



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

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 891, RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

DATE: Thursday, February 4, 2021 **TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 329

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

Chair Johanson and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) strongly supports this bill.

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. The bill requires electric guns that use projectiles, such as Tasers, to be subject to a permitting and registration process similar to firearms. It requires sellers of any electric guns, including non-projectile electric guns, to be licensed 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.

It is the Department's understanding that the county police chiefs who would be responsible for issuing licenses to sellers of electric guns, issuing permits to acquire electric projectile guns, and registering certain electric guns support this bill's regulatory scheme for electric guns.

The Department respectfully requests the passage of this bill.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawai`i

February 4, 2020

RE: H.B. 891; RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS.

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu ("Department") submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 891

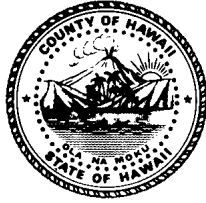
The purpose of this bill is to create a strong licensing, registration and enforcement system to address the distribution and use of electric guns in Hawaii. While the Department does not support public use of electric guns, a regulatory system of this type will become necessary if Hawaii's current ban on electric guns is ultimately invalidated by pending litigation in Hawaii's federal courts.¹

In light of this possibility, H.B. 891 establishes a licensing and registration process similar to Hawaii's firearms registration, including fingerprint-based background checks, access to applicants' mental health records, and a mandatory electric gun safety/training course. Sellers of electric guns would be required to maintain strict record-keeping, and the use of electric guns would be limited to self-defense, defense of others and the protection of property. In addition, H.B. 891 would criminalize the use or possession of electric guns when used in the commission of a misdemeanor or felony offense. If the ban on electric guns is lifted or invalidated, the Department believes the potential influx in personal use electric guns would pose a great risk to the health and safety of the people of Hawaii, unless strong regulatory measures are put into place, such as those proposed in H.B. 891.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supports H.B. 891. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

¹ See Roberts v. Ballard, 18-00125 HG-KSD; and Caetano v. Massachusetts, 136 S. Ct. 1027 (2016).

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February 3, 2021

Representative Aaron Ling Johanson
Chairperson and Committee Members
Committee On Consumer Protection & Commerce
415 South Beretania Street, Room 329
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

RE : HOUSE BILL 891, RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS
HEARING DATE : FEBRUARY 4, 2021
TIME : 2:00 P.M.

Dear Representative Johanson:

The Hawai`i Police Department supports House Bill 891, with its purpose to repeal the ban on electric guns and establish a regulatory structure for the sale and transfer of electric guns by licensed persons.

It is our understanding that some recent court decisions have likened electric guns to firearms. In view of those court decisions, we believe prudence dictates that the way we regulate electric guns needs refinement.

We believe electric guns that shoot out projectiles should be subject to a permitting and registration process to ensure those who acquire them are doing so for lawful purposes. We further believe electric guns that do not shoot out projectiles should remain subject to licensing requirements attendant to their sales.

For these reasons, we urge this committee to support this legislation. Thank you for allowing the Hawai`i Police Department to testify on House Bill 891.

Sincerely,

PAUL K. FERREIRA
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February 4, 2021

The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
and Members
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Johanson and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 891, 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 opposes House Bill No. 891, Relating to Electric Guns.

The HPD opposes the process of permitting (electric projectile guns) and registering (electric projectile guns and electric guns) proposed in this bill. It tasks the county police departments to conduct full background and mental health background checks (mirroring the firearms process outlined in Hawaii Revised Statutes §134-2) for a permit to acquire electric projectile guns. It also tasks the county police departments to mirror the procedures for registering a firearm (Hawaii Revised Statutes §134-3) when registering an electric projectile gun or an electric gun.

These requirements are currently beyond the ability of the HPD to process. In 2020, we saw a record number of permits to acquire firearms issued by the HPD. There currently is a 90-day waiting period for an appointment to submit a firearms permit application or to register a firearm and this waiting period shows no sign of shortening in the foreseeable future. Our current expectation is for this trend to continue and that firearms sales' records set in 2020 will be surpassed in 2021. Adding the requirements to permit and register electric guns will only overwhelm an already stressed firearms permitting and registration system.

The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
and Members
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The HPD is unable to support these requirements while continuing to handle record levels of firearms permit requests and registrations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



David P. Nilsen, Major
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:



Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

AMENDED TO REQUIRE PERMITS TO ACQUIRE

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.

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.



