

STATE OF HAWAI‘I
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

**Testimony of the Office of the Public Defender,
State of Hawai‘i to the Senate Committee on Judiciary**

March 22, 2022

H.B. No. 1732 HD1: RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

The Office of the Public Defender respectfully opposes H.B. No. 1732 HD1, which creates a new misdemeanor offense prohibiting individuals from carrying an electric gun in or near certain sensitive locations with exceptions. While we understand that the intent of the measure is to impose location restrictions on electric guns to protect the health and safety of the public, we believe that the restrictions set forth in this measure are too broad in its scope.

This measure specifically exempts a person who carries or possesses an electric gun on a college or university campus in the University of Hawai‘i system and is currently enrolled as a student or is currently employed by that college or university. Presumably, this exception was included because it is not uncommon for college students and employees to be walking by themselves on campus during the nighttime hours, and thus are susceptible to crime. University students and employees are not the only individuals susceptible to crime. College campuses are not the only location where crime occurs.

Individuals who must travel to and from work on public transportation are susceptible to crime. Most of these individuals not only must walk to and from a bus stop but they also do so by themselves. Several must walk after the sun sets. Many have to walk in the dark during the winter months when the sun sets before 6:00 p.m. Moreover, these same individuals also rely on public transportation to go to banks, shops, and restaurants. Under this measure, these individuals who actually need the protection (versus those who are able to drive) are prohibited from carrying an electric gun. Meanwhile, individuals who drive to and from work are allowed to carry an electric gun. Essentially, this measure appears to discriminate against individuals of lower economic status who rely on public transportation.

We also question whether knives are less dangerous than electric guns. Individuals are allowed to conceal and carry knives on public transportation, in government

buildings (except courthouses),¹ in airports (prior to TSA checkpoints), at meeting places, and at public parks and beaches. If individuals are permitted to conceal and carry knives at the aforementioned locations, there is no reason to prohibit individuals from carrying electric guns at these locations.

Another problem with this measure is that not all college students are permitted to carry electric guns on campus. Many college students rely on public transportation to commute to college campuses. Thus, only students who live on campus, who live walking distance from campus, or who drive to/from campus are permitted to carry electric guns while students who use public transportation are not allowed to carry electric guns.

In conclusion, the proposed measure is simply too broad and inconsistent. This measure excludes too many law-abiding individuals from possessing and carrying an electric gun.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

¹ Individuals who bring knives to the courthouse are allowed to surrender their knives to security and have them returned upon exiting the courthouse.



Hawaii Firearms Coalition strongly OPPOSES HB1732

1) This bill contradicts the Attorney Generals' previous briefs to the 9th circuit court of appeals.

The Attorney General in the lawsuit Roberts vs Connors, to which I am the plaintiff, said "The primary limitation on the use of electric guns is that they must be used for self-defense, defense of another person, or protection of property, which can occur anywhere." Should this bill be passed into law, the Attorney General will be responsible for explaining this contractionary language not only in the current (ongoing) lawsuit. But in any future criminal cases that may be prosecuted under this proposed law.

2) This Bill expands the list of sensitive places beyond that of the listed places given by The Supreme Court of the United States.

With the wide range of locations proposed within this bill, it is unlikely that the law would stand constitutional muster. The sensitive places doctrine as outlined by the supreme court in Heller allows for the limited regulation of firearms in places deemed sensitive.

The grounds of such places are not and would never be deemed sensitive and by banning the carrying of electric arms in parking structures as well as the attached grounds, The state would be leaving a large portion of the population with an inability to bear arms on the journey to these places.

3) This Bill serves no legitimate law enforcement purpose and would be a secondary or tertiary charge.

A person willing to use a taser for a crime or an unintended purpose has already made the decision that the law doesn't matter. This law serves no purpose except to disarm the populace and prevent them from having a safe and effective tool for self defense. use of a taser for any other reason than self-defense, defense of another, or defense of property is already a misdemeanor, use of a taser in a crime is already a felony.

4) Electric guns are neither deadly or dangerous and incapable of creating mass casualty events.

Electric arms are single-use weapons incapable of causing mass casualties. They are a nonlethal tool used in self-defense and, when used correctly, are unlikely to cause death or serious bodily injury. In all but a few states, they are readily available in many stores and can be purchased with no training or licensing.

Tasers and stun guns are extremely common, with millions of units in private possession, yet they are very rarely used in crime. This is due to the nature of how they work. Once deployed, the taser module becomes effectively useless and is incapable of firing at another person without lengthy reloading procedure. Knives and blunt instruments such as bats and sticks are more often used in attacks and robberies.

Although Hawaii made a choice to call them electric guns, they are not guns. Other than the ergonomic shape, they have absolutely nothing in common with firearms.

5) Should this list of prohibited places be put into effect, it would disproportionately affect;

-Government workers, some of the very people the bill implies it wants to protect. 29% of Hawaii's adult residents work for the city, county, or state governments. Each of these people would be prohibited from traveling to work or carrying after work an electric arm for self-defense.

-Parents taking their children to school would be prohibited from carrying a taser for self-defense as such; this leaves them vulnerable to predators who often target young families because of the ease with which they can do so.

-Taxi drivers, tour bus operators, employees, and other staff who work at or around the airport would be left defenseless before, during, and after work. Often these employees start early in the morning and end late at night, and a vast majority of airport employees rely on public transport to get to work. Carrying past the checkpoints of airports is already illegal under federal law.

-This bill also appears to vastly target those of lower economic stature. Those that rely on public transport to get to and from work, who use government services, and live in less desirable areas. Public transport is rampant with crime, with passengers and drivers being attacked and sexually assaulted on an almost daily basis.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 9:19:09 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Soleil Roache	Testifying for DC Project Hawaii	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Tasers are a legal, less-lethal defensive tool, not a gun, and should not be restricted or regulated as if they are guns. This bill will prohibit Hawaii's law-abiding citizens from carrying a legal and viable self-defense mechanism that can be very effective to help prevent victimization. Crime rates are increasing and Hawaii's people have the right to protect themselves and their property from crime where it happens. That right to self protection exists everywhere and it is absurd that this bill seeks to prohibit Hawaii's good, sane, sober, moral, and prudent people from protecting themselves in certain arbitrary locations.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 7:14:09 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jerry Yuen	Testifying for Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1732 HD1. This bill will prohibit the option of a less than lethal means of self-defense in common areas where it may be needed. The current rise in violent crime illustrates the need for the law abiding citizen to have a means of defending themselves and others that are being violently assaulted. Electrical defensive tools like Tazers have been proven as a safer means to stop violent crime or our own police would not use them.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2022 9:28:33 PM

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

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

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill as it is an unnecessary law that will only punish those who recently gained another ability to defend themselves from an attacker. The bill is very broad in scope and would prevent a great deal of people from legally carrying a taser for self defense.

Crime also does not stop in these particular locations, and sometimes is actually even increased. So is the person who has no choice but to take public transportation forced to be defenseless? Are they now in violation of this law? What about mothers and parents who drop off or pick up their kids at school? Now they can't carry. Park in a state owned parking garage, can't carry a taser.

This bill would be in effect a de facto ban on carrying an electric gun for self defense for many people and groups, and this is at a time where dealers to sell these devices have not even been approved yet.

Please, kill this bill, the existing laws should be enough when it comes to electric guns. It is already a crime to use one for anything but self defense, and adds an accessory charge if one is used in a separate crime. This should be more than enough.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 3:14:13 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

The testimony for the house was about 140 oppose and 1 support. Yet this passed. Are all you law makers going to listen to what the people want? Because obviously, the house didnt listen and do their jobs by doing what the people want.

This bill prevents anyone who catches the bus to work to carry an electric gun (eg). Also parents who drop off and pick up their kids in the designated drop off site of a school parking lot wont be able to have an eg as well. They cant even store it in their locked glove box when dropping their kids off.

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

HEARING: March 22, 2022 at 9:31am
RE: HB1732 Relating to Electric Guns

I OPPOSE HB1732.

I work as an armed Protective Security Officer at the Federal properties in Hawaii. I secure the entrances to the buildings and perform security screenings using metal detectors and x-ray machines. Federal policy is to not allow pepper spray, electric guns, and other instruments into the buildings or properties.

I feel ashamed for doing this as I leave the visitors defenseless against criminals outside. Many of them are low-income, elderly, disabled, and live in high crime areas. Many of them catch the bus or walk there. They either leave their defensive tools at home or discard them in the bushes and trashcans for someone else to pickup. There are homeless, drug addicts, crazy people, and criminals everywhere and these people have to walk the gauntlet undefended. I do the same by walking a half mile to my car late at night or catching the bus home.

Unlike the Federal properties, nearly all State and County properties are not secure. Crime can happen anywhere to anyone even in front of a police station or at the Capitol. There are no metal detectors or secured entrances, so criminals are free to bring contraband in since they don't obey laws. Good people cannot because we follow laws. If a violent incident occurs, there's usually no armed security to immediately respond.

This is a "feel good" law and creates a false sense of security since criminals are unaffected by this law. The government employees could be given permission to carry electric guns to protect themselves, but the public cannot. It seems like the safety of the public is not a concern, is out of sight...out of mind, and a "not my responsibility" attitude.

Do not pass HB1732. Allow the people to protect themselves.

Mahalo

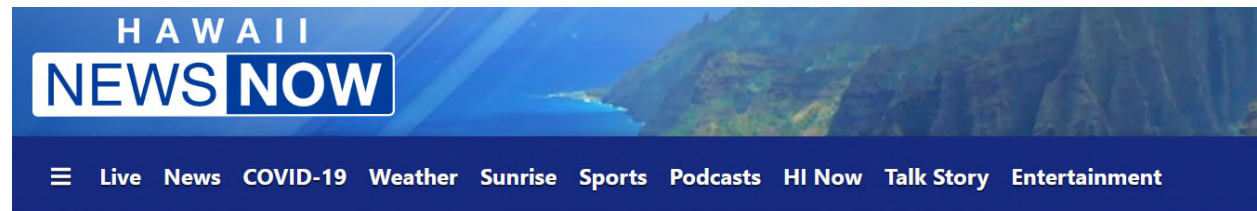
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Attachment #1 for Todd Yukutake

Crimes can occur anywhere to anyone, even in government buildings and their grounds, even places with a large police presence. Defeat HB1732 so that people can defend themselves.



Sheriff's deputy fatally shoots man at state Capitol after 'extreme struggle'



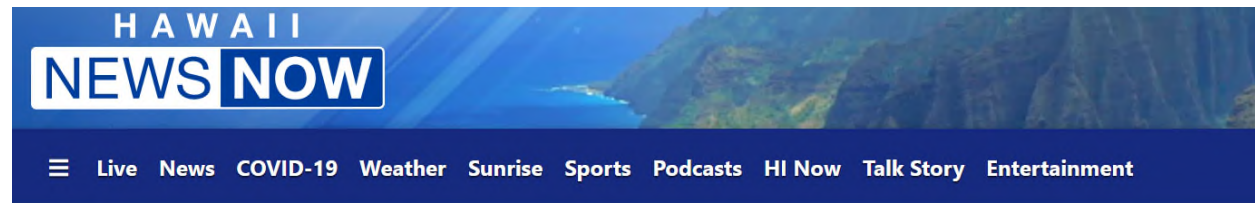
Police were on scene as of 9:30 p.m. (Hawaii News Now (custom credit))

By [Rick Daysog](#)

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Attachment #2 for Todd Yukutake

Crimes can occur anywhere to anyone, even in government buildings and their grounds, even places with a large police presence. Defeat HB1732 so that people can defend themselves.



