please oppose this bill.

Electric guns and tasers are a non-lethal force to defend oneself. The use of deadly force should be a last line of defence, not the first. As a military service member I was taught basic thresholds in which deadly force were warranted in defense, they were opportunity, capability and intent. Defending oneself against an attacker within a reasonable parameter of space should always be legal. The close proximity requirements for effective use of such weapons leave the question of intent apparent. If one intentionally discharges an electric gun or taser in defence an attack is in progress, and hope of evading the situation has diminished.

As we all know unintentional things happen with weapons, tasers and other forms of non-lethal defense offer quick solutions without the lasting repercussions of deadly force. For the record I believe non-lethal weapons should be used by our police officers and be made more readily available than their deadly sidearms. Making electric guns and tasers more difficult to access makes guns easier to access.

All humans have a right to defend themselves from an attacker. By passing this law that right does not change, and the guns don't go away. This bill adds layers of unnecessary bureaucracy, Hawaii does not have a history of taser violence, and therefore I question the intent behind the bill. Please do not pass this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Feena Bonoan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Feena Bonoan

March 3, 2021

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 1:30:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To the Honorable Committee On Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs,

Please oppose HB 891: Relating to Electric Guns.

Thank you

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 1:43:46 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Kaneshiro, Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because of the extreme restrictions, but I do support owning electric guns. Thank you

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 2:14:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please oppose HB891. This bill would severely hamper the publics' ability to own and use a taser for self-defense by requiring a permit to acquire.

Training would be costly and be difficult to get for sellers, resulting in no one selling them.

There is currently NO training program available.

The Hawaii Criminal Justice data center is not set up or funded to provide individuals with background checks.

Storage requirements have already been declared unconstitutional.

It prevents the gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.

No other person can possess your electric gun. IE your spouse cannot use your electric gun for self-defense.

The registration system would be burdensome to stores and retailers.

This bill prevents online purchases.

No other state has these requirements.

It's cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm.

These items are not serialized to facilitate the ridiculous HPD registration requirements.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 2:23:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jason moore	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good Morning,

I OPPOSE THIS BILL.

- This bill would severely hamper the publics' ability to own and use a taser for self-defense by requiring a permit to acquire.
- Training would be costly and be difficult to get for sellers, resulting in no one selling them.
- There is currently NO training program available.
- The Hawaii Criminal Justice data center is not set up or funded to provide individuals with background checks.
- Storage requirements have already been declared unconstitutional.
- It prevents the gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.
- No other person can possess your electric gun. **IE your spouse cannot use your electric gun for self-defense.**
- The registration system would be burdensome to stores and retailers.
- Bill prevents online purchases.
- No other state has these requirements.
- Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm.
- Items are not serialized.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Jason Moore

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 2:45:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Wikoff	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- This bill would severely hamper the publics' ability to own and use a taser for self-defense by requiring a permit to acquire.
- Training would be costly and be difficult to get for sellers, resulting in no one selling them.
- There is currently NO training program available.
- The Hawaii Criminal Justice data center is not set up or funded to provide individuals with background checks.
- Storage requirements have already been declared unconstitutional.
- It prevents the gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.
- No other person can possess your electric gun. IE your spouse cannot use your electric gun for self-defense.
- The registration system would be burdensome to stores and retailers.
- Bill prevents online purchases.
- No other state has these requirements.
- Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm.
- Items are not serialized.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 2:57:39 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I DISAGREE with this BILL

HB891 HD1 is an absurdly preposterous effort to keep “electric guns” de facto illegal while attempting to circumvent the Supreme Court of the United States clearly ruling unanimously that such self-defense tools may NOT be de facto illegal in any state in the United States. Is Hawaii a state? You wouldn't know it with all the obvious violations of the U.S. Constitution that currently exist in this fascist authoritarian third world dictatorship.

The criteria in the bill for selling, owning, possessing and/or using an “electric gun” for the purpose of self-defense are ludicrous, a shallow transparent attempt to keep as many people as possible from having such items in their possession for their own self-defense.

If you (the “introducers”, Saiki “for another party” (governor and AG?) and/or anyone who votes for the bill) are so concerned about people possessing dangerous tools that might be used for self-defense, then you'd better write a verbatim similar bill for the following, as it has been known to be used to injure numerous people, and thus needs to be immediately removed from the shelves of all retail outlets until such time as the same requirements are established and enforced for their ownership.



The legislature that would pass such a bill (HB891 HD1, not the Butterknife Ban), even further violating their oaths of office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States (“the right of the people to keep and bear arms SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED”) is composed of traitorous moronic clowns, doing the bidding of some behind-the-curtain ringmaster while Barnum laughs his ass off.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 4:11:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

HB 891 is poorly drafted and hampers law abiding citizens in an effort to protect themselves.

