

HB-1455-HD-1

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Testimony for JDC on 3/22/2022 9:31:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael I Rice	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I SUPPORT this bill, as it allows more charges to be brought against those who would victimize the average law abiding citizen. The use of a taser in robbing someone, despite the less than lethal aspect, should be looked at as using violence or even the threat of violence to steal from citizens. Just the same as a 'fake' gun is considered to be a real gun in these circumstances because the intent was to threaten someone with the potential of deadly force.

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HB-1455-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 9:45:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/22/2022 9:31:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Todd Yukutake	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

I SUPPORT HB1455. I want to deter criminals from using electric guns in crimes and punish them hard if they do so. These criminals give electric guns a bad image which hurts the ability for good people to use them for self defense.

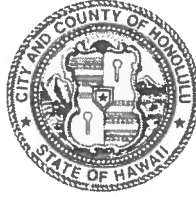
However while electric guns can be used in a dangerous way, please keep things in perspective in that they are less dangerous than knives, baseball bats, vehicles, and other common items.

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March 22, 2022

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 016
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No.1455, H.D. 1, Relating to Robbery in the First Degree

I am Brandon Nakasato, Major of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No.1455, H.D. 1, Relating to Robbery in the First Degree.

The HPD concurs that electric guns can cause severe pain and completely incapacitate a person. Further, the legalization to buy and possess an electric gun may lead to instances in which an electric gun is used in the commission of a crime. We also agree with the bill's intent to address and deter the use of an electric gun in the commission of a crime, particularly robbery.


The HPD supports House Bill No. 1455, H.D. 1, Relating to Robbery in the First Degree. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,



Rade K. Vanic
Interim Chief of Police



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