Police release footage from fatal officer-involved shooting near state Capitol

The man swings a pair of garden shears at an officer before being shot.



Police identified the homeless man shot and killed by an HPD officer on October 7th. (Hawaii News Now)

Attachment #3 for Todd Yukutake

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HAWAII NEWS

Killing in front of Kapolei police station sparks outrage

By [Rosemarie Bernardo](#) and [Peter Boylan](#) • Feb. 17, 2022



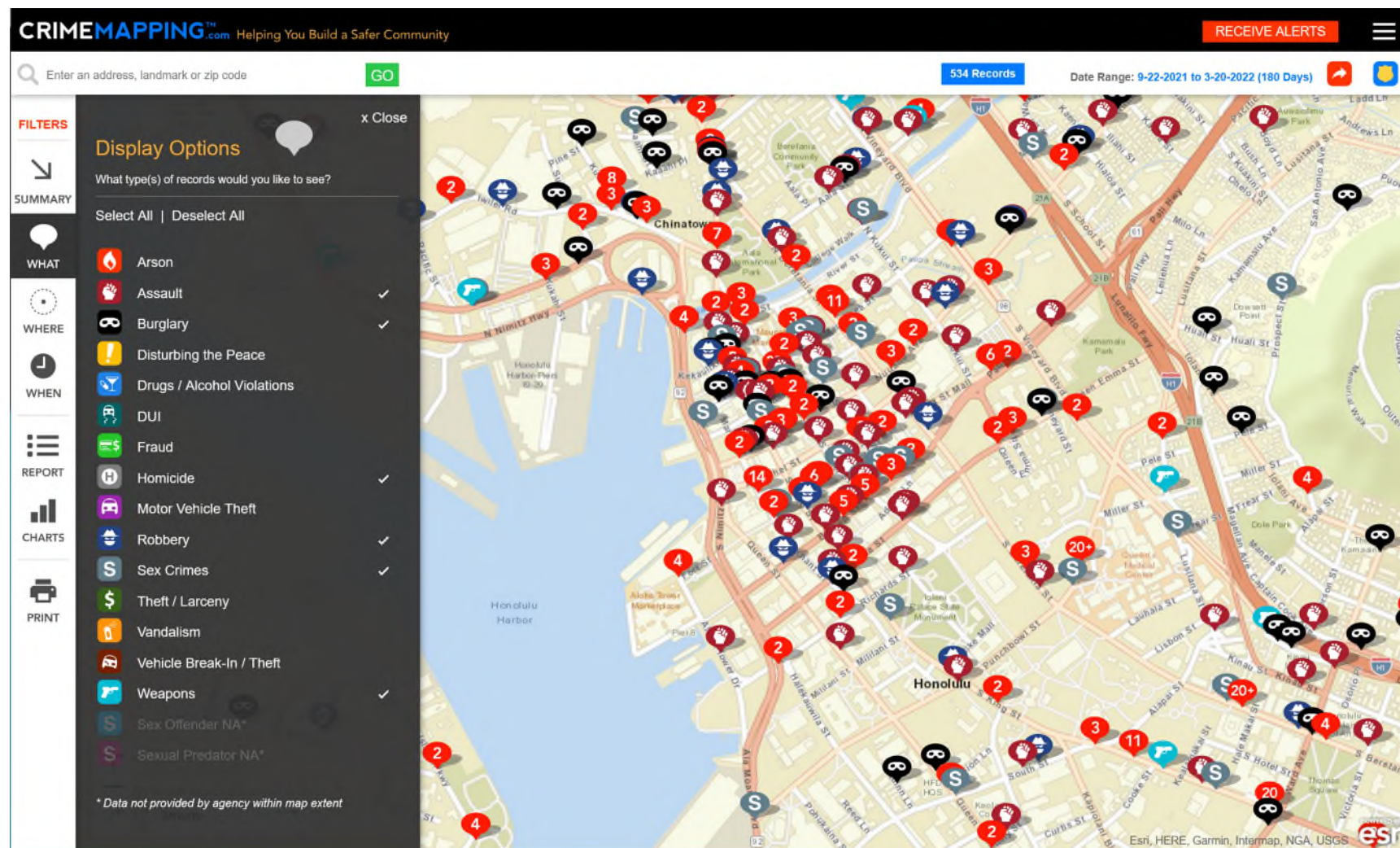
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A 48-year-old woman was beaten to death with a tree trunk in front of the Kapolei Police Station on Kamokila Boulevard on Tuesday night.

Crime Mapping - Downtown Honolulu 9-22-2021 to 3-20-2022

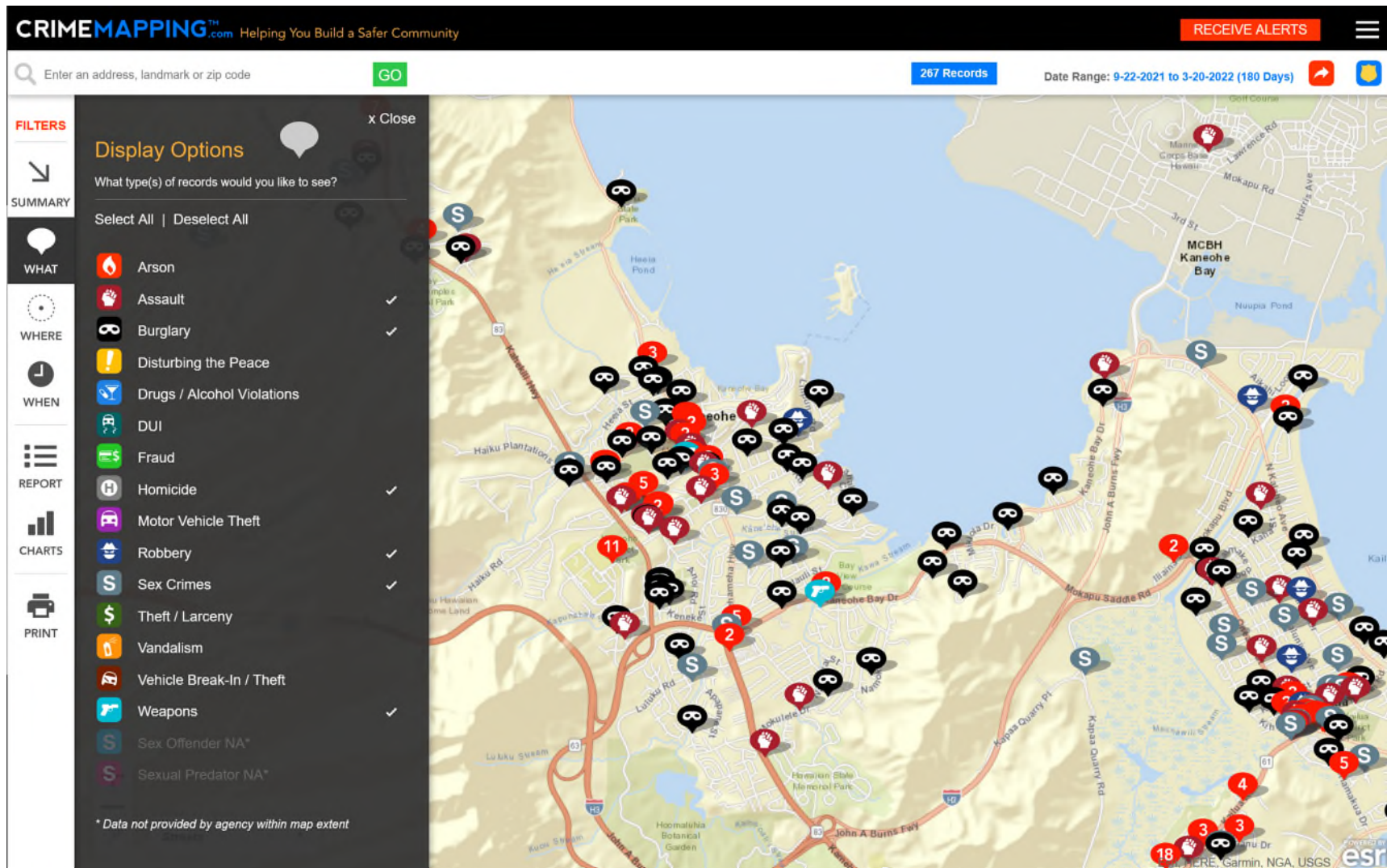
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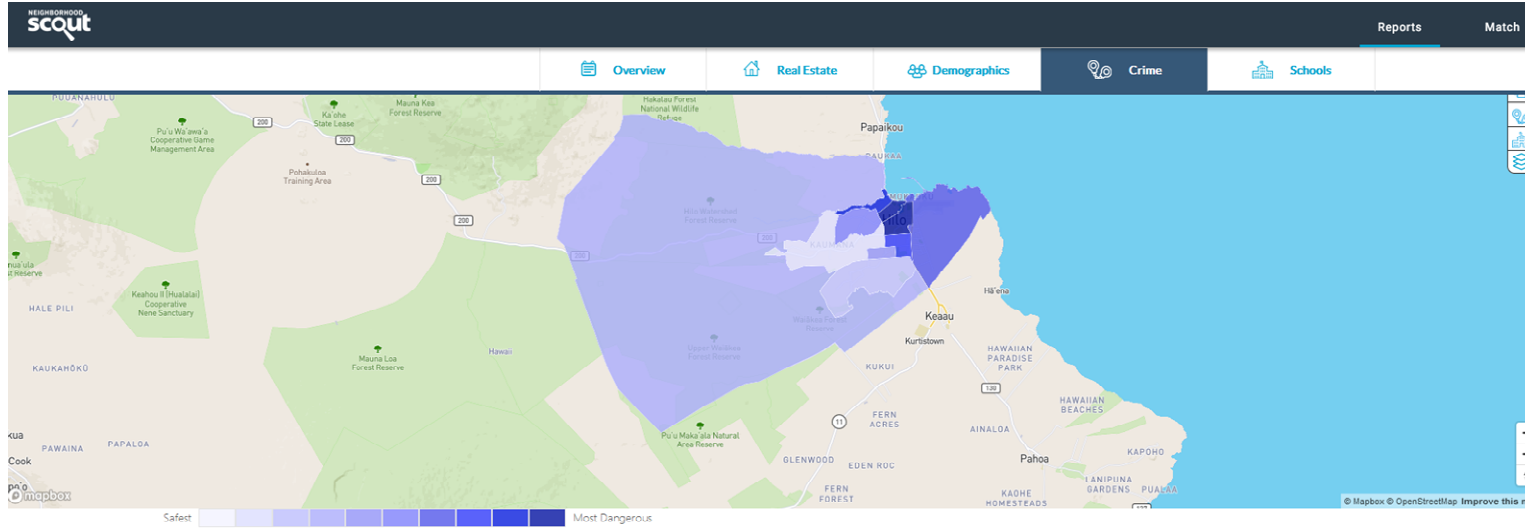
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HILO, HI CRIME ANALYTICS

