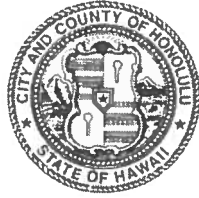


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February 24, 2022

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

Dear Chair Nakashima and Members:

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

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

The HPD supports House Bill No. 1455, 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. This bill aims to address and deter the use of an electric gun in the commission of a crime, particularly robbery.


The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 1455, Relating to Robbery in the First Degree. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,



Rade K. Vanic
Interim Chief of Police


Brandon Nakasato, Captain
Criminal Investigation Division

HB-1455

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 4:35:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael I Rice	Individual	Support	Yes

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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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:36:35 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Todd Yukutake	Individual	Support	No

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 hurt the ability for good people to use them for self defense.

HB-1455

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:08:24 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Support.