House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Representative Aaron Johanson, Chair
Representative Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

HEARING: Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 2pm
RE: HB891 Relating to Electric Guns

Hawaii Firearms Coalition **OPPOSES HB891** and **REQUEST AMENDMENTS**

HIFICO supports the unrestricted ownership and public carry of electric guns, however OPPOSES the restrictions as this bill represents the epitome of Hawaii's red tape. HB891 is 53 pages of extreme burdensome and unnecessary requirements:

- Obtaining a permit to acquire an electric gun
- Registration of the user in the failed RAPBACK program
- 14 day waiting periods
- Electric gun registration
- Physical inspection of the electric gun by police
- Background and mental health checks
- Age limit of 21 and over
- Only the registered owner can possess the electric gun
- Electric gun storage requirements
- Transfer of an electric gun through a license seller
- No person to person sales or transfers without a license and permit
- Requires a registration to purchase a cartridge
- Attending a training course for electric guns
- Registration of an electric gun
- Disposal of an electric gun
- Persons prohibited from possession
- License to sell electric guns
- Seller storage requirements
- Seller employee electric gun training every 3 years
- Inspection requirements
- Record storage for 10 years
- Electric gun briefing to buyers
- And more!

This is a false legalization of electric guns. This is an attempt to regrettably legalize them due to upcoming 2nd Amendment court actions that will find Hawaii's ban on electric guns unconstitutional.

Instead knowingly replacing a ban with requirements so outrageous that no one will bother jumping through hoops to buy or sell one.

You can buy an electric gun in almost all states legally through AMAZON.COM and have it shipped to your door without restrictions. This bill treats electric guns like a firearm people must where stores may not go through the hassle of getting their store licensing because the record keeping, tracking, inspections, and other requirements cost a lot of time and money. Even though legal, stores may not go through the hoops to sell them and buyers don't want to go through permitting and registration to get one.

Electric Guns are safe. I WAS TASED FOR HPD TRAINING. My entire HPD academy class was voluntarily tased with no adverse effects. It is safe to use in the vast majority of cases. Electric guns can have adverse effects on criminals with health and drug problems, but they have the option to NOT ATTACK INNOCENT VICTIMS.

Please amend this bill to language in Sen Keith-Agaran's SB462 – repeals the ban on electric guns with no restrictions.

Mahalo

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Electric guns can be bought on Amazon and shipped to your door in most states or bought over the counter with no restrictions.

The image shows the top portion of an Amazon Prime search results page. The search bar contains the word "taser". The page header includes the Amazon Prime logo, a delivery location of "Aiea 96701", and navigation links for "Prime Video", "Buy Again", and "Today's Deals". Below the header is a category bar with "Sports & Outdoors" selected. A promotional banner for "Top Subscription Boxes" is visible, featuring images of various subscription boxes like "Marvel", "Nature", "Lootcrate", and "Bitsbox".

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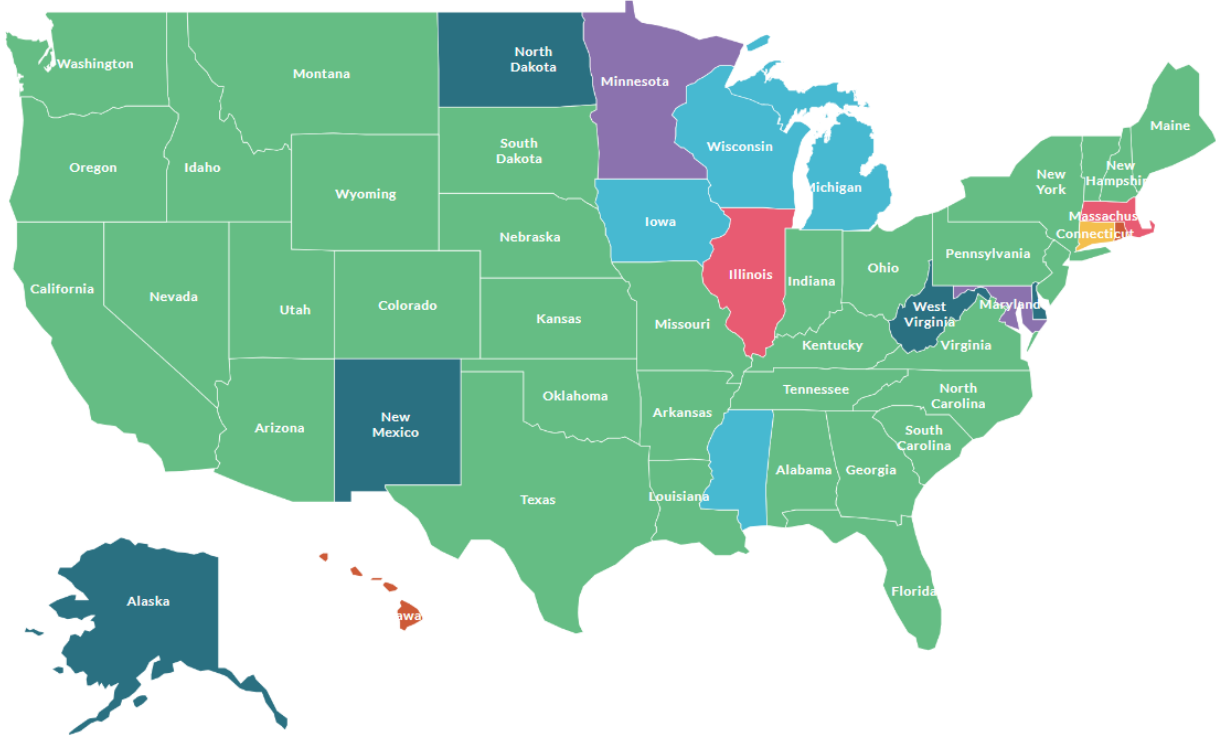
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Very few states have restrictions on electric guns, including those with extensive gun control such as California and New York.