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HILO CRIME DATA

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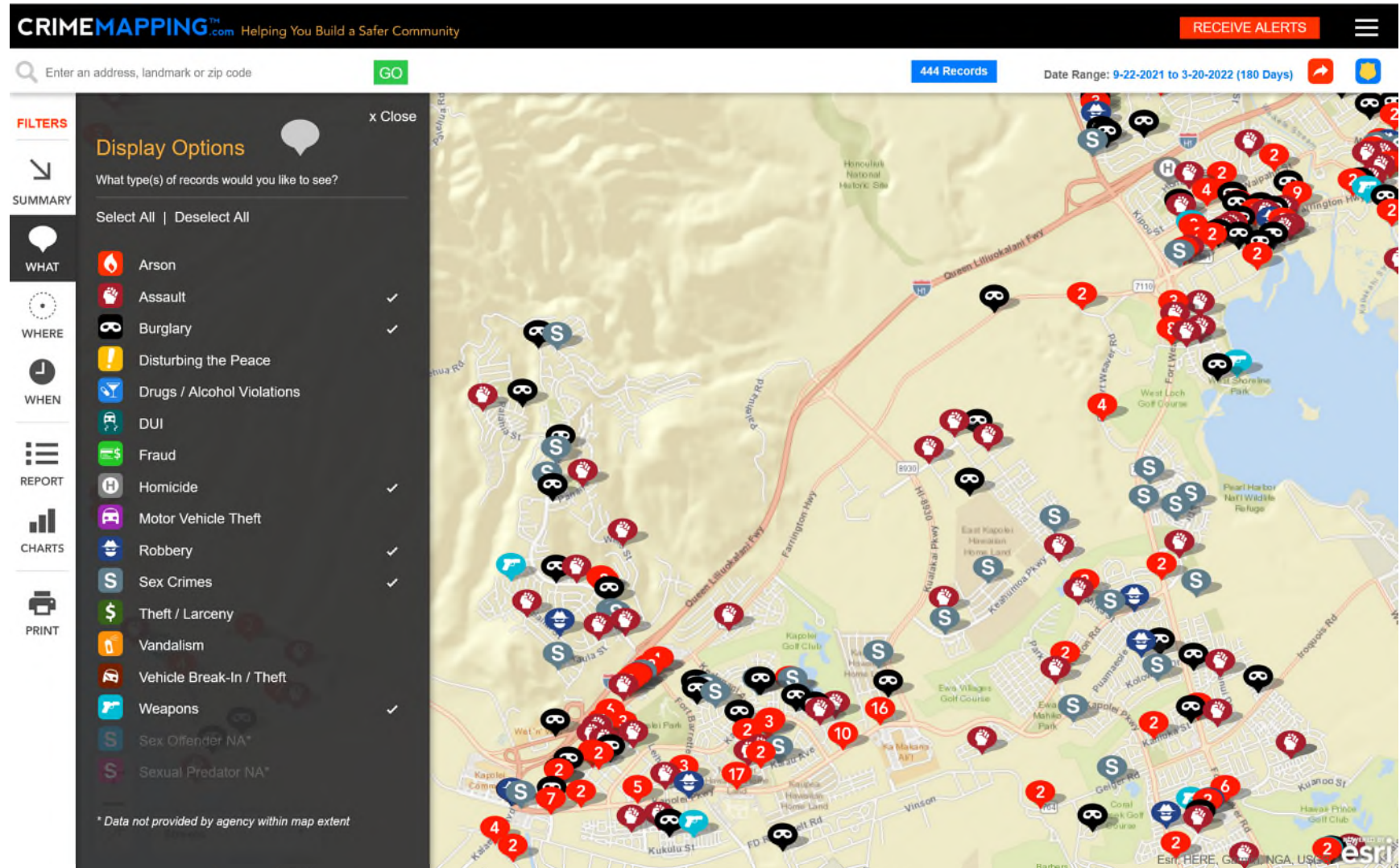
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HILO ANNUAL CRIMES

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Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents)	3.17	31.23	34.40

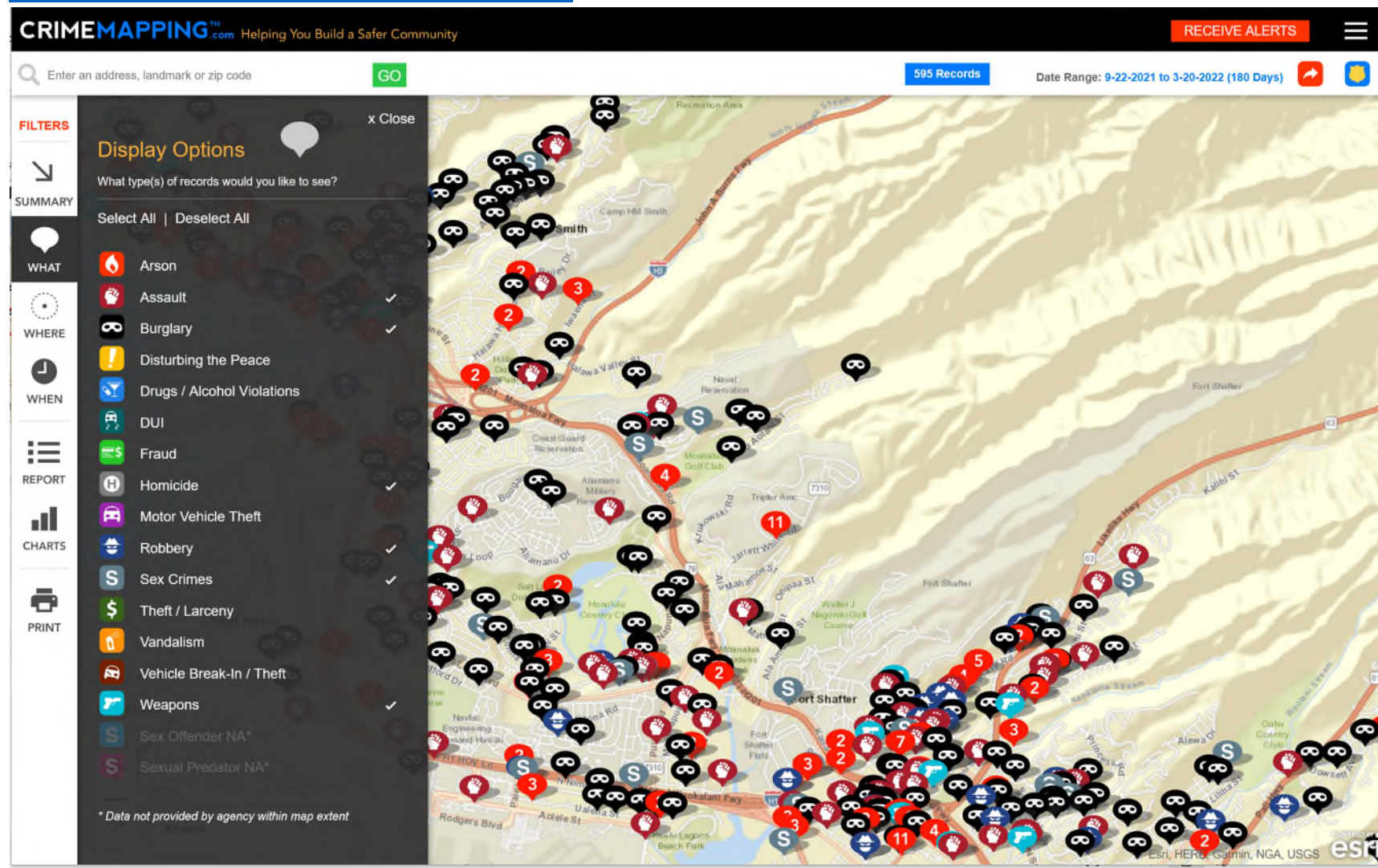
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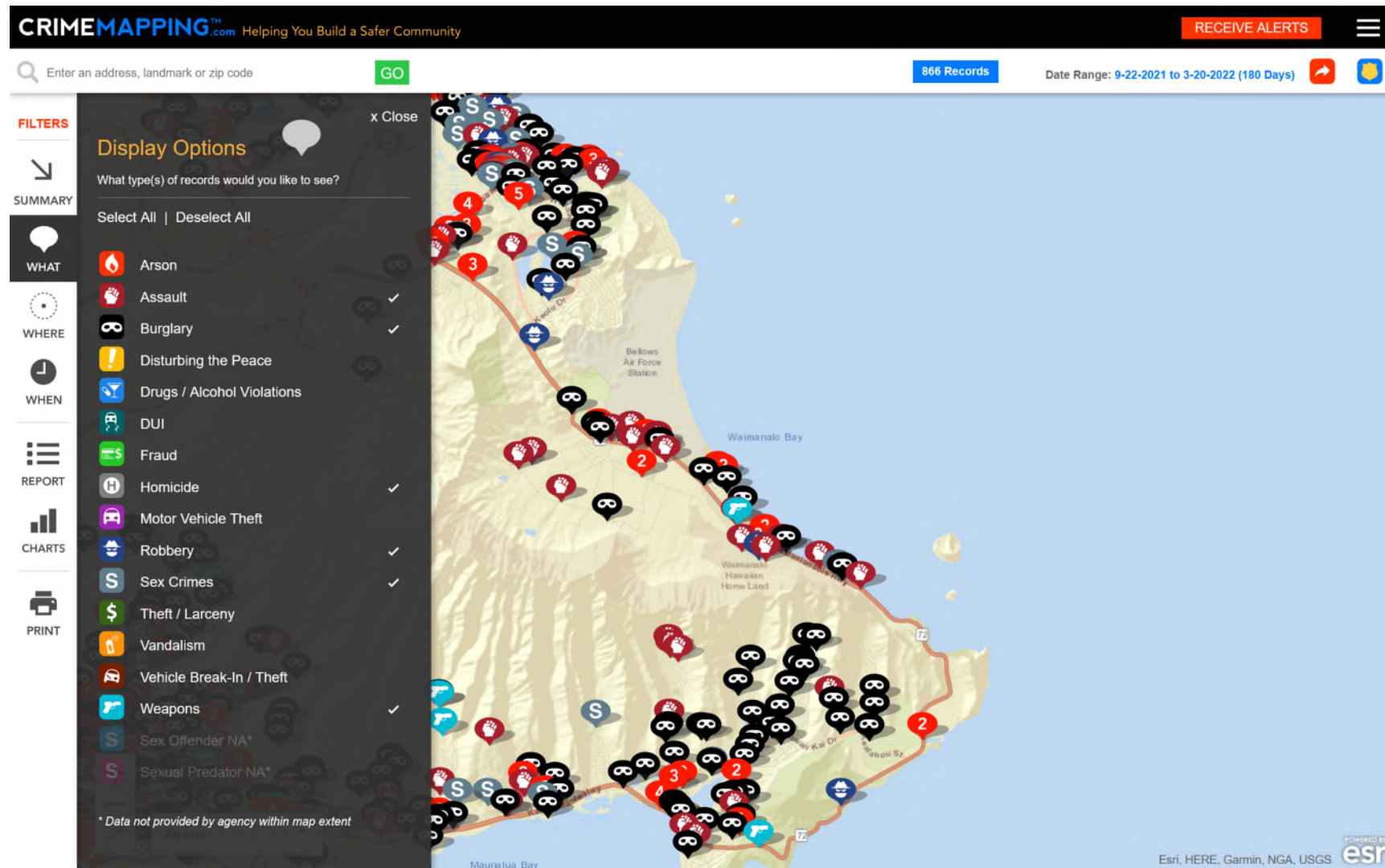
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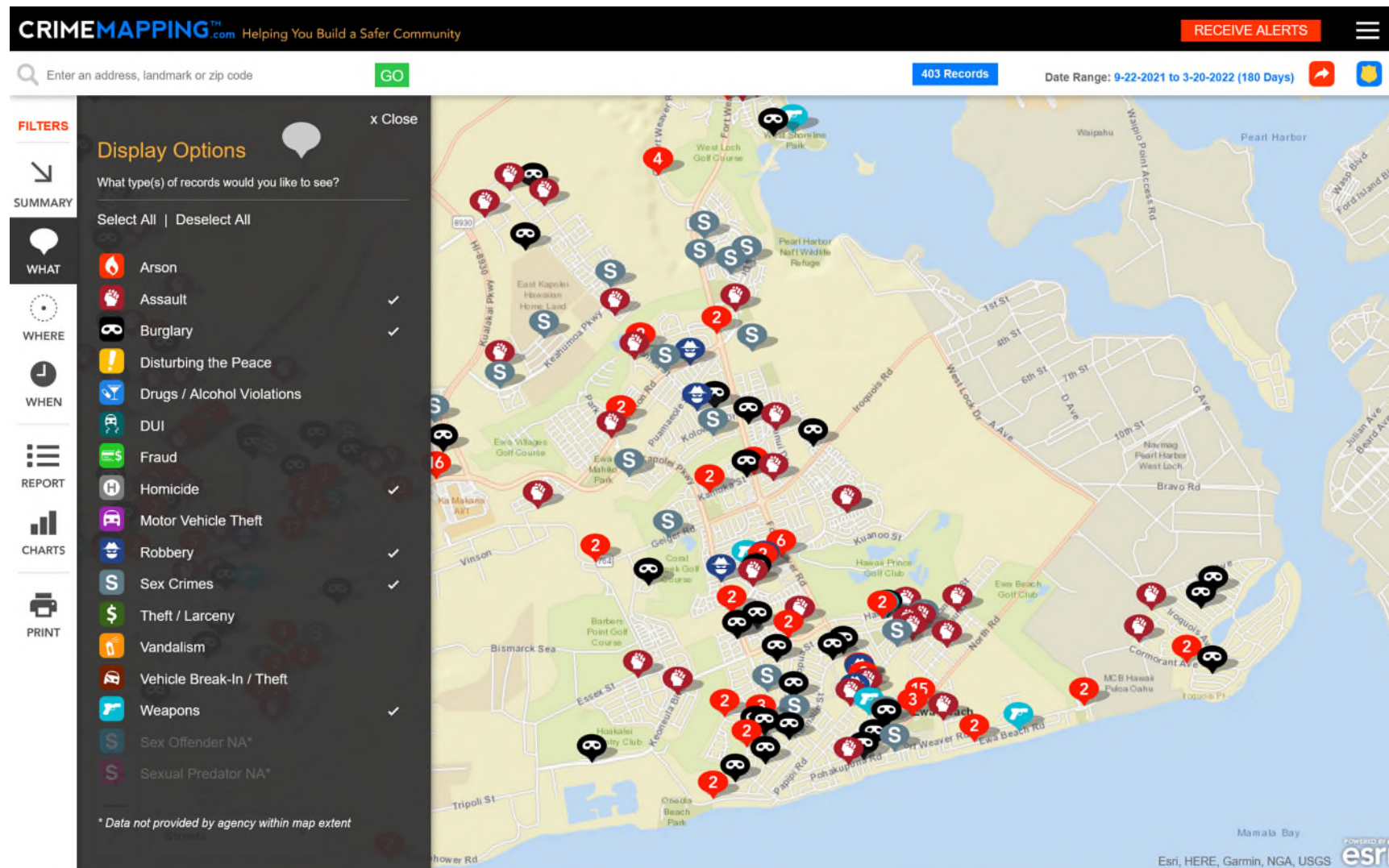
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Submitted on: 3/19/2022 12:27:22 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kate	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

