

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 662

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 662 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARM OWNERSHIP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide an extensive process for limited firearm ownership solely for hunting or sport for certain misdemeanor offenders who are currently not allowed to possess a firearm in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Firearms Coalition, Valley Isle Sport Shooters, Hawaii Rifle Association, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and eleven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that federal law prohibits firearm ownership for individuals charged or convicted for various state misdemeanor offenses with no recourse to retain firearm ownership rights notwithstanding an expungement by pardon. This measure provides a very limited process to allow for certain misdemeanor offenders to possess a limited type of firearm for hunting or sport purposes only.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 662 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 662	Committee Referral: JHA, FIN	Date: 2-9-21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)		✓		
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.		✓		
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. TODD, Chris				✓
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
12. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (12)	9	2	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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