- No Restrictions
- Permit Required for Concealed Carry
- Only Allowed for Home Defense
- Banned
- Other: See Requirements Below
- Permit Required for Ownership
- Background Check Required

My HPD classmate getting tased with probes and drive stun as part of Taser training. No adverse affects after all 35 recruits were tased.



State Requirements – Very few states have permitting and age requirements.

State	Permit Required for Consumers to Possess	Background Check Required	Other Restrictions on Sale*
Alabama	No	No	No
Alaska	No	No	No
Arizona	No	No	Yes (verify possession of valid gov't ID)
Arkansas	No	No	Yes (no sales under 19)
California	No	No	Yes (no sales under 19 and no felony convictions)
Colorado	No	No	No
Connecticut	No	No	No
Delaware	No	No	No
District of Columbia	No	No	No
Florida	No	No	No
Georgia	No	No	No
Hawaii	N/A	N/A	N/A
Idaho	No	No	No
Illinois	Yes	Yes	Yes (must only sell to FOID holder + waiting period)
Indiana	No	No	No
Iowa	Yes	No	No
Kansas	No	No	No
Kentucky	No	No	No
Louisiana	No	No	No
Maine	No	No	No
Maryland	No	Yes	No
Massachusetts	Yes	No	Yes (submit a copy of resident firearms license, Massachusetts ID, and MA Basic Firearms Safety Course certificate)
Michigan	Yes	No	Yes (verify identity and possession of CCW)
Minnesota	No	Yes	Yes (no sales under 19)
Mississippi	Yes	No	No
Missouri	No	No	No
Montana	No	No	No
Nebraska	No	No	No
Nevada	No	No	No
New Hampshire	No	No	No
New Jersey	No	No	No
New Mexico	No	No	No
New York	No	No	There may be other county/local laws regulating civilian CEW possession within the State of New York. It is the

sole responsibility of the individual possessing the CEW to research and comply with laws.

North Carolina	No	No	No
North Dakota	No	No	No
Ohio	No	No	No
Oklahoma	No	No	No
Oregon	No	No	No
Pennsylvania	No	No	No
Rhode Island	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Carolina	No	No	No
South Dakota	No	No	No
Tennessee	No	No	No
Texas	No	No	No
Utah	No	No	No
Vermont	No	No	No
Virginia	No	No	No
Washington	No	No	No
West Virginia	No	No	No
Wisconsin	Yes	No	Yes (verify possession of CCW or that use is restricted to home/business)
Wyoming	No	No	No

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Submitted on: 2/4/2021 11:23:04 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Watanabe	Hawaii Food Products	Support	No

Comments:

We are a small food manufacturing business with multiple vehicles used for farming and deliveries. Unbeknownst to us, a thief entered our property and removed the catalytic converter from our vehicle. When contacting the police, the officer said it was his 3rd of the morning. Not only will it cost us monies in terms of insurance deductible and a possible rate increase, it prohibited us from using the vehicle for needed (Farm) raw materials. The recycler must be responsible for vetting and documenting the obvious, and thieves must be held accountable for the cost incurred by the victims.