I support this bill. Mahalo!

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H.B. No. 1732 H.D.1
RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS

Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent** of this bill as it provides Law Enforcement officials with the option of using an effective non-lethal tool to help them de-escalate a crisis situation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:50:49 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brett Kulbis	Testifying for Honolulu County Republican Party	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honolulu County Republican Party OPPOSES this bill.

This bill will disproportionately affect government workers, some of the very people the bill implies it wants to protect. 29% of Hawaii's adult residents work for the city, county, or state governments. Each of them would be prohibited from self-defense while traveling to and from work.

This bill also appears to vastly target those of lower economic stature. Those that rely on public transport to get to and from work, who use government services, and live in less desirable areas. Public transport is rampant with crime, with passengers and drivers being attacked and sexually assaulted on an almost daily basis.

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March 21, 2022

TESTIMONY OF EDWARD L. HOWARD
REGARDING H.B. NO. 1732 / RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS
Thirty-First Legislature, 2022 State of Hawaii

Dear Gentle persons:

Please accept this formal presentation on behalf of myself, individually and collectively, which includes commercial enterprise – Pax Bello Security Solutions Hawaii, and all client stakeholders. Although I submitted testimony that is embedded within this modified version on the due date and yes, very close to the time due, I assert that my testimony was timely. Notwithstanding my argument to the contrary, my previous testimony was deemed “LATE” by your offices and I suspect strongly that perhaps my testimony may have presented too much common sense thus, the best solution to achieve a win – win result on the matters.

The clean-up legislation sought by the government entities clearly violates the rights and protections of the People of Hawaii specifically, the right to self-defense, defense of others, and defense of property to self or others. The most egregious issue is with the specific public areas within which The People of Hawaii will have no right to exercise meaningful and non-lethal defense against the ever-growing crime statistics, particularly crimes against persons. And this is evidenced by the high rate of crimes committed in parking lots, while waiting for public transportation (other than the secure gated areas comprised within the Airports, Harbors and Ports), while riding “The Bus” and many other areas such as the Beach, Beach Parks, etc.

While The People of Hawaii have an absolute right to petition the government for its infringement upon the Constitutional rights, protections and exercise of concealed and/or open

carry of firearms, the Electric Gun laws proposed, seriously considered and adopted into law for and within the entire State of Hawaii is sufficient as is. We believe that they are sufficient because Airport Security Gates require a thorough security assessment to identify those who are in possession of prohibited items from being accessible to persons other than law enforcement and other authorized government personnel. These same laws and laws akin thereto, apply fully to the Harbors, Ports, and places where Government Meetings take place.

Should the Legislature deem a needed modification to the Electric Gun Laws now in full force and effect, it should be the communications by means of significant and sufficient signage designed to educate The People of Hawaii that Electric Guns are not permitted in those places most in need of being sterile and under control of the authorities. Sterile and under control with respect to Electric Guns, which are not intentionally designed or manufactured as lethal weapons, absolutely does not deserve to be included in such definitions thus, they should not be subject to the full extent of the laws prohibiting the carry of concealed firearms – such as, in one’s vehicle while dropping off/picking up children and teens from local schools, etc.

It is my intention to have this entire letter and my Testimony attached hereto, provided to each and every member of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Edward L. Howard, President and CEO
Pax Bello Security Solutions Hawaii

Additional Testimony

I, Edward L. Howard, am the President and CEO of Pax Bello Security Solutions Hawaii (PBSSH), a Security Consultant Firm licensed and operating within the State of Hawaii. As a citizen and business owner/operator in the State of Hawaii, and speaking on behalf of all PBSSH clients, I am submitting the following testimony regarding the above referenced House Bill. Although the prohibition of carrying in certain locations concept of protecting the general public is reasonably sound, the Honorable members of the State of Hawaii Legislature are grossly misguided with respect to the prohibitive language contained in and comprised of H.B. No. 1732.

In its current written form H.B. 1732 is unreasonable, overly burdensome, and perhaps unconstitutional because it restricts carrying of non-lethal designed/engineered Electric Guns for self-protection, protection of others and/or protection of property as to most if not all public places wherein crimes against persons are plausible, if not increasing in number of instances. While it is reasonable for the government to establish prohibitions of carrying these devices in certain and specific public places, it is not at all reasonable to do so in a manner that essentially renders the laws permitting the carrying of Electric Guns null and void, and more so in areas known to be subject to high rates of crimes against persons.

Some of these areas include, but are not limited to: University of Hawaii campus areas, such as parking lots and other secluded locations in and around the entire campus; parking structures and lots adjacent to and within the jurisdiction of Hawaii's airport terminals, ports and harbors; on mass transit buses and soon to be rail system; beaches and all facilities as well as grounds in and around beaches; and, public schools (jurisdiction of school property) particularly in high crime rate areas.

Furthermore, Section 1. of H.B. 1732 states in pertinent part, "*Many states and federal agencies have enacted similar legislation and regulations to place location restrictions on electric guns....*," which is disingenuous of the Legislature because it does not reflect the truth of the laws enacted in other states relative to stun guns and tasers. Federal promulgated rules and regulations are also mischaracterized by the Legislature's statements. The truth is that most states have adopted reasonable restrictions on carrying of Stun Guns/Tasers (AKA: in Hawaii Electric Guns) in public places, and generally those laws prohibit carrying these devices for example and specifically as follows:

1. The secure area of airports, which is beyond the Transportation Safety Administration's Security Gates;
2. Passenger Terminals for Ports and Harbors;
3. State or local government buildings (all inclusive); and,

4. In open public meeting places.

Enactment of laws prohibiting Hawaii citizens from carrying legally obtained Electric Guns in the grossly restrictive manner as intended by the current language in H.B. No. 1732 serves no public service, except perhaps empowering Hawaii's criminal element to focus on would be innocent victims in those specific public places where Electric Guns are prohibited. The Legislature must recognize that in all areas (locations) that are generally restricted in other states by the laws they have enacted regarding the carrying of firearms and electric devices (Electric Guns, etc.), there is presumably sufficient government protection of the public assuming there is compliance of those laws, and reasonable detection/search measures of all persons to ensure and/or compel full compliance.

In closing, it is imperative that this information be taken seriously and considered fully to ensure that Hawaii citizens have all reasonable opportunities to avoid needlessly being victimized by society's present day crime surges. Electric Guns are non-lethal weapons as per manufacturers, federal agencies, etc. and yet, the State of Hawaii Legislature, Law Enforcement and others appear to desire to treat these devices substantially similar to actual firearms, which Electric Guns simply do not compare. I am willing to work with the Honorable Members of the Legislature to develop/modify and implement language that achieves all reasonable restrictions the State should indeed possess, but also protect the citizens of Hawaii to exercise their rights to purchase, possess, own, and carry (for actual use if necessary to fend off an attacker) without having to endure unreasonable and perhaps unconstitutional government restrictions.

Respectfully submitted:

Edward L. Howard,
President and CEO, Pax Bello Security Solutions Hawaii

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 6:26:03 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Ley	Testifying for hawaii county GMAC	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. Brian Ley, vice chair, county GMAC.

we are strongly opposed to HB 1732. What is the point of having non lethal protection and not being able to carry it. Don't forget that it wasn't that long ago a woman was beaten to death at a police station. People need to be able to protect themselves. Hopefully you will kill HB 1732.

mahalo for your time and consideration. Brian Ley, vice chair, county GMAC

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2022 11:24:59 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Gomes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a resident of Oahu who is very interested in preventing gun violence. Please pass this bill to help keep Hawaii safe. Electric guns should be subject to the same rules as regular guns. They should not be allowed in schools and other vulnerable places. Thank you for your consideration.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2022 11:27:16 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Keilman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is a good idea: It provides safety measures... SUPPORT!