This law will only cause more problems than it attempts to remedy.

Mahalo,

Kevin Cole, Mililani

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 4:17:31 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marc M	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB891.

People should have the right, as well as options, to defend themselves. This bill will continue to restrict tasers from the general public making it very cumbersome and debatably impossible similar to how firearms are now. The permit to acquire appointments are always booked which effectively doesnt allow anyone to exercise their constitutional right. Further, the other stringent restrictions do have good intent but is unnecessary. An otherwise law abiding person should not be penalized for using a family members taser in an emergency which is what this bill would do.

Please consider opposing HB891.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 4:41:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
luis larzabal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha!

I support the use of electric guns, especially for home self-defense. I would prefer to temporarily disable an attacker rather than shoot and have the attacker possibly die. I would prefer for the attacker to more probably face prosecution and jail time than the possibility of death.

An electric gun, ie, a taser, is in essence more human than a gunshot wound or death by wound.

Instead of making the purchase of electric guns more difficult than firearms, consider making it easier. For example, my wife would rather use a taser than a firearm. A taser is easier and less intimidating to deploy and use!

Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 4:58:38 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please oppose this bill. While I'm all for legalizing electric guns, I'm against unwanted restrictions and regulations. We need to pass laws that will help citizens protect themselves against crime.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 6:30:08 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana Keawe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose hb891 hd1

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 6:49:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB891 HD2.

- As written, this bill will make it virtually impossible for citizens of Hawaii to own and use an electric gun for self-defense. Training would be costly and be difficult to get from sellers, resulting in no one selling them. It will be less expensive and easier to purchase a firearm. An electric gun can provide its user with a reliable, but less lethal tool for self-defense.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 7:57:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pablo Wegesend	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of legalizing the possession of electric guns and tasers, as well as their use for self-defense purposes. Self-defense is a basic human right and people have the right to defend themselves and others by all means necessary. Those who are not blessed with big physical size will benefit from the access and ability to use electric guns and tasers when confronted by an attacker who would show no mercy to their victims. It is time to legalize this self-defense method.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 7:57:58 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this Bill, because it prevent people from owning a taser for self-defense by requiring a permit to acquire.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2021 11:42:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
STANLEY RUIDAS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose HB891

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Submitted on: 3/3/2021 6:40:30 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill HB891.

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Submitted on: 3/3/2021 8:34:29 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kaulana silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha I live on the island of Oahu and I oppose HB891

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Submitted on: 3/3/2021 8:57:16 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a resident of the State of Hawaii and member of the Hawaii Firearms Coalition, I am opposed to this bill for the following reasons,

- This bill would severely hamper the publics' ability to own and use a taser for self-defense by requiring a permit to acquire.
- Training would be costly and be difficult to get for sellers, resulting in no one selling them.
- There is currently NO training program available.
- The Hawaii Criminal Justice data center is not set up or funded to provide individuals with background checks.
- Storage requirements have already been declared unconstitutional.
- It prevents the gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.
- No other person can possess your electric gun. **IE your spouse cannot use your electric gun for self-defense.**
- The registration system would be burdensome to stores and retailers.
- Bill prevents online purchases.
- No other state has these requirements.
- Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm.
- Items are not serialized.

For all of these reasons, I am opposed to this Bill. Thank you.

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

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
CRISTON KAM	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. As a law abiding citizen i see this bill as further restrictions making it harder for us to defend ourselves against criminals and a major infringement towards our 2nd armament rights. It's like saying you have to have a drivers license to purchase and operate a golf cart or riding mower. Stripping the rights from the people doesn't make it safer for us, it leaves us defenseless against criminals. In case you didn't know, criminals don't follow laws. "We the People" are extremely tired of your career politicians claiming you're merely making it harder for criminals when you're not. We are not blind nor ignorant. If the people have no way to fight, a tyrannical government can easily take over which is why our founding fathers ensured that wouldn't happen when they wrote the bill of rights

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Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hunter C. Patterson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy C. Patterson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Why doesn't the legislature focus on going after actual criminals, in lieu of law abiding citizens who have the right to defend themselves under the Constitution?

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Submitted on: 3/3/2021 12:45:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Why are you so Hell bent on disarming the population? And leaving everyone defenseless?

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Testimony for JHA on 3/3/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I renew opposition to HB891 HD1 since its current revision is still heavily prohibitive and does not enhance public safety since such restrictions increase the time for a consumer to obtain a consumer level self-defense device. Moreover, the restrictions in place would simply increase firearms ownership since a citizen seeking to protect their life from criminals would have an easier time applying for a rifle, shotgun, or pistol permit.