Mahalo

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 3:24:16 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this as written because it says the chief "MAY" issue a permit. If we treat this as the same "MAY ISSUE" a conceal weapons permit, then that means each permit approval is up to the chief of police's descresion. And if history teaches us, the chiefs have (Ballard, Kealoha, Correira) not issued a conceal weapons permit in over 15 years. SO NO ONE WOULD BE ISSUED A TASER permit.

Instead bill SB462 shall be adopted so people do not need permission from the chief of police as long as they are not a felon, under indictment, or have a restraining order. 1 should be able to order a taser from Amazon (which does sell tasers).

If people do need the chiefs approval, just to get an appointment would take at least 6 months, if not longer. That's how long the appoitment system wait list is to purchase a firearm because HPD does all the permitting. 6 months is being generous as an average. I've been trying for 8 months to get an appointment to acquire a firearm with HPD. So this taser bill if approved will create even more back log and cost more money if more staffing is needed to man the division.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2021 4:49:59 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE

will support SB462 language

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 5:29:35 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Representatives,

This bill does nothing in terms of giving options to those who may want to have alternatives in self defense. This is a non-lethal self defense option similar to mace. You are making people go thru the same process as purchasing a firearm. If you have to go thru the same process as purchasing a firearm, you might as well purchase a firearm. A firearm can protect you against multi assailants as well as defend yourself at farther distances.

Also will you be able to carry this in public concealed? If not what good is it just in your home or business. Your safety and the right to self defense is not only in your home and business, its everywhere. As you know the police cannot protect you and cannot get there on time.

Recommend language change to companion bill SB462.

Sincerely,

Dan Goo, Retired Detective HPD, Contractor US Marshal Service

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 5:52:43 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judy Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Representative,

I am a 61 year resident of Hawaii, a mother and grand mother. We need to be able to protect ourselves. Crime as gotten worse with home invasions, car jackings, purse snatchings and robberies.

I opposed this bill HB891 as it does state that I can carry it in public. One year ago there was a rape of two women at 1314 S King Street, Interstate Building which I go there quite frequently. Ever since those women were raped I am afraid when entering that building. Since I already own a firearm, I would rather carry my firearm I already own, since according to this bill, I would have to go thru the same process to obtain a Stun Gun. I would hope that all women would have the choice to carry a firearm and Stun Gun in public in order to protect themselves.

My son made an emergency call to the **Police and it took them 5 minutes and 20 seconds to just answer the phone.** When you need protection you need it now! The police cannot come to protect me if I cannot call them or even get them to answer the phone call.

I would ask the wording in SB462 would be used instead.

Sincerely,

Judy Goo

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 6:45:50 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Byron Chong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because this is a non-leathal way for innocent people to defend themselves from the ever growing crime in Hawaii. Due to our pro-criminal laws they have become more and more bold with morning break in's thefts, and even retraining occupants in their own homes while they themselves illegally use weapons of many different types.

I SUGGEST you oppose this bill and let us keep this as an option for us innocent people to defend ourselves.

thank you,

Byron Chong

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 6:46:39 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Antonio Sanchez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I vehemently oppose HB891. This bill will unnecessarily over burden both the law abiding citizens and HPD. This is just bloated bureaucracy that aims to fix something that is not broken.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 6:49:47 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE HB891 due to the overly burdensome restrictions but supporting a clean repeal of the electric gun ban as worded in SB462 which has no extra requirements.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 6:58:00 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

While this bill appears to make an attempt to correct the short sighted ban on such means of less than lethal self defense, in reality it accomplishes little more than adding some weight to an already bulky statute.

The process outlined is just as onerous as that to acquire a pistol. Make it simple to obtain, most other states allow you to buy one from Amazon. Stop assuming the worst of your constituents, we're adults, not children. We deserve to be able to defend ourselves in these uncertain times.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 7:00:50 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please support SB462 instead. Mahalo

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 7:11:45 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as written. An electric device (gun) is an ideal, "less than lethal" self defense tool that all citizens should be able to own and operate without having to go through needless and overly burdensome restrictions. I oppose HB891 but support a clean repeal of the electric gun ban as worded in SB246 which has no extra requirements. Thank you for your time and consideration.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 7:15:35 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is unreasonably burdensome for less lethal defense. Less lethal defenses like tasers should be made widely available as the first option for defense the way pepper spray is. In most other states, tasers can be purchased anywhere including on amazon prime with free next day prime shipping. What kind of risk does the legislature really intend to prevent by inventing such a complicated licensing scheme?