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2022 11:29:00 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deborah G. Nehmad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill will this bill make iunlawful for any person to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly carry or possess an electric gun, whether operational or not, at an airport, as defined by section 261-1, which includes any terminal, building, structure, facility, and appurtenant parking structure or lot. This bill will promote safety and I support it. I hope you will too.

It's common sense

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2022 11:35:39 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janie Bryan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In regard to HB1732, and as a resident of Hawaii since 1988, I am in support of this bill that makes it unlawful to any person to knowingly carry or possess an electric gun at the certain locations listed in the bill. I am fully in support of this bill and request you to support it in the name of promoting safety in our community!

Thank you for reading my testimony!

Aloha, Janie Bryan (Maunalani Heights area)

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2022 12:32:50 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doris Segal Matsunaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SB1732, a common sense action, to regulate where electric guns may be carried by addressing certain sensitive locations such as schools, government buildings, and places where open meetings occur.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Doris Segal Matsunaga

Kamuela, Hawaii

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2022 2:40:15 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
I. Robert Nehmad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is I Robert Nehmad and I reside in Hawaii Kai. Please support SB1732, a common sense action, to regulate where electric guns may be carried by addressing certain sensitive locations such as schools, government buildings, and places where open meetings occur.

Mahalo

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2022 3:21:26 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marilyn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SB1732, a common sense action, to regulate where electric guns may be carried by addressing certain sensitive locations such as schools, government buildings, and places where open meetings occur.

I am from a family of hunters and gun owners who are appalled at the current firearms laws. Their strong belief as well as mine is that weapons designed to kill humans belong with the military and law enforcement agencies. It must not be convenient nor legal to buy any guns without registration and proof of competency and further, insurance. This bill is one step closer to the protections we all deserve for ourselves and others. **Guns have no business where there are open meetings period.**

Mahalo for your consideration.

Marilyn Seely

Kaneohe, Hawaii

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2022 7:15:50 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pua Auyong-White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SB1732, a common sense action, to regulate where electric guns may be carried by addressing certain sensitive locations such as schools, government buildings, and places where open meetings occur.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Pua Auyong-White

Kalihi Valley, Honolulu, Hawaii

3432 Kalihi Street #B2

Honolulu, HI 96819

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2022 8:24:30 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Judith White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this important bill!

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2022 8:32:05 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erica Yamauchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of this bill.

Erica Yamauchi, Kaimukī/Wilhelmina Rise

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Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:51:53 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen Sullivan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To ensure the safety of our children and loved ones, please support HB1732, a bill to regulate where electric guns may be carried by addressing certain locations such as our schools and places where our children and families gather.

Mahalo,

Karen Sullivan

Kailua

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 8:06:15 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Babcock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SB1732, a common sense action, to regulate where electric guns may be carried by addressing certain sensitive locations such as schools, government buildings, and places where open meetings occur.

Mary Babcock

Kailua

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 10:49:18 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support the reasonable limits in this bill for locaitons where electric guns can be carried, as a way to help make our community safer.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2022 12:40:51 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Cheryl Wilson. I am representing myself and my family in this testimony. I support SB1732. Too many times guns are carried by people who think the gun will protect them but data shows that is not always true. A lack of training in how to assess the situation is just one of my concerns. Mental health screening is another. Just being a LAW ABIDING CITIZEN is not enough. Everyone is law abiding until the day they aren't!!!! Limiting the use of of such weapons is the best way to ensure the safety of those in these proposed restricted areas.

Thank you for listening to me.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2022 1:10:07 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terence Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Committee on Judiciary

Senator Karl Rhoads , Chair

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

I am a resident and a gun violence survivor who is in support of this bill.

Mahalo

Terence Lee

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Submitted on: 3/20/2022 3:27:42 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Friedman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like the committee to support SB1732. We need to have reasonable limitations of where stun guns can be carried.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 3:57:51 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nadine Ferraro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 1732 regulations regarding where electric guns may be carried in open meetings for example such as schools, government buildings, and others.

Respectfully, Nadine Ferraro

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HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 11:45:36 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carolyn Pearl	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the reasonable limitations provided in HB 1732.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 8:00:11 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Logue	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a state employee I can attest that we should be permitted to carry a Taser. My office is located in Iwilei and surrounded by crime. Our employees are regularly harassed and cars tampered with. HPD is slow to respond even though it is supposed to be the Sheriffs. In the end, we should all have the right to self defense. When we have employees of the state or county that are having knives pulled on them on state/county property I would hope that those of you elected to represent the residents would see the need for people to have the ability to return to home or work safely and unharmed. How about we clean up our state/county properties instead of limiting citizen's abilities to pursue life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2022 7:44:37 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Restricting areas where electric guns or other legitimately carried weapons makes the area more dangerous because miscreants know that they will face little effective opposition, and so choose those places to commit crimes, to our detriment. Fewer restriction make the public safer.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 6:14:17 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Soon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is just senseless paranoid useless legislation

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 10:53:29 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Arakawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. Prohibiting electric guns on public transportation makes no sense. These are the people who need protection the most.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 2:09:52 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tony frascarelli	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly opposed as written as current law likely prohibits carrying such in some public buildings ie courts.

Why enact a law in 2021 allowing the purchase and carrying of tasers and now try to restrict same. Will the legislature also prohibit criminals from going to those same places?

Pity the person that relies on public transportation and buys an electric gun for protection. Now that person can no longer carry it should this bill become law. How sad.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 12:38:17 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Fred Delosantos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB1732 continues the long-standing fine tradition of rendering Hawaii citizens defenseless against thugs (sarcasm). Please oppose HB1732 and allow Hawaii citizens to defend themselves with this non-lethal means. Not all of us are privileged to live in gated communities, some of us actually have to ride The Bus.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2022 7:09:10 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We are at War Every one should be Carrying!!

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 6:07:21 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joel Berg	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill intends to ban an effective means of non lethal self defense in areas where an individual would be most likely to have an encounter with an assailant. Effective self defense should not be limited to 20 year old male gym rats. Hawaii's habitual criminals will be reassured to know they can continue to act with impunity in prohibited areas if this passes. Will passing bad legislation to uphold the party line be worth it when you or a loved one becomes a victim?

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:10:32 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Edelio Gerola	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I respectfully oppose this bill for the reason that a law abiding citizen would have no means to defend him or herself with a taser in places they have the right to be. Please vote to oppose this bill.
thank you

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:15:41 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jason wolford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Iam submitting testimony in opposition to this bill as it will leave many people unable to defend themselves if they must take a bus to work or go to the store. Simply they can not afford a car you wish to take away a means for them to defend them selves. Same for any one that would take away the way and right to protect themselves just because they are not rich enough to afford their own transportation and must use public transportation.

Jason T Wolford

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Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:20:40 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elmer Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

this is infringing my rights for self defense.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:28:51 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The thought of the state of Hawaii legalizing and then taking the right away to carry this as a means of self defense is absolutely sickening! I know the politicians here love to have a state of victims but that is disgusting. I oppose this bill!

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:35:49 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keola De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY oppose this Bill.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:37:38 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen T Hazam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please OPPOSE HB1732 HD1.

This bill would restrict the carry of electric firearms so severely, that it makes it impractical to own one. I no longer have a car, but although Hawaii wants us to use public transportation, I can't use the bus or go to the airport. I can't be on government property. When I think of where I go to shop for groceries, household items, receive medical care, I can't figure out how to get there with these restrictions. This bill does not let me carry a less than lethal means to defend myself where I need to. This bill leaves this 74 year old, defenseless and afraid to go out.

Please OPPOSE HB1732 HD1

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Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:40:30 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Harwood-Tappe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill and others like it place undue burden on the lower class citizens who need the most protection against assault. These types of crimes mostly all occur in public areas like the bus or other transit facilities and other public spaces. Gun free zones do not work and these electric gun free zones wo t work against criminals either!

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:41:12 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
CRISTON KAM	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The right of the People to keep and bear arms was a directive!!! Not a suggestion!!! Arms does not just mean firearms. It means weapons. Stop infringing on our rights!!! We the People are sick and tired of the communists who "run" our state "restricting" rights!!! We've had enough!!! You're pushing us to a breaking point! Plain and simple

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:43:18 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barry Lau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a law abiding citizen and born and raised in Hawaii, I highly oppose HB1732. This bill would will only penalize government employees and people who use public transportation from protecting themselves. Politicians need to address the real issue and that is the revolving door criminal justice system. Stop penalizing law abiding citizens who only want to protect themselves. Hawaii needs stricter penalties, have criminals serve out their entire sentence for those who break the law.

Barry Lau

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Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:54:44 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chris p pang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose HB 1732. There are too many crime happening in Hawaii so the good citizens need to protect themselves. Far too many time the democrats show favor for the criminals and kick the good citizens to the side. We the people will not stand for this. Please allow the citizens to protect themselves, this means allowing them to carry a taser gun anywhere they would need to in order to protect themselves.

Mahalo

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:56:06 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jorelle Pagdilao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. As a proven non lethal self defense tool, I believe in the right to protect ourselves from any danger that we may come across. Better be safe then sorry, better to have and not use it, rather then not having and needing to use. Hawaii has been experiencing higher crime rates recently, this gives us the peace of mind of our safety and those around us. This bill basically deems the the taser as a in-home device which basically renders it useless.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:56:34 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ken Nakakura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to you in opposition of HB172.

I was happy that tasers were approved for self defense. Don't take away the right to carry them for self defense. It is useless to have a taser to defend yourself if you can't carry it with you and have it available in case you find yourself in a situation where you need to defend yourself against what seems like an increasing number of aggressive, violent bad guys preying on and attacking innocent everyday citizens. The worst part is they are targeting the most vulnerable citizens, the elderly, women, children. On top of that, you release prisoners early without means to support and take care of themselves, you also catch and release violent, unstable criminals without charging them. With no repercussions, for their crimes, these criminals are getting more and more aggressive and violent. Just look at the news in the past week, 5 or 6 shootings. How do you expect an average citizen, let alone an elderly, frail, maybe female person to stand up to a bigger, stronger, drugged out, maybe mentally unstable, drug-strong, likely armed aggressor. How do you expect a person to defend themselves while they wait for police or any help to arrive. Tasers may not be the best tool to use to defend oneself, but it's better than nothing. Instead of taking away ways for us to protect ourselves, you should expand the ways for us to defend ourselves. While you're at it you have to consider approving Concealed Carry Weapons for law abiding gun owners. Your strict gun laws only keep law abiding gun owners from having a weapon in public. Are the criminals obeying your gun laws? With 5-6 shootings in the last week, apparently not. It is a very different Hawaii, increasingly violent, and a big reason is your doing, releasing prisoners early, not arresting and charging known criminals. If you're not going to protect us constituents, you have to do something to allow us to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our property.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2022 7:59:23 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Norman Akau Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Norman Akau Jr. strongly oppose HB1732.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2022 8:00:39 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill! When will Hawaii politicians realize that the citizens have NO WAY to defend themselves in Hawaii? This is unacceptable that a person who is supposed to REPRESENT the people isn't representing the people but voting against them. Please do not ban tasers from your constituents!

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 8:05:31 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isaac Moon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose efforts to stop us from self defense. Stop with the nonsense.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 8:21:20 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
luis larzabal	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

Please go and read the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution. US citizens have a right to self-defense.

A taser is a non-lethal device used to stop an aggressor. It's effective and humane in a self-defense situation. A taser is an optimal choice, especially for women.

Please reconsider and approve the citizen use of tasers.

Mahalo nui loa, ke Akua pu!

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 8:25:29 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lionel Delos Santos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha states legislature , i strongly oppose this bill because the crime happen now with shooting and killing going on on in the news and people can protect themselves , the law abiding cant carry anything and the criminals can

thank you

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 8:28:47 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Dasalla	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1732

As it stands, this is another bill that only benefits criminals. Now they know where they can pray on victims that cannot legally defend themselves.

Please give citizens the right to protect themselves where ever they are.

If a person can be beaten to death right next to a police station, imagine what worse will happen in all those areas listed that citizens can't protect themselves.

Do what is right for the law abiding citizen. Oppose this bill as it stands.

Matthew Dasalla

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Submitted on: 3/20/2022 8:31:49 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tony lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose, save the State another lawsuit

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 8:35:18 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Banning tasers in state run facilities is ridiculous, crime can happen anywhere and criminals do not care where it takes place either. I was harassed many times and followed off the bus. I was also followed in the UH parking lot. Many poor people do not have options and the bus is their only option. Many people go to school and use the libraries. All mothers will not be able to drop their kids off at school because they are also on state grounds. My friend was harassed by a 300 lb pound homeless man right in front of the police station and no cops were around. All state workers are also not able to carry a taser. while working for the state as a health inspector, I was groped by a drunk man in the middle of the day in chinatown. Other state workers that are not in the office would be in my similar situation too. What's going to happen when the rail starts and crimes starts to happen? No one can get up there in time to save you or someone else. Criminals **DO NOT** care. **We are our own first responder**

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 8:39:32 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raynel Leo Espiritu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a father of two children and mobile mechanic, have not been arrested of any crime. It's hard for me to drop off my children to school and go back home to pick up my E-gun (I have yet to acquire), then receiving a call from stranded customer's vehicle to go and rescue in a parking lot that is attached to government buildings, airport and such, going home to drop off my E-gun and pick up when done. This E-gun regulation is meaningless and serve no good purpose to law abiding citizen like me. I need to protect myself and thousands of dollar tool and assets while I'm on the road working where police are not present to protect me. I strongly oppose to this bill.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 8:44:27 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vote NO on HB1732. This bill has no place in a civilized society. It helps criminals by attempting to disarm potential victims. It prevents ordinary people from defending themselves with a non-lethal weapon in all too many places in which they have a right to be. This bill is a disgrace and a shameful way to treat the hard-working, honest people of Hawai'i, especially for people who are trained in the use of tasers. I disapprove of this bill. Please, kokua, vote NO on HB-1732.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 8:45:11 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John D'Adamo III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1732

Because it will limit my ability to self-defense with a electric arms in my day to day lives do to the restricted location.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 8:48:22 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Hammond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

How can the legislature pass a law that's found to be legal by the courts (the state was forced to acknowledge it's legality), and then put a de facto ban on it?

The courts literally said electric guns should be legal. And know you are trying to basically ban them from being carried anywhere.

What's the point of being able to carry an electric gun for self protection if you can't carry it anywhere.

It's not even lethal, so what's the excuse?

Criminals will use it?

Criminals already use everything illegally, so do you think that will change their behaviors?

Instead, and as usual, you screw the rights of the lawfully abiding citizen and push criminals rights above ours.

Shame on you.

Oppose this ridiculous bill.

Thank you.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 8:54:33 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
George Pace	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

VOTE NO ON HB1732!

This proposed law is unconstitutional. In effect it totally disarms people from such a wide variety of locations/situations that it makes carrying an electric weapon almost impossible for many people who would use or visit the banned locations at some point during their day.

Perhaps a shorter list would be the places where it IS "allowed" to carry such a weapon.

The right to self-defense is a natural/God-given right and cannot be infringed by the any state agency. That includes any restrictions on where such self-defense aids may be borne.

This proposed law is a thinly disguised effort to continue Hawaii's illegal and unconstitutional authoritarian diktats attempting to overrule natural law and the principle of self-defense.

VOTE NO ON HB1732!

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 9:15:18 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
shaneagena	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may be that will listen. Please oppose this bill. Hawaii needs more means of self defense not this kind of non sense.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 9:20:43 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Matsumoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi Representatives,

I strongly oppose this bill, this bill will make my elderly parents and my wife extremely vulnerable when they enter an area deemed "sensitive" according to this bill. How are they supposed to protect themselves from the parking lot to the government building? Someone died right outside of all places, a police station! How will my elderly parents and wife protect themselves when they are alone and when criminals already use electric devices and firearms to commit crimes? My mom already refuses to visit Chinatown because she's worried about getting her purse snatched from her. This bill will make her even more vulnerable because she has to remember to not have her electric gun when she goes in for government services. Should this bill pass, my wife who's a school teacher will no longer be able to stay in school past 4:00pm because I will require her to leave because her safety is extremely important to myself and our children. I DO NOT want my wife to be traumatized by a criminal because she does not have anything to protect herself. I WILL ALSO NOT let her attend her school's open house because it'll be in the evening and chances are, she will be alone at some point. The only people who lose out are her students and their parents.

Times have changed, Hawaii is no longer safe and is becoming more like the mainland. Please stop making LAW ABIDING citizens into criminals.

Thank you,

Ryan

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 9:30:09 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kualii Makaneole	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1732 HD1, and this house bill will restrict many people who wants to carry electric arms for self-defense purposes. Most crimes happen when you least expect it, such as the increasing sexual assault crimes on the public transit system (The Bus). "In 2005, a Bus driver was arrested for three alleged victims are children - specifically boys." another situation happened on the transit system on "April 28, 2021, Another Male rider assaulted a 17 yr old female on the public transit system (The Bus)." Here is an additional self-defense issue that prevented this person from self protection right in front of the Kapolei Police Station. "A woman is dead after being attacked outside the Kapolei police station. The suspect was arrested for a separate assault and released shortly before the deadly attack. The violent attack happened near the Kapolei police station doors. Within 24 hours before the attack, the suspect had already been accused of assaulting two other people, one of them a police officer." (February 22, 2022, <https://www.khon2.com/hawaii-crime/woman-murdered-in-kapolei-by-suspect-shortly-after-he-was-arrested-and-released-for-two-assaults/>). There are many other criminal situations where citizens are targeted throughout the state, which will restrict every citizen from protecting themselves by not being able to use electric arms for self-defense purposes. If our city government passes this bill, they are allowing criminals to commit more crimes against our communities with no empathy or concerns for public safety and one's rights to self-defense.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2022 10:18:08 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james wallace	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1732. We The People have the RIGHT to DEFEND ourselves. You have no right to have a say because You won't protect me. You took away our Rights to carry Firearms, just give us a little Freedom in this Communist Island please. Stop protecting criminals. No wonder crime went up because you guys allowing them to do as they please. Freedom to Defend Please!!!!

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Submitted on: 3/20/2022 10:34:31 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jayson guzman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments: This bill lacks any common sense. Criminals or individuals with intent to commit a crime do not follow rules. Making rules that impede one's ability to protect oneself from harm only enables the criminal. Stop people from being victimized and allow citizens to be able to protect themselves from any harm brought upon them. Not being able to use a legal means of self defense because of one's employment or location only places someone at a disadvantage and makes them more likely to be a target and victim. I oppose this bill.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 10:21:46 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ross mukai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this senseless restriction on proven non-lethal self-defense aids. While the committees wring their hands over non-lethal self defense, there are three separate front page headlines this week showing criminals with illegal guns, who do not care about laws, robbing and murdering people.

I am disappointed that our legislature lives in an ivory tower and has lost touch with our people and our daily struggles.

I encourage you to please step outside of the capitol building once in a while and see what it's like to walk to and from work in chinatown, fort street, alakea at district court, or iwilei. Maybe even try catching the bus. Try it during the daytime, I don't recommend it at night.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 10:40:40 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yu Xian He	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1732. Electric guns have been approved for carry but limiting where they can be used defeats the purpose of self defense, and crimes are still rampant in public spaces. This will not deter criminals from illegally carrying electric guns, but it will take away citizen rights for self defense.

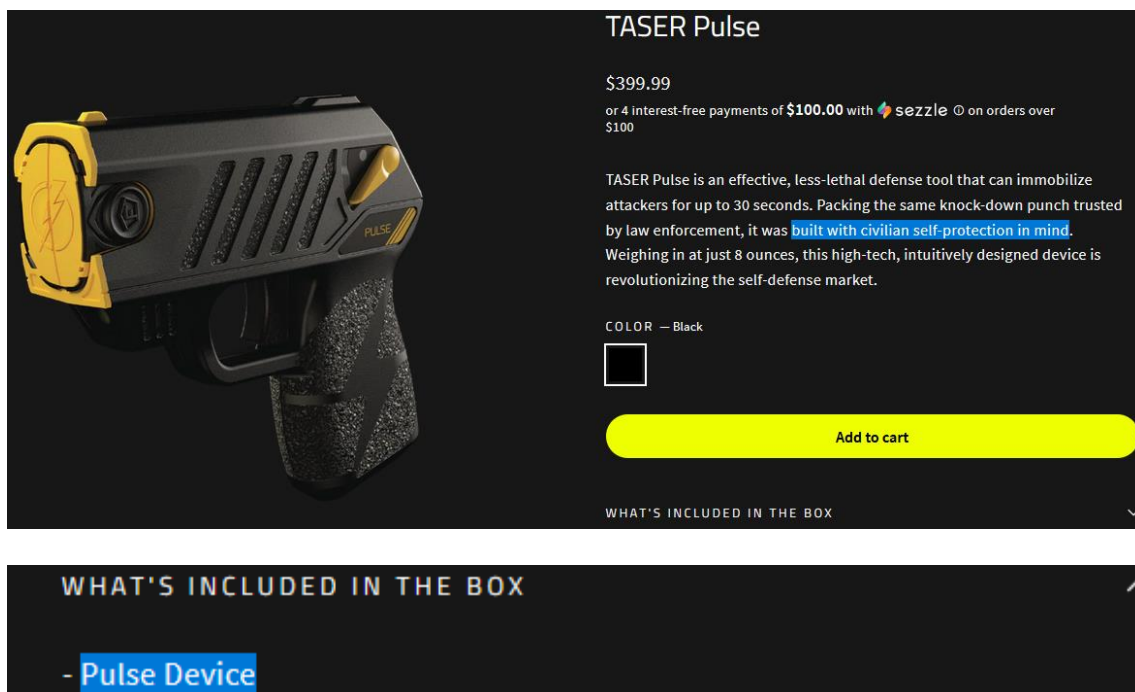
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 9:31 a.m.
Regarding: **HB 1732, HD 1 (Relating to Electric Guns)**
Voter Position: OPPOSITION

Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

I express my continued **opposition** to **HB 1732, HD 1 (Relating to Electric Guns)**. This bill constitutes a *de facto* ban of an electrical device used for daily carry in support self-defense. By extension, **HB 1732, HD 1 threatens** public safety by removing a viable means of self-defense from all non-law enforcement affiliated civilian citizens. **HB 1732, HD 1** serves only as a punitive prohibition *against* safety and personal protection since citizens will be unable to utilize an electrical device such as a [Taser™](#) when they need to use it to defend their lives from an aggressor.