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 7:23:40 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Honorable representatives

I oppose HB891 it's severly restrictive process on obtaining a device that allows a law abiding citizen the right to self defense. If seniors and able bodied persons of sound mind and bodies should have the option for none lethal protection.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 7:26:22 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael 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.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 7:49:57 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The counties can't even keep up with the permitting process for firearms. The government doesn't have the manpower to accomplish what this law requires. Additionally, there is a legal challenge to the permitting process on non lethal electronic defense weapons. It will likely be successful. This law will be successfully challenged if passed.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 7:54:20 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 7:59:21 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB891.

As a law abiding citizen I welcome another tool that could be used to prevent a violent assault from happening. I fear for my families safety. Not only when we go out but even while at home. Crimes are getting a lot more violent and we as citizens need to be able to protect ourselves from serious injuries or even death. Please don't take that ability away from us.

Aloha, Barry Lau

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 8:01:31 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harold Teshima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Again! Why are taking away something that protects law abiding citizens from criminals. Why is it that this state consistently enables criminals and puts the law abiding, hard working, tax paying citizens vulnerable to these career criminals.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 8:05:52 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mathew kalamau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it violates my right to defend my home!

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 8:12:41 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern Please oppose this bill. As it does nothing to help the people of Hawaii.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 8:13:02 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 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 stands. The ban against EPGs should simply be repealed not repealed and replaced with onerous and burdensome regulations of the type that state bureaucrats love.

I want to be able to order these via mail and have them delivered to my house. Not go through a ridiculous system of making appointments with an already overburdened HPD, paying to register with Rapback, not being able to loan them to family. SB462 is a better bill with a simple repeal without all the extra requirements.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 8:21:55 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 891. The State should not be restricting or creating so many obstacles for law abiding citizens to obtain a non-lethal means of self defense. The criminally minded will always obtain dangerous weapons including firearms regardless of laws prohibiting such actions. To believe otherwise would be either naive or show a true lack of concern for for the majority of the population.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2021 8:26:52 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
christy gusman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- I oppose this bill because of the following reasons.....
- **AMENDED TO REQUIRE PERMITS TO ACQUIRE**
- 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.
- 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.

Mahalo,

Christy K Gusman

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Submitted on: 2/2/2021 8:50:53 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because there are too many steps to purchase a taser. Where in other states you can order online directly without having to go through all these steps. This has just as many steps as it takes to buy a firearm. With Covid 19, it will take from 3-9 months to buy a firearm. This delay is unacceptable. Requiring a taser permit will take even longer. I do support SB 462 instead. Crime is going up like crazy because of covid and to wait this long to get a permit is ridiculous.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2021 9:11:14 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This Bill is just a massive red tape and costing the state money that we don't have to enforce, for a item that is sold over the counter or off of Amazon, in the rest of the nation

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 9:28:41 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I **oppose** bill **HB891** due to extreme restrictions but supports the ownership of **electric guns**.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 9:44:24 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello,

I strongly oppose this bill due to the overly burdensome restrictions, but support a clean repeal of the electric gun ban as worded in SB462 which has no extra requirements. This bill in it's current format ,will prevent many law abidign citizens from obtaining electric guns. Please do a clean repeal or possibly have this bill nullfied should Roberts win Roberts vs Ballard later this year.

Thank you,

Ryan

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 9:53:11 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear legislature, i strongly oppose bill HB891 , due to its regulation, like permits , acquiring, registration and other requirement ,putting burden on the HPD department to even backloging appointment for months

thank you

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 9:54:19 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to its burdensome regulations.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 10:14:09 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill for the reason that it should just be removed from being banned with no other requirements and not be a burden to awuire or own or transfer. The wording in Sb462 is what it should be.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 10:17:24 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose HB891 to burdensome restrictions, but support a clean repeal of the electric gun ban as worded in SB462.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 10:19:30 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB891 ban on electric guns. Nearly every state in the union allows tasers, etc to be purchased over the counter. Why do we not have the same means to defend ourselves? Why is the government of Hawaii, where I was born and raised, so insistent on making its citizens easy victims for criminals? You continually write legislation that favors criminals over law abiding citizens.

Put a stop to this by getting rid of this bill, putting a stop to a ban on electric guns, and allow us the ability, like every other state, to purchase these self defense measures.

Thank you,

Eric Hammond

Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
Representative Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Hearing Date and Time: Thursday, February 04, 2021, at 2:00pm
Hearing Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 329
Regarding: **HB 891 Relating to Electric Guns**
Position: OPPOSITION

Representatives of the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee,

I express my strong **opposition** to **HB 891** because the proposed measure effectively jeopardizes public health and safety by severely restricting a citizens' capability to obtain a less-lethal means of self-defense against violent criminal actors. When examining how electric guns are used by law enforcement officers, it is evident that unrestricted access and use of electric guns serves as an effective means of protection against violent criminal actors. Law enforcement personnel carry electric guns in addition to the rest of their standard-issued gear during fulfillment of their duties since electric guns are readily accessible, less-lethal deterrents that can be instantaneously deployed against violent aggressors. In a five-year study conducted by the Mason Police Department, they found that electric guns served as an effective way for law enforcement officers to reduce the need to deploy physical force as a way to control a suspect, thereby enhancing the safety of the officer and the general public (Kangas, 2013). A study by the National Institute of Justice likewise revealed how law enforcement innovations such as electric guns reduce injuries sustained by both the law enforcement officer and a suspect resisting a lawful arrest—in corollary, the use of electric guns rarely cause death or serious harm (Bulman, 2011). Notably, the researchers conducting the study recommended that electric guns (in combination with other less-lethal mediums such as pepper spray) should be permitted for use in a defensive posture when faced by a violent threat (Bulman, 2011).

Accordingly, the protections that electric guns afford law enforcement officers to protect the public should also be readily accessible by the public, without irrational acquisition restrictions, as would be imposed by **HB 891**. Easy access to electric guns, after all, serves as an effective means of allowing citizens to secure their own health and safety at all times—the removal of such protection that electric guns provide by restricting their use and accessibility is both irresponsible and irreprehensible. Moreover, the bill's goal to enhance regulation by imposing arbitrary restrictions based on subject matters including (but not limited to) an individual's age, permit issuance, registration, and a background check are all likewise nonsensical. A rudimentary understanding of the word criminal, by very definition, means that criminals will not abide by any regulations imposed upon them and they will continue to pose a persistent threat to the health and safety of Hawaii's citizens (Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2021).

With respect to the well-being of Hawaii's citizens, I advise this committee to save precious time by voting against passage of this measure in its current form and instead amending it to make access to electric guns easier for the average citizen and expand the scope for the lawful, defensive use of electric guns. Only then can the objective of securing public health and safety may be truly achieved.

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan Tinajero

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Submitted on: 2/2/2021 10:44:47 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Soleil Roache	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB891 because of its overly burdensome regulations. Hawaii needs to stop making it so difficult for the good guys to defend themselves!

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 11:43:56 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keoni Tamashiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We need an alternative to protect ones self. Our State is on the criminals side at this point pepper spray is not enough, we need other means of protecting ourselves. By implementing all these requirements is ridiculous. We cannot even register handguns or rifles now without a 90 day appointment? How wolud this work? Work with us not against us this is criminal.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 11:58:27 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to the extreme restrictions it places:

- **AMENDED TO REQUIRE PERMITS TO ACQUIRE**
- 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.
- 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.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 12:35:58 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Far too many restrictions for an effective non lethal means of self defense. I shouldn't have to be a fit young man relying on my fists to enjoy the right to self defense

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 2:54:24 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rikki rutt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to the fact that this is little better the the law stands. It treats a non lethal means of self defense as harsh as firearms and prevents the average citizen from having it as an option. This is just another example of our states draconian policies stopping honest and law abiding citizens form basic self defense.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 3:12:06 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is flawed and constitutes extreme burdensome regulations on those seeking to use this means for self defense purposes, the bill also presents financial hurdles for those seeking to use a stun gun as well.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 6:09:41 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose this bill as written.

The whole purpose of the legalization of stun guns and electronic self defense devices is to allow law abiding citizens, with possible little other means financially, to defend themselves against violent criminals more effectively.

Putting insanely burdensome regulations on electric self defense tools makes no sense, unless this legislatures purpose is to discourage lawful citizens from protecting themselves, and encourage criminals.

The Judiciary will rule electronic self defense tools are protected Constitutionally soon.

Do the right thing, REPEAL the ban on electric self defense tools outright.

OPPOSE this overburdensome bill

Brendon Heal

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 7:08:14 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
PHILIP LAPID	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

It is never the intention of a good person to do crime at home with family, but to love, cherish, and protect them. It is never in the mindset of a good citizen to do crime in the workplace but to earn for a living and feed the family.

When a normal person that is a law abiding citizen buys an electric gun (which is less lethal than a firearm) and be proactive, it only means it is for self-protection and protection for the loved ones. Is it not already the justification?