Electric “Gun”—Disingenuous Legislative Wordplay

HB1732, HD1 will undoubtedly ban the everyday carry of an electrical device used exclusively for self-protection, not an actual gun or firearm. The very existence of the term “electric gun” is a deceptively crafted misnomer since electrical devices such as [Tasers™](#) are specifically designed for civilian self-protection. Anyone properly informed with [Taser™](#) design and usage would know this fact and would accordingly not associate the term “gun” with such an electrical device. The manufactures of the [Taser™](#) specifically identify their defense products as *devices* and not as guns. The only reasonable and legal use case of an electrical device such as a [Taser™](#) is for self-protection.



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The Public is Under Constant Threat by Criminal Actors

After a quick review of recent news coverage, it is apparent that citizens are constantly assailed by criminals on a daily basis all along the island chain with no end in sight. Whenever citizens of Hawaii use public transportation or go to schools, government buildings, and other locations where open meetings take place, criminals unfortunately prey upon them. Restricting a private citizen's ability to protect themselves from criminals at public locations by restricting electrical device possession is absolutely irresponsible. There is no realistic evidence suggesting that the people of Hawaii are currently afforded viable public safety within the public zones outlined in **HB 1732, HD1**. Time and time again, law enforcement response is latent, meaning that the criminals escape while the citizen suffers loss, injury, or a combination of both. For the sake of brevity and space, only news headlines and source links emphasizing this problem are presented below:

Man charged after stabbing in Waikiki (March 20, 2022)

Source: <https://www.khon2.com/hawaii-crime/man-charged-after-stabbing-in-waikiki/>

Police charge suspect who chased victim with knife (March 17, 2022)

Source: <https://www.khon2.com/hawaii-crime/police-charge-suspect-who-chased-victim-with-knife/>

Man robbed, assaulted in Big Island home (March 17, 2022)

Source: <https://www.khon2.com/hawaii-crime/man-robbed-assaulted-in-big-island-home/>

Suspect arrested after assaulting man with vacuum (March 9, 2022)

Source: <https://www.khon2.com/hawaii-crime/suspect-arrested-after-assaulting-man-with-vacuum/>

Man robbed, assaulted with skateboard and machete (March 4, 2022)

Source: <https://www.khon2.com/hawaii-crime/man-robbed-assaulted-with-skateboard-and-machete/>

Man, 49, robbed at knifepoint at downtown Honolulu bus stop, police say (February 7, 2022)

Source: <https://www.staradvertiser.com/2022/02/07/breaking-news/man-49-robbed-at-knifepoint-at-downtown-honolulu-bus-stop-police-say/>

**Sexual assault on *TheBus* leaves Oahu teen shaken, father thanks bus driver for stepping in
(April 28, 2021)**

Source: <https://www.khon2.com/local-news/sexual-assault-on-thebus-leaves-oahu-teen-shaken-father-thanks-bus-driver-for-stepping-in/?fbclid=IwAR0EwR8M072a0HDbjVz4qmtZ51M3hee9c-sflFnEATbj7riuRYiSWGXmbo>

Man seriously injured in hatchet attack on city bus near Honolulu airport (January 8, 2019)

Source: https://www.staradvertiser.com/2019/01/08/breaking-news/man-seriously-injured-in-hatchet-attack-on-city-bus-near-honolulu-airport/?fbclid=IwAR08AB348_D5cx4uyci2MAdsOCTjioUZmNhfD1jht5Nk2LoMKt2vuA7FVvis

Disservice to Residents that Use Public Transport and Public Facilities

HB 1732, HD1 poses no substantive hindrance to criminal activities. The headlines above reveal that crime is already ongoing and it isn't effectively stopped by law enforcement in a timely manner. Instead, your constituents suffer injury and must wait for after-the-fact assistance from law enforcement when they are assaulted aboard public transit vehicles or near public buildings. Seeing how **HB 1732, HD1** adversely affects public health and safety by restricting locations where citizens can carry electrical devices such as [Tasers™](#), the prudent move to enhance public health and safety would be to deny passage of **HB 1732, HD1**. Such action will allow citizens to carry electrical devices for self-protection and ensure that they have the capability to defend their lives and the lives of others without the unnecessary and punitive restrictions embodied in **HB 1732, HD1**.

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of **Senate District 23**

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 10:47:20 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samuel M. Aquino Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

I'm submitting further written testimony on this bill HB1732 to, once again, state my opposition for this bill. As I previously stated in my past testimony, HB1732 will turn ordinary citizens who legally purchased an e-gun/taser for the right of self-defense into a criminal just by being in the wrong place. This goes for citizens who want to carry e-gun/tasers but have to catch the bus or even drop-off & pick-up their children from school. Just doing daily things such as travelling around the island or even just within the city HB1732 unfairly turns them into a law-breaker. I STRONGLY oppose any bill that punishes citizens for practicing their 2nd Ammendment rights. Thank you for your time.

Samuel M. Aquino Jr.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 12:18:22 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in opposition to this measure, as it does essentially nothing to protect me in self-defence.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 5:11:48 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Lau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1732 as it is written. Hawaii law makers are not creating a safe environment if they are trying to ban the very thing that a citizen can use to keep them safe. Law abiding citizens are protected by the constitution. The proposal goes too far in an attempt to circumvent a constitutionally protected action, so as to eliminate all of the common areas one can or can not use self defense.

HB1732 only hurts the majority of Hawaii's population, of which are peaceful, law abiding and have never committed a crime. HB1732 is written as if we are all criminals and discriminates against the people of Hawaii.

I oppose HB1732.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 5:20:48 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kimo galon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

i strongly oppose hb1732. This bill will ban tasers all over again especially in dangerous high risk areas where people will most likely need to defend themselves. A court case has already deemed tasers are legal to carry for self defense. Our state is a very dangerous place to be in this moment and need our community of young and old to be prepared and given the right to defend themselves

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kimo galon

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2022 11:12:18 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter pedro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 7:05:17 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Elliott	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Once again I see the nanny state legislature trying to make citizens victims by denying them the basic ability to protect themselves with a taser. It has been a disgusting effort by Hawaii Democrats to deny citizens the basic ability to have some level of personal defense when we are seeing ever increasing levels of violence. It is not the law abiding among us committing these crimes, it is the ever growing criminal element of our islands that you are directly responsible for. People deserve the ability to protect themselves anywhere and anytime. Your attempt to ban tasers at a variety of locations would affect 30% of the population that works for the state. You also attempt to make those that ride the bus and rail victims by denying them a basic right of self defense with a taser.

This bill is disgusting and should be burned. Any politicians that support this bill do not represent the people of Hawaii.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 7:09:42 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lyle HIromoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

I oppose this bill because all the people of Hawaii need another way to defend themselves in all locations. We are not safe even outside a police station.

Thank you

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 7:13:46 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Coster	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to respectfully OPPOSE HB1732. A lot of people have done a lot of work on behalf of Hawaiian citizens to get a non-lethal form of protection into the hands of citizens that affords a minimal layer of protection against the ever increasing volume of violence being encountered on our streets. This bill effectively makes the legalization of non-lethal defense moot and takes away the ability for average, everyday, normal citizens a valuable tool to defend themselves. Time and again people going about their business are acosted, robbed, and worse. This bill isn't about public safety but is in fact legislation in favor of continued violence, which if you step out of your gated communities for a while, you would notice is getting out of control. I encourage you to vote NO on this bill and stand with the average citizen's right to adequately defend themselves without suffering personal injury or loss while not having to use lethal force (if capable) to get home safely. In closing I would suggest that when potential criminals understand their intended victims might have the ability to defend themselves, they often reconsider thier illegal actions.

Respectfully,

Robert A. Coster

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 7:44:22 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Benel Piros	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to the fact it is already considered legal to carry as a law abiding citizen. It will render the law abiding citizen at a disadvantage at the said public areas considered for ban to carry, where majority of most crimes are mostly and likely committed.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 8:09:55 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Frey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 8:18:53 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 8:19:45 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 8:52:10 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcus Young	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Crime will happen anywhere and will happen more where criminals know they cannot be stopped. This bill will discriminate low income individuals who rely on public transportation from being able to protect themselves at times where they will be most vulnerable. 30% of Hawaii's workforce are government employees and this bill will not allow them to the right to protect themselves everyday they are working.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 8:15:42 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J Meyers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom it May Concern:

Limiting the ability of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves, especially if they are government workers, not only goes against the principles established when we created the USA, it also goes against the basic human right of self-defense. Furthermore, restricting individuals from carrying a non-lethal, self-defense device, in a state that already essentially bans the legal carrying of firearms by civilians, further emboldens criminals.

Sincerely,

J Meyers

Honolulu, HI

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 8:54:27 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Francis Corpuz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill will prevent government employees to carry electric arms for self defense.

It will prevent people from carrying electric guns in parking lots connected to government buildings, airports and schools.

People who use public transportation or get government services would not be able to carry electric guns for self defense.

A majority of Hawaii citizens would not be able to carry electric guns for self defense

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 9:04:30 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris Wikoff	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to H.B. NO. 1732 H.D. 1 PROPOSED. "The legislature finds it is imperative to protect the health and safety of the public by regulation where electric guns may be carried", yet no evidence of this is offered for this conclusion. The legislature should be more concerned about how it can enhance the safety of the citizenry it SERVES, rather than removing the ability of citizens to protect themselves where ever they may be. The ridiculous nature of H.B No. 1732 is obvious. Since Takayama is not capable of understanding this, let me explain to Takayama in the most simplistic terms. Electric guns are expensive. A citizen only invests in one because of perceived need. A government worker that takes public transit (The Bus) to work, or a citizen who likewise takes the bus to a public meeting place, a public park or beach, or airport, State building or public school might feel the need for protection with an electric gun while in transit and while on public transit and at these locations. This protection should not be denied. In effect, the legislature is declaring that any citizen or government employee is guilty of misusing an electric gun a priori, before the fact. This is un-American and anti-American. Please allow me to school the entire Legislature that United States citizens are innocent until proven guilty and indeed all aliens and illegal aliens are afforded the right to be considered innocent until proven guilty. Yet you still propose to persecute the innocent for future crimes that have not been committed all because there may be a person with criminal intent among them or because one among them may misuse the electric gun. Let me remind the entire Legislature that it has already enacted laws to successfully prosecute crimes that have been perpetrated. There is no need to enact laws to punish citizens by removing their ability to protect themselves from those among us with criminal intent and effectively declaring them guilty of criminal activity before it has been committed. For all of these reasons, I strongly oppose H.B. NO. 1732 H.D. 1 PROPOSED and ask the Legislature to permanently table H.B. NO. 1732 H.D. 1 PROPOSED.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 9:06:55 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph Bussen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

So let me get this straight. Citizens are already not allowed to use a firearm for self-defense. (*We cannot open carry, but we have legal concealed carry even though not one single person including a retired police detective has ever been able to get a CC permit?*) Citizens then ask well how can I legally stop an attacker and defend myself? The answer is you may not. I have no idea why citizens are not trusted to be able to defend themselves, to have a right to basic self-defense. I guess cops are lurking behind every corner. I guess a small woman should be a kung fu master and be able to take out meth heads on her own. It was said that God created men equal, but Samuel Colt **made** them equal. Point being any fool can pull a trigger. Even a small woman can be formidable against a large menace with a gun or in this case, a Taser. Are our police unable to locate shooters and make them pay for their actions? When I watch the news, it isn't long between a shooting and some fool being apprehended. Are criminals now going to be using Tasers to shoot each other?