Now the mindset of a criminal is to cause pain, loss, anger, and altogether destruction of peace of a normal person that is a law abiding citizen as well as the society and the community.

A person of crime does NOT care at all about any of these bills in the house or senate. They do not need to write any testimonials.

Please create more bills against the citizens of which the way of living is to cause pain, loss of properties, anger, and suffering towards the good citizens.

I do not support this bill because it is against a good tax payer person that need to be prepared in accordance with a situation that needs self-protection, love ones, hard earned properties, and livelihood.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2021 7:16:30 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB891!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 8:05:55 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It contains overly burdensome restrictions, but I support a clean repeal of the electric gun ban as worded in SB462 which has no extra requirements.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 8:07:40 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB891, as it will further limit the public's ability to defend themselves (in a NON-LETHAL manner) against random acts of crime and/or violence that could very well happen at any given moment.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 8:16:45 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
austin gapsis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do believe guns and in this case gun like weapons do not belong in everyone's hands. I however believe we already have more than adequate gun control measures (if you disagree try buy one, the process is almost criminal how the state keeps its end of the bargain up).

We have massive mental health problems in our state. These are the real issues. Gun violence wouldn't exist without some form of mental corruption. Crime maybe but no violence. We have poor disenfranchised people piling up on our beaches and parks Living in filth disease unable to get help correcting their issues and that's the ones that are super severe. Imagine how many people with damaged and broken brains are still holding it together and going to work and paying rent.

fix people before you attack guns and gun owners. Guns are just things harmless in their own and in the hands of those competent enough to make it through the beaurocratic mess acquiring a weapon already is

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 9:06:17 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB891 due to the overly burdensome restrictions but supporting a clean repeal of the electric gun ban as worded in SB462 which has no extra requirements.

Anyone can buy it from amazon or on the mainland for a department store.

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 9:38:45 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB891 due to the overly burdensome restrictions. In nearly all other States, you are able to purchase a Taser at the local department store or through Amazon.com and have it mailed to your house. You do the citizens of Hawaii a disservice by proposing a legal weapon for defense only to cover it in red tape.

I supporting a clean repeal of the electric gun ban as worded in SB462 which has no extra requirements.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2021 9:49:10 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this measure and want to see the ban on electric guns (EG) repealed completely.

Currently, only Hawaii and Rhode Island ban electric guns in their entirety and only Connecticut, Illinois, and Wisconsin have any restrictions upon their use or sale.

This bill would treat electric guns as firearms, which they are not. These are less than lethal defensive use tools. Had someone had one of these last week during the Walmart altercation, the assailant could have been apprehended by store personnel. Our Kupuna would greatly enjoy a level of protection knowing they have options to protect themselves.

Another pitfall of this bill is that if the EG is registered in the husbands name, then should someone break into their home, the wife is barred from its use due to being legally unable to use it. We should not be penalizing people defending themselves, their family, their property and their homes.

OPPOSE

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Submitted on: 2/3/2021 10:43:29 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose hb891

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Submitted on: 2/3/2021 11:28:38 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED TO HB891.

Tasers and stun guns are legal to be carried with no to very few restrictions in 46 states in the country. This includes California.

This bill would only create a burdensome and costly regulatory system for a self defense tool that was found to be protected under the 2cd Amendment of the US Constitution. Instead a clean repeal of the ban should be enacted.

Given the increased levels of violent crime we have witnessed in the past few years, especially against our kupuna, it is essential we make it easier for lawful citizens to have the means to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Mahalo,

Jon Abbott

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Submitted on: 2/3/2021 11:50:41 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 1:57:00 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It is our governments duty to provide us with municipal services, reliable streets/thoroughfares and protection from the threat of foreign powers. It also our governments duty to stay out of the personal affairs of our day to day lives. Focus on the real issues and threats that we face on a daily basis such as: the homelessness problem, a crippled transportation system and the threat of foreign entities buying up our land.

Until the government can solve the real issues at that our islanders face. It needs to stay out of what we can and cannot own. Mind your business of what I can and cannot buy and make some beneficial legislature that will improve the local landscape. I.e... keeping foreign entities from owning our land. Hawaii has some of the strictest gun laws, and in a time where the police force across the country is being decimated and deballed, we the people need some sort of line of defense without the need for registration and lengthy processes to acquire.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2021 1:57:21 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing today to voice my opposition to HB891 in my capacity as an individual citizen.