Do tasers fire more than once? Are they life threatening? Will they be used in bank robberies? These questions are rhetorical. I know a retired police officer who claims he was the liaison between the police and legislators. He claims that he said to legislators that what they were doing was unconstitutional, and was rebuffed with, "We know, they can sue". Coming from one of the finest men I know, and against our legislators track record, I believe him.

Again. I have no idea how we citizens have proven ourselves so untrustworthy. Maybe we do not know when our lives are truly in danger. Maybe we don't know enough to know what we should fear and not fear? Are we not smart enough to learn how to use a taser? Maybe we gave up the right to feel safe? I just know that I shouldn't bother putting pen to paper. When citizens speak legislators have selective hearing. We said no to traffic cameras loudly and clearly. And yet camera bills kept getting introduced and now they are here. There is no doubt in my mind that Taser ownership for self-defense will be as onerous and as useless as gun ownership. I'd bet my life on it. Oh wait. I am.

Joseph T Bussen 3-21-22 1528 Uluhaku Pl Kailua HI 96734

I have no faith in my government. I do not even believe that this letter will be read by anyone.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 9:24:44 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon Abbott	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB1732.

This bill is nothing more than a desperate attempt to prevent lawful citizens from defending themselves using non-lethal means (tasers). The effect of this legislation will, if passed into law, only hurt the most vulnerable in our state.

I urge you to vote no on HB1732.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 9:25:46 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a voting citizen, I ask lawmakers to oppose HB1732. I also ask lawmakers to avoid focusing only how these electric devices can be used maliciously but to consider how they can prevent bodily harm and possibly save lives of law-abiding citizens. As violence against innocent citizens can occur anywhere, HB1732's strict and vague language substantially prevents citizens from using an electric device to defend themselves.

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 9:00:27 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Letha DeCaires	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of HB1732 HD1 Relating to Electric Guns.

I am a retired Honolulu Police Officer. The corrections and limitations this bill is proposing for schools, public transportation and government buildings is a reasonable approach to allowing a person to carry a taser. Whatever technical changes needed to be included to allow law enforcement to enforce this measure should be made.

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HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 9:36:44 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reid oya	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop restricting our right to defend ourselves. With all the crime going on people don't feel safe. If the person being attacked can't Run, not trained to defend themselves, smaller & weaker, what are they supposed to do in that moment. Even if someone calls the police the response time is minutes. It can take only seconds to hurt or kill someone. When the police arrive they're there to investigate. It's too late to stop the crime. Please give the law abiding people a chance to defend themselves.

LATE

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 9:40:04 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rita Kama-Kimura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose the passing of this bill, sadly with recent rise in crime, people have the right to protect/defend themselves should it necessary.

LATE

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 9:46:02 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon Cornforth	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a member of the Hawaii Firearms Coalition and am opposed to this bill. Hawaii already has too many limits on the rights of self-defense. All of these restrictions limit the right of a normal citizen to protect themselves. People should not be banned from using government services simply for exercising their right to self-defense. The bill would also restrict government employees from defending themselves not only at work, but also to and from their jobs.

I respectfully ask that you not pass this bill.

LATE

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 10:17:25 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Law abiding citizens should be allowed the opportunity to keep themselves safe from harm wherever they are legally permitted and as they go about the activities of daily living. Please support my opposition to this bill. Mahalo.

LATE

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 10:27:04 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Harold K Pang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose **HB1732**. As a State that has one of the strictest guns laws for obtaining and owning firearms and at present, no means of concealed carry or open carry, passing **HB1732** would further limit the ability of the individual citizen the right (of non-lethal means) to protect one's life and the life of loved ones. Restricting the carry of electric guns to non-prohibited places also places a restriction to where an individual has the right "to free travel" while having the right to protect themselves and/or loved ones. As seen in recent news reports, the threat to life is not "restricted to non-prohibited places" but can occur anywhere and at anytime. You would think that one would be safe on the steps of a police station. Consider the very limited options the citizens have to "legally" protect themselves, don't further infringe on our choices of how and where we decide to protect ourselves. Kudos to our police department, they are doing the best that can be asked of any human being but in the end.....it was a little too late. Shouldn't the law abiding citizen have the right to protect themselves wherever they want to travel to? Keep in mind that the criminal element doesn't abide by restrictions, laws or prohibited places of carry. In fact, these "prohibited places of carry" may become the primary hunting grounds of violent crimes and murder. **Oppose HB1732.**

LATE

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 9:34:30 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Fukuda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

This bill will heavily restrict the ability of law abiding citizens to carry a defensive device that may help defend themselves from criminals. These devices are non-lethal and purely defensive in nature. The bill is highly prejudiced against people who take public transportation who will not be able to possess these defensive devices. The restrictions are providing criminals safe zones where they know these defensive devices are outlawed such as public transportation and State buildings. Do not support this ridiculous bill that takes away the peoples ability to defend themselves.

Paul Fukuda, P. E.

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HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 10:45:34 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
George Carvalho	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opose, Why make a bill then soon as it is excepted Take the bill away! SHAME on our state!

LATE

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 11:30:16 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jefferson Foust	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I feel this violates the second amendment right which was just ruled on by the supreme court. This is targeting law abiding citizen not those who commit the crimes and don't abide by the laws that are in place now.

LATE

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 10:11:14 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelvin N Asahina, DDS	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

First you passed a bill to allow the use of nonlethal electronic self defense devices which became legal on January 1st of this year and now this bill would make it illegal to carry it in locations where it may be needed the most? This makes no sense at all. I assume these devices were made legal due to their nonlethal effect over firearms but this law will still make being a victim the standard for law abiding citizens in so many locations. Criminals obviously do not care about our laws so restricting tasers from specific locales will mean nothing to them. I understand the rail will be an unmanned source of public transportation. What a ripe location for robberies. I have a patient who is a bus driver who tells me tales of multiple incidences of assault or other crimes on his route on a daily basis. Not everyone will want to be armed with a taser but hopefully those law abiding citizens who do can save themselves or perhaps other helpless victims such as our senior citizens if they can freely carry these nonlethal forms of self defense. Please stop making it easier for the criminals out there.

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HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 11:46:02 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Becky Jones	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill unduly restricts law abiding citizens from exercising their rights. The only people not adversely affected by such a bill are those who disregard the law on a regular basis anyway--the very people for whom law abiding citizens wish to be able to defend themselves against. Hawaii's legislators need to stop treating Federal law as though it doesn't apply in Hawaii and they need to start respecting and supporting the law abiding citizens of Hawaii. This bill will not accomplish what you think it will any more than other legislation has prevented criminals from being armed, dealing drugs, or stealing from the law abiding public. I recommend, instead, that you respect the law, trust the law abiding citizens of Hawaii, and allow the existing electric gun laws to be fully enacted before you make assumptions about problems that don't exist. Stop treating your constituents as irresponsible, uneducated, untrustworthy individuals. Instead, spend your time, energy, and funding on ways to support us and give us the tools to effectively carry on our lives.

LATE

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 12:13:12 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gary Fuchikami	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm opposing this bill because it's yet another way our politicians want to prevent everyday common lawful citizens from protecting themselves. Tasers are a non-lethal weapon that gives a targeted victim a chance to flee fro a criminal. True tasers also leave behind ID confetti so it's not like it's untraceable. Since our politicians will NOT allow us to carry firearms for self-defense, this is the least you can do to allow us to carry real tasers (not stun guns which are worthless due to the very close proximity you have to be to use them). Instead of this bill, pass one that allows us to purchase civilian tasers and carry them for our self-protection.

LATE

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 12:26:23 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
April Ching	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. Our physical safety is paramount as a community.

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HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 12:56:38 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tony Sylvester	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this measure.

Mahalo

Tony

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HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 2:17:06 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Fitch	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a homeowner and a parent. I am writing in strong opposition to this bill. This bill does nothing to improve public safety. In fact, by depriving many citizens of the right to carry a proven self defense tool it would make the public less safe. If you truly care about the health and safety of the citizens of Hawaii then you must not pass this bill.

LATE

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 3:05:07 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris Rusnell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

A continued assault on individual rights to self protection.

Any legislator supporting this is violating their Oath of Office.

LATE

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 2:44:01 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laughlin Tanaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sir:

I would like to ask you to support SB1732 as it high time citizens be able to defend themselves from evil perpetrators who decide our rights mean nothing we are not allowed as citizens use lethal force 1, let us at least have the ability to resist and subdue our attackers. Words just don't cut it anymore.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 3:41:23 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
alex kamau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill! Everyone needs fair protection anywhere!

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 5:32:04 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stanley Mendes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1732 do not ban tasers

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 5:59:25 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Duclayan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE the passing of HB1732 HD1.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 9:10:49 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alvin Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill HB1732HD1. this bill only will punish law abiding citizens of thair right for self defence and will make it easier for criminals to pray on law abiding citizens in our normal everyday activities. especially on public transportation that is well known for criminal activity and violence. look we citizens are not even safe just a few feet away from a police station, or do you need to be reminded of the recent MURDER, why do you politicians keep pushing for laws that hurt law abiding citizens andrewarding criminals? STOP HURTING YOUR CITIZENS AND LET US HAVE THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO DEFEND OURSELVES WHITH LESS THAN LEATHEL WEPONS. as one of your meany citizens I ask for you to vote NO TO BILL HB1732HD1 and vote yes to the rights of your constituents to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

THANK YOU

ALVIN RODRIGUES

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 10:39:49 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Ann K. Holibaugh	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, to quote, "Nothing in Act 183" (now HRS134-8x) "limits the carrying or possession of electric guns in specific locations. The primary limitation on the use of electric guns is that they must be used for self-defense, defense of another person, or protection of property, which can occur anywhere." Hawaii Attorney General in a reply brief to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

I personally oppose HB1732 as it will severely limit law abiding citizens from being able to defend themselves or others. For example, lawful electric gun owners will be prohibited from carrying a taser in the following places: a public mass transit vehicle (bus); a nonresidential building owned, leased, or controlled by the State or county; an office owned or leased by the State or county. As outlined in the current statute, HRS 134-81 thru HRS 134-90, the people of Hawaii finally have an avenue to defend themselves. The specifics of the statute are very clear and I consider this piece of legislation to be well written.

I urge you to not support this bill. If you do you will be severely restricting a right that was just given to the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your time.

LATE

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2022 2:13:18 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Baldonado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **oppose** this bill.

The streets are no longer safe, HPD is short handed and I will not be able to drive my car due to the high gas prices. The funnel that criminals know that we will have to take the bus and be potentially unarmed is unacceptable. Allow us to defend ourselves with something non lethal if confronted with lethal force. At least give us a chance.

LATE

HB-1732-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2022 7:25:55 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Galen J. Pao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I want to go on record that I, Galen J. Pao oppose HB1732. This bill will restrict law-abiding citizens from protecting themselves and their loved ones while seeking services, functions, and activities at government properties.

Criminal elements are everywhere, even amongst government establishments, as the recent murder of an innocent woman at the entrance of the Kapolei Police Station will attest.

This bill does nothing to protect the citizens of this State and does not serve in the interests of law-abiding citizens.

I oppose HB1732.

Galen J. Pao