As written, this bill would classify and treat less than lethal tools of self-defense (tasers, electric guns, and cartridges etc.) as equal to actual firearms which would further restrict the public's ability to utilize them. Not everything requires regulation and if the goal is public safety then roadblocks to ownership of less than lethal tools of self defense should be removed from existing laws. Additionally, this law places even greater restrictions on 'cartridges' than currently exist for ammunition with actual firearms. These tools do not require greater restrictions than firearms or even equal restrictions. In truth, less than lethal requires no restriction of any kind.

It is laudable that the writers of this bill would have a mind to include training. While beneficial, training is not any more necessary a prerequisite for purchase than your average kitchen appliance. In both instances it is sufficient to read the instruction manual, watch the manufacturer's video, or ask the retail store clerks a handful of questions. I believe nearly every person would understand its function and operation and be able to safely handle less than lethal devices the same way they would understand how to operate a blender or handle a BB gun. There is no greater public risk to less than lethal self-defense tools than shooting one's self with a BB gun or someone sticking their hand in a blender.

Given that self defense is a basic human right I propose that separate legislation be introduced designating any costs associated with training to be claimed as a state tax credit. In this way, the support for training would be codified and supported at the state level and citizens can have the option of offsetting these costs in the way of reducing their tax burden. I realize this may be a lofty goal but I think it would be in keeping with the principle of less government intrusions into the lives of private citizens.

Additional specific objections to this bill are as follows:

- Training would likely be difficult for the average citizen to find and obtain
- Regulation would prevent gifting and loaning of less than lethal tools to others

- Legally restricts the use of the less than lethal tool to the specific owner and would open up another party to criminal and/or civil litigation if another person not licensed were to use it
- Existing firearms registrations are already burdensome and adding this to an already insufficient system is just a waste of time to the citizens this bill purports to protect
- The bill would prevent online purchases
- To my knowledge, no other state has these strict of requirements

Considering all these factors I strongly oppose HB891.

Mahalo,

Michael Botello

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/3/2021 2:07:55 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. People need to be able to protect them selves

LATE

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 3:01:53 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Too much requirements.

LATE

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 4:00:09 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB891.

LATE

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 5:07:06 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank L. Castagnetti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB891. This bill is unnecessary and if passed would be burdensome to citizens looking to exercise their liberty and rights for self defense and protection. Mahalo, Frank L. Castagnetti

LATE

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 6:00:35 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As an American and Hawaii citizen the Second amendment guarantees th me the right to protect myself and family.

You need to stop hindering me and my fellow Americans useless regulations and laws you need to look at the Constitution and see what exactly and start the process from there.

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 bottom line is it's already written in law (s) another person is not supposed to hurt, kill etc.. another person.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/3/2021 7:18:08 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Zon Sullenberger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose HB891

This bill significantly hampers the citizens ability to own and use a taser for self defense by requiring excessive and expensive training. Further, this bill prohibits the gifting, or otherwise transferring tasers to other individuals who may find themselves in sudden need of this type of self defense tool. The bill also places undue burden on retailers, which will drive up the cost, and prohibits online sales which might be necessary to counter a lack of on-island retailers as many might choose not to carry the items because of the unnecessary burdens placed on them from this bill. Please vote against HB891 and work to remove any restrictions from owning a taser.

Mahalo,

Zon Sullenberger

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/3/2021 7:49:29 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Preposterous burdensome illegal unconstitutional infringement of the right to keep and bear arms, as written ("shall **not** be infringed") in the U.S. Constitution and the Hawaii state constitution.

So, let me guess... pass it unanimously, like usual?

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/3/2021 9:26:14 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose HB891. Requiring a permit to acquire and registering an electric gun will only make it harder to obtain, waiting days to get a permit is days that you don't have it for protection. In addition not being able to gift it to anyone or allow anyone else to possess your electric gun is crazy. For example, if my sister had a crazy ex-boyfriend and she used the electric gun she borrowed from me to defend herself then both of us would have broken the law. Since when is protecting yourself from a violent attacker a crime? It is for these reasons that I do not support HB891.

Thank you.

LATE

HB-891

Submitted on: 2/3/2021 10:10:29 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Too many unnecessary restrictions placed to obtain an electric gun, prevent law abiding citizens from purchasing a tool for self-defense.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:21:01 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
mitchell weber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB891,

The current wording of this bill is over restrictive, tasers are a less lethal option for self protection that should be available to the public without restriction. The states proposed taser law will endanger the lives of vulnerable citizens. The proposed requirement for cheif of police approval will go the same way as our "may carry" firearms law, and is an affront to our states constitution.

Regards,

Mitchell Weber

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 2:04:13 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/4/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Puglia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill