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

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent** of this bill which makes it unlawful 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.

The DOT also appreciates allowing 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.

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February 24, 2022

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

Dear Chair Nakashima and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1732, H.D. 1 Proposed, Relating to Electric Guns

I am Joseph Trinidad, Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes House Bill No. 1732, H.D. 1 Proposed, Relating to Electric Guns.

This bill proposes that it shall be unlawful for any person to carry or possess an electric gun in or near an airport passenger transportation terminal, commuter operations area, state or county government building, or any meeting place required to be open to the public pursuant to Chapter 92. This is too vague. "In or near" would impact the operational aspects of the HPD, as it would be subject to various interpretations.

A measurable distance needs to be clearly stated such as in Hawaii Revised Statutes §712-1249.6, Distributes or possesses with intent to distribute a controlled substance in any amount within seven hundred and fifty feet of the real property...

The HPD submits this testimony in its role as an integral part of the law enforcement community and respectfully requests the opposition of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,


Rade K. Vanic
Interim Chief of Police


Joseph A. Trinidad, Major
Records and Identification Division

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:40:29 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mark Onnagan	Hawaii Firearms Coalition, Valley Isle Sports Shooting Club	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppse this because of the fact I cannot protect myself and my loved ones everwhere I go. Look what just happened in front of the police station that got the woman killed. She could've protected herself with atleast a taser gun since us people in hawaii cannot conceal or open carry a firearm. Passing this bill will only help the criminals! Why would anyone help criminals, I just don't get it!?

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:10:17 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Hawaii Firearms Coalition OPPOSES this bill.

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." Using them in any other means is a misdemeanor and using them for a crime is a felony.

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 dense.

First, I must clarify that 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 procure. 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.

-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.

Hawaii firearms coalition strongly opposes this bill for the above reasons.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:47:04 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
James Rosa	ROSAS ARMS LLC	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a Federal Firearms Dealer OPPOSE Bill HB1732, which further limits the People of Hawaii to protect themselves and their families, while criminals have NO boundries, thus carry guns, knives, and other weapons in the proposed restricted areas. Hawaii Law Enforcement Agencies are known to HIDE violent criminal acts, although in my business I learn first hand of violent assults made on the People of Hawaii on a consistant basis. For this reason we can't restrict the People of Hawaii when it comes to protecting themselves in any environment or location while the criminals have No Boundries. Mahalo, James Rosa dba, ROSAS ARMS LLC

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 3:46:47 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Soleil Roache	DC Project Hawaii	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

When I and two children were attacked near a bus stop two years ago by a man experiencing a violent psychotic episode, verbal de-escalation did not work, and although I was physically capable of outrunning him, I could not abandon the children I was with. I don't know if he had any weapons on him, but I didn't want to wait to find out. Before he was able to get within arm's reach, the pepper spray I was carrying on my person diminished him greatly and he immediately wanted nothing to do with me or the kids. Had tasers been legal when this attack occurred, I could have used one to achieve a similar outcome. Thankfully, the pepper spray I had worked and I didn't have to go hands on with the man or use any other tools I had with me or any of my martial arts training to make him stop. I was unharmed, the kids were unharmed, and the man was in a world of pain, but ultimately, he was unharmed as well.

After that attack, I applied for a Hawaii concealed carry permit. I am in an vulnerable population making me statistically more likely to be attacked, and had just experienced an attack. Despite that, and despite being highly trained with firearms (I am a NRA firearms instructor, NRA Range Safety Officer, NRA Chief Range Safety Officer, MAGDFI Deadly Force Instructor, and I work full-time for a firearms training company that specializes in legal and moral self defense) my application was denied (just like all other applications have been denied for decades). My denial letter from the Chief of Police told me, "If you or any of those around you are placed in danger of bodily injury by word or deed, the police department should be contacted immediately so that proper action may be initiated."

When I pepper sprayed the man trying to attack me and the children, the entire attack from when he started charging at us to the time I pepper sprayed him was only about 5-7 seconds. There was no one else close by, I did not have time to call 911, and I could not retreat. No one was coming to save me. I was the primary agent in our rescue. I alone was the only person there who was prepared and able to ensure our safety.

I love, appreciate, and support HPD very much, but if my pepper spray incident (and so many other attacks like them) teaches Hawaii's residents and our legislators anything, it should be that the police cannot save you and that YOU are your own first responder. YOU are the primary agent in your own response to crisis. It's time for our self defense laws in Hawaii to change to reflect that truth. Allow the good, sane, sober, moral, prudent, law-abiding citizens of Hawaii to protect themselves wherever they go. Tasers "...must be used for self-defense, defense of another

person, or protection of property, WHICH CAN OCCUR ANYWHERE." -Hawaii Attorney General

When our legislative representatives are protected daily with armed security, prohibiting Hawaii's people from carrying a less lethal tool on government property reeks of hypocrisy and an attitude that government officials are worth protecting, but that Hawaii's people are not. "Sucks to be you!" is the message that that sends, and frankly, it is infuriating.

My husband is a firefighter, our oldest son catches the bus to work, and I drop our middle son off at school every morning. None of us would be able to carry a taser with us daily if this bill is passed.

This bill will affect people of lower-incomes the most. They are already statistically more likely to be victimized, and are also the ones most likely to be walking and catching the bus and going to and from the government buildings and properties where carrying a taser would be prohibited if this bill is passed. If anyone should be carrying a taser, it should be them, but they would have nowhere to store their electric gun while at these prohibited places and therefore couldn't carry a taser with them. One of the teenage girls in my church was attacked on the bus recently on her way home from UH. A taser would have been a great less lethal distance tool that she could have used to protect herself. This bill will ensure that she will remain vulnerable to and from school.

Tasers are not known to cause death or great bodily harm, yet this bill seeks to create "taser free zones" akin to "gun free zones" but tasers simply cannot be used to harm, incapacitate, or kill multiple people like a firearm in a mass shooting. That's not how tasers work. Besides that, using a taser in a manner other than for protection of self, others, or property is already a crime. Passing this bill will only make Hawaii's people more vulnerable and help criminals because they will know exactly where to go to find a defenseless victim.

Please do not pass this bill

Respectfully,

Soleil Roache

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 4:47:39 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jerry Yuen	Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1732. This bill will prevent citizens from legally defending themselves while engaged in daily activities such as commuting to and from work, shopping, school, and other daily errands that involve transportation and/or will be in the vicinity of government buildings.

Violent crime has been increasing in Hawaii and many of these crimes have been in public places. Citizens must have the right to defend themselves since law enforcement officers cannot be present on every bus, school, or government building.

Jerry Yuen

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 6:03:33 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brian Ley	Hawaii County GMAC	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly disagree with this bill. We have people being murdered at the police station and you want to limit our ability to self defense. This is a non lethal method of self defense and it's ridiculous that you want to ban people from protecting themselves.

Mahalo for your time Brian Ley vice chairman GMAC



TESTIMONY

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF HAWAII

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RE: **HB 1732** to be heard on Thursday February 24

Please oppose this bill.

There is already a law dictating the legal use and possession of an “electric gun.” Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Feena Bonoan
Vice Chair
February 23, 2022

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 7:33:49 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Abraham Antonio sr	hawaii county game management advisory commission	Oppose	No

Comments:

i oppose this bill for the reason of it limits protction of self and others

TESTIMONY OF EDWARD L. HOWARD
REGARDING H.B. NO. 1732 / RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS

Thirty-First Legislature, 2022 State of Hawaii

February 24, 2022

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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

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 4:21:05 PM

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

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

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 wording of the bill is purposely vague and very broad in scope.

Crime also does not stop in these particular locations, and sometimes is actually even increased. We hear all the time about attacks and robberies at bus stops ('Commuter Operations Areas' in the bill). So is the person who has no choice but to take public transportation forced to be defenseless? What about if a person is simply walking past a bus stop? Are they now in violation of this law? The fact that these prohibited areas are spread so throughout the downtown area, where crime is rampant, would be in effect a de facto ban on carrying an electric gun for self defense, 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 combined with the proposed HB1455 should be more than enough.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 4:25:15 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Fred Delosantos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose HB1732. This bill imposes ridiculous restrictions on places where stun guns can be used, to render law-abiding Hawaii citizens defenseless against rampant criminals.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 5:55:10 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Donna P. Van Osdol	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Nakashima and Vice Chair Matayoshi:

I strongly oppose this bill because it simply will not allow a young woman who owns an electric gun from carrying it with her while walking in places where she may deem it to be unsafe, such as college areas at night; on the way from work to a bus stop that may be a distance away.

An electric gun could also help save a young woman or man from being kidnapped and trafficked because at least they would have some sort of effective protection.

I urge you to hold this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 6:09:35 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Chris Yates	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Honorable HI Congressional Body,

I write this testimony in opposition to the proposed HB1732, infringement of electric gun ownership bill.

On the heels of a multiple persons stabbing outside of the music venue Republik, and the growing hyper-aggressive homeless encampments strone across town, I, a liberal voter, no longer have faith in state's ability to provide safe and secure environments for average citizens. These non-leathal/less-than-lethal tools are important to one's security and protection when taking into consideration the HPD's ~7minute response time.

Chris Yates

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 6:19:06 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Matt Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Criminals will not choose to follow these laws so citizens should not be made defenseless by these overly oppressive and restrictive desires of those who prefer to be sheep.

As recent headline news reports show, criminals recently released into the general population do not care about your laws and quite willing to cause violence.

Citizens need to be able to defend themselves anywhere at any time since the police cannot or will not do it when an emergency arises.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 6:28:55 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ed Au	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This prohibits electric guns in or on the grounds of government buildings, public schools,, transit stations (excluding bus stops) and on buses/mass transit. Crime happens anywhere, such as right in front of the Kapolei Police Station. Crimes happen, people should have a right to protect themselves. Crimes on public transport, Sheriff at the State Capitol, stores, etc. How are citizens, your constituents to protect themselves. Oppose this, please consider the everyday citizens when this is discussed.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 6:42:31 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Edward Hampton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I don't believe this law will accomplish anything.

Therefore it shouldn't be written or passed, in my opinion.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 6:49:48 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Pablo Penaloza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The right of the people to bear arms shall not be infringed.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 6:59:04 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1732 because it will needlessly limit my options for self defense. I am legally disabled kupuna. I have the right to carry effective protection everywhere I go. Therefore, I have no need for the restrictions enumerated in this bill, which will only help the criminals to win. HB1732 is a very bad bill and should be consigned to the garbage pail. Everything about it is wrong. Electric guns are for use in self defense, defense of others, or protection of property. These situations can occur anywhere. Criminals will not comply with any restrictions of this bill. Why tie the hands of their potential victims? There is no justification whatsoever for this bill. Please, kokua, kill this bill. It has no place in a free society.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 6:59:39 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
tony lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

already ruled unconstitutional

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 7:14:04 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ryan Arakawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Many people that a reliant on public transportation will be negatively affected.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 7:15:25 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Rosemarie Jauch	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Legislators... I am a 64 year old grandmother raising a 11 year old adopted grandchild on the island of Kauai. I was so relieved that the taser ban was lifted last session even though our Governor did not sign it in. Before January of this year I had to submit to a full background check with KPD just to get pepper spray. I have the right to defend myself anywhere outside my home. Putting restrictions on this non-lethal device is compromising my safety and my daughter's. There is a very recent murder of a woman on the steps of the police department beaten to death with a log. Grandma Rose says it's non lethal and I'm speaking in opposition of this effort to place limits on my ability to defend myself and my daughter.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 7:16:00 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Eric Akiyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1732, crimes can happen anywhere. Why do you want to create places where law abiding citizens will not be able to defend themselves with legal methods.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 7:26:20 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
alex kamau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill! Crimes can happen anywhere and people need to protect themselves! It should be carried freely wherever anyone goes for self defense! Being a parent I want to know my kids will be protected!

Thank you!

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 7:30:02 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
William Fiebig	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern, this bill severely limits use of these defensive tools for citizens living in the downtown area and close by. The people who live in this area frequent locations like the park within the Fasi Government complex, the main post office the capitol grounds, library adjacent areas etc. when conducting personal business or recreational walking and the like. In fact, almost anywhere in the downtown, Chinatown and area in between there and Kakaako is close to or on some type of government property. I can totally see not being able to have these electric devices inside of a government building, but outside or adjacent property is a different (and often dangerous) world. Please remove these limitations. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 7:34:26 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
CI48	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello, I write to you in opposition to this bill. What is the point of this? Electric guns just became legal and already attempts are being made to prevent civilians from protecting themselves with them. Why do Hawaii legislators want civilians defenseless? Why do Hawaii legislators refuse to acknowledge that danger has no boundaries? You can't keep everyone safe all the time. Sometimes people need to protect themselves. Not everyone has armed security. This doesn't help to keep Hawaii safe. The state needs to stop restricting civilians from protecting themselves; knowing fully well the state can't protect everyone all the time. So why put civilians in danger by restricting their ability to effectively defend themselves? Stop playing politics with our lives.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 7:37:08 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Matthew Dasalla	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1732.

Making designated zones where a person is not able to legally protect themselves will only emboldened criminals to target people in these locations or leaving these locations.

Please do not limit the ways a person can protect themselves or their families.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 7:52:08 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael Riley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The limits placed are ridiculous.

Crimes can happen anywhere. **The recent murder in front of the Kapolei police station for example.** There are countless crimes occurring on buses, at schools, assault of a sheriff at the State Capitol at night, and many others.

My wife and I are kupuna, and our age group are seen as an easy target due to our age. The police cannot be everywhere. Violent crime keeps increasing and the law abiding keep being disarmed by stupid laws that criminals will not and do not obey.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 7:52:10 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
brett iwanuma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. The right to protect self as well as loved ones should not be restricted in any location.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 7:53:51 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Don Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Restrictions on where we can carry these self-protection items only invites those who have nefarious intentions to prey on those on these restricted areas. Let the history of school shootings remind you that it is better that the criminal, or those intent in harming others, keep guessing about those who they intend to harm as equally prepared to defend themselves. No gun or stun gun zones is just advertising, and inviting, bad people to hurt others.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 7:56:42 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Harold K Pang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a lifetime citizen of the State of Hawai‘i and 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.**

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:00:39 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tom Galli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

These restrictions, aside from their dubious constitutionality, will do nothing to deter crime or enhance public safety. All they will accomplish is helping to ensure that law-abiding citizens remain defenseless against violent criminals.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:01:33 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Stephen T Hazam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please OPPOSE HB1732 HD1. The places that electric guns are restricted or prohibited are so numerous as to make it impractical to carry one. I do not go looking for trouble or put myself in harm's way, but there are criminals and crazy people whose behavior is unpredictable. I am 74 years old. and don't have a car. I usually walk or take the bus, but these prohibitions restrict me to walking. I live across the street from McKinley High School, but you won't let me walk there. I can't walk down Kapiolani because of all the bus stops. I live on the corner of Piikoi, where there is a bus stop. When I consider where I go to shop for groceries, prescription drugs, occasional fast food, etc, I would need a computer to map out a route that won't put me in a prohibited place. Do you really want me to protect myself using a less than lethal electric gun or do you want to restrict myself to living my remaining years in fear and in my apartment? This bill is impractical and does not allow me a less than lethal means to protect myself as I go about my daily activities.

Please OPPOSE HB1732

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:10:38 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lissa Cockett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I stand in opposition of HB1732.

Please stop the passing of this house bill and instead support measures that allow individuals the ability to defend themselves freely with electric guns & without restrictions.

Thank you for your consideration.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:20:09 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law abiding citizen, I oppose this bill because it defeats the purpose of self-defense. At what point are we to accept that being in these areas with no taser, we can still be victims of crime without due process to protect ourselves. We need to be able to protect ourselves and our loved ones in a scenario where we can face loss of life, rape, sodomy Or damage to ourselves. I oppose this bill!

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:22:44 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
David Kikukawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It would greatly limit our right to self defense.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:25:49 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alan Koons	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1732. This bill assumes crimes cannot happen in these noted places/venues. When in fact, crimes can and do happen in such places. Citizens should always have the ability to protect themselves, their loved ones and other citizens when someone purposefully or maliciously puts them in harms way by means of severe injury or death.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:25:50 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Keola De Dely	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is ridiculous and pointless.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:26:03 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
George Pace	Individual	Oppose	No

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

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:28:25 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Levi Ligsay	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha. I am writing to you today about my feelings towards these bills that you want to be passed. I am a law abiding citizen and a registered firearms owner. I believe that the right to protect myself, my family, and other people in my community is essential. Crimes in Hawaii have sky rocketed and protection is what everyone is suppose to have. Crimes happen anywhere and everywhere and for us to be able to carry tasers and electric devices have to be on the top of the list. We are not afforded to carry a firearm either concealed or openly and this would be the closest thing to safety we would have. The 2nd amendment is already being threatened to all in this world. I should be able to protect myself and my family at all times.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:29:32 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
jason wolford	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm strongly opposed to this bill since it

Will effectively make any were out side of your home off limits. So effectively still leaving people defenseless again here in hawaii. A women could use this tool to help stop a rape or kidnapping. Do you not want your wife mother daughters a means to protect them selves against a bigger stronger attackers.

Jason T Wolford.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:38:31 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
David Harwood-Tappe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I, David Harwood-Tappe, hereby OPPOSE HB1732 for reasons stated below.

Criminals have no boundaries! In fact they are so emboldened as to commit murders in front of a police station without hesitation. When you (politicians) create "Gun-Free Zones" you create an environment where it becomes open season for hunting humans! If you look at the statistics provided by the FBI, you will see a great majority of them are committed on or in "Gun-Free Zones!"

Whether it is for guns, electric guns, or pepper spray, etc., you make self defense a crime in areas that are deemed illegal by your standards while criminals take advantage of the opportunities you provide them.

This law will restrict law abiding citizens from being able to defend themselves, all while emboldening criminals to continue, not deter, their unlawful behavior.

It is understandable to restrict guns, electric guns, pepper spray, etc., from entering government buildings where law enforcement or armed security are actively present, but it is sincerely ignorant and dangerous to restrict the use of said defensive tools in ANY other public space.

Please consider what rights you would like to have at your disposal as a law abiding citizen when you are confronted by a criminal holding you at gun point or knife point asking for your possessions while threatening your life. Would you not want something to defend yourself or would you just surrender your life because it has no value? If you don't care about yourself, then imagine someone you do care about. Would you not want them to be able to defend themselves and others if needed wherever they are in public?

We The People need you, our representatives, to think clearly and logically to conclude that this bill needs to be opposed and left to die in this session!

Mahalo for your representing We The People! Have a blessed day!

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:41:26 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Travis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill makes the ownership of a electric gun completely useless as not being able to carry the device for non lethal self defence is the reason for this device. this bill makes no sence and is only another obstical put in place to hinder our rights

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:43:26 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
travis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because you cannot guarantee my or my family's safety at any of the places that is mentioned.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:57:04 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
jayson guzman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill does not make sense. Crime can happen anywhere and at anytime. Criminals do not follow rules. This bill will burden law-abiding citizens and make them more susceptible to becoming victims of crime. Citizens need to be able to protect themselves anywhere.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:12:36 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dennis Djou	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:15:47 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ross mukai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Tasers are a safe and viable self-defense option and should be regulated the same way pepper spray is regulated. Pepper spray has been widely unbanned for many years with no public harm. There is no reason to take tasers away from regular people with this kind of legislative side step.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:41:42 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
JEREMY LEE	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose any bill that restricts the ability from protecting oneself. In these current times, I do not feel safe in many areas, including my own neighborhood. I'm just a normal, short, Asian guy. I'm not a martial artist. I have no way to protect myself without putting myself in danger. By having the ability to carry a device that will give me the ability to defend myself, as well as others around me, finally gives power back to a normal law-abiding citizen. The use of a taser or stun gun is a safe and effective way to stop a threat. It allows the potential victim to stop the attack without having physical contact, and also causes no long term effects to the "criminal". No one dies, and the victim can get away without any injuries. There is no logical reason to pass this bill. Criminals do not follow laws. It's time to give the law-abiding citizens of the place the ability to protect themselves. In all areas that they travel. No restrictions. Period.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:43:23 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tony Sylvester	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose, thank you!

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:45:25 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ron Klapperich	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose the measure because crimes can happen anywhere and the idea of restricting using the electric gun to defend oneself near sensitive areas makes no sense because crimes are more likely to occur in these areas if they are sensitive. The police are not likely to protect us anymore more in these areas than anywhere else. The recent murder of the women in Kapolei in front of the police station proves this point.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:46:33 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alvin Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill HB1732. if this bill is passed it would essentially make it illegal to carry a taser anywhere in the state. I dont understand why you lawmakers dont want law abbiding citizens to have the tools necessary to protect ourselves, our familys or freinds from harm especially in this day and age. just an example. poor homeless lady KILLED RIGHT OUTSIDE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT JUST FEET AWAY FROM A HOLE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE. what is wrong with you politicans you dont care about our safty unless its votting time. insted of making it hard or impossible for law abbiding citizens to protect themselves with less than leathel tools why dont you just stiffen the laws on crimes commited with such tools. punish criminals NOT LAW ABIDING CITIZENS. thank you for taking the time to hear / read my testamony.

a law abiding voting citizen

ALVIN RODRIGUES

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:46:56 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law abiding citizen, I oppose this bill because it defeats the purpose of self-defense. At what point are we to accept that being in these areas with no taser, we can still be victims of crime without due process to protect ourselves. We need to be able to protect ourselves and our loved ones in a scenario where we can face loss of life, rape, sodomy Or damage to ourselves. I oppose this bill!

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:56:32 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ryan Matsumoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi House Representatives,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB1732 due to law abiding citizens becoming criminals by possessing an electric gun near a location deemed "sensitive". This law would penalize only law abiding citizens. What will my elderly parents have to protect themselves since they're vulnerable due to their age? If they walk past a government building or a bus stop and needs to use their electric gun to protect themselves? This law would make them a criminal. What if my wife who is a teacher, needs to stay at school late with minimal employees around and needs a tool to protect themselves? This would law would make a criminal. This law does not protect the public because criminals do not follow laws and will not follow this law.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:17:18 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dean Matsui	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in opposition of bill HB1732.

I'm 2020, the FBI reported 3,576 violent crimes in Hawaii. The site safewise, reported violent crime had increased 16% in 2021 from the previous year.

This bill limits the right of people to carry a non-lethal defensive weapon. This bill limits defensive options of thousands of citizens in low income area who use mass transit in Hawaii. Just recently a tourist was attacked while waiting for a trolley in Waikiki. The assailant was suspected of being homeless. Roughly 36% of the adults have mental health issues and 31% struggle with substance abuse. Almost a third of the homeless in Hawaii suffer from mental health or substance abuse, and many frequent mass transit stations for shelter. This bill would take away a valuable defensive weapon for thousands. I wonder how many of the people who worked on this bill currently wait at a dark transit center in sketchy neighborhood. I use to ride the bus, I've waited at a bus stop at night worried about the sketchy people around me.

This bill limits citizens right to carry a non-lethal defensive weapon almost anywhere near a state or county buildings, several of which I might add are protected by Sheriffs and Security carrying stun guns and firearms. This bill extends even to the parking lot. Imagine if you will the staffer who works at the capital building, who has plans to meet with friends after work. In Honolulu, parking is limited, people are forced to walk to and from their cars. This staffer would be forced to leave their defensive weapon at home. Now, imagine the citizen who has to go to the court building because the person they have a restraining order against broke the order. This person can't leave their defensive weapon in the car. Limiting these weapons within state and county buildings is logical. This bill however, is shortsighted reaches beyond reasonable limitations.

A few days ago a woman was beaten to death with a tree trunk out front of the Kapolei Police Station, just in front of the building steps. This clearly outlines a huge problem with this bill. Firstly, even out front of a police station this woman was not protected. Secondly, it shows criminals do not care about laws. Thirdly, you don't even need a weapon to commit a violent crime, this assailant just picked up a tree trunk or branch.

This bill doesn't stop criminals. This bill only keeps honest people honest, while limiting their ability to defend themselves. This bill doesn't protect the thousands that use public transportation. This bill doesn't help those in low income areas who can't afford to drive to work. This bill doesn't protect all of those people who work in any state or county buildings. Laws should make a real difference, laws should make sense and this one doesn't.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:21:26 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Richard Holibaugh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good Evening, 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.

As a current federal law enforcement officer in corrections, and as a former military police officer in the Hawaii Army National Guard, I received training on the Taser, specifically the Launched Electrode Stun Device, X26E, Train the Trainer Course (8 hours). I can state that this specific electric gun was very effective at incapacitating me when I was "tased" during the course. They are an effective tool, and when used in accordance with HRS 134-81 thru HRS 134-90, they will give a level of safety to the general public.

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.

I thank you for your time.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:27:47 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lionel Delos Santos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha state legislature, i Stongly OPPOSE tis bill because of the crime rate is going up ,like shooting, stabbing , and murders, we cant let criminal to get away of any crime .We need something to protect ourself becaue hpd not there at that time of crime we need to make hawaii safe again.

thank you

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:30:57 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Stanley Mendes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose bil HB1732

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:35:58 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
D Y	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As it reads, HB1732 makes a tool useless. It's just another way to render the public defenseless. Help the the people help themselves by not passing HB1732.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:39:56 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Norman Akau Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I , Norman Akau Jr strongly oppose HB1732 !

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:46:55 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Cheryl Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I used to live in a low income housing in Chinatown where I had to walk by the homeless shelter and soup kitchen everyday to get to and from the bus stop to go to college. I also had a part time job in chinatown. I had a few incidences where a man harassed me on the bus by sitting next to me everytime I got up to move. I moved around 3 times and still the man sat next to me. I ended up just standing up because I felt uncomforable that the man kept rubbing his leg on my leg. I had another incident where a druggie followed me off the bus and stopped me in the middle of the crosswalk and rubbed my arm inappropriately. I froze and ended running home. I was so scared of riding the bus afterwards, I begged my parents to get me a car and I had to use all my savings because I did not feel safe riding the bus anymore. While in the UH parking lot in the middle of the day, I had a man follow me to my car out of nowhere. Imagine this happening late at night when there are students studying at the library. This is more scary because the one of the library is 24 hours. Its not uncommon for studets to be studying until 1-2AM. This bill would prevent me from carrying from all the above situations. Mothers picking and dropping off their kids to school would also prohibit them from carrying tasers because the school is a prohibited place

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:53:15 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jon DS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose because it limits individuals carrying an electric gun

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:02:29 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Joel Berg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Crime agaisnt an innocent persan can happen anywhere. This past Tuesday night **in front of the Kapolei police station** Michael Armstrong is accused of using a tree stump to beat to death 48-year-old Linda Johnson. Electric guns are effective, non lethal, too cost prohibitive to use for illegal purposes with, and contrary to what this bill would suggest would be LEAST EFFECTIVE for criminal use or abuse in a public setting where a 2nd or more people are able to intervene. The very places this bill would propose to ban.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:30:46 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Daniel Oshima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

please oppose HB1732 as this affects many individuals including those who need to utilize public transportation daily and often find themselves in remote locations and/or find themselves in situations where there may not be other upstanding individuals to thwart criminal activity. The individual's need to have defensive tools is important when there is most often no police entity that may be capable for immediate assistance.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:32:57 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this measure as it restricts the right of self-defense for those who are employed, or work in these locations. Our teachers, government employees, bus riders, would not have an electric gun as a deterrent or less than lethal way to protect themselves. Thank you.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:41:44 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
kimo galon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha

I oppose HB1732. Tasers have already been legalized as of January 1st 2022. Why are we creating new laws that further restrict a non lethal self defense electric gun that have never been legal before. This bill will restrict the user to certain areas of the state, WHICH could be potentially and has been known to be the most dangerous to the citizens of Hawaii. Hawaii crime is up and the state is leaving its citizens with nothing to defend themselves with. When will it end. When will the state see that we are constantly wasting tax payers hard earned money on ridiculous legislation that has already proved in favor of tasers in the court of law. Again, I oppose HB1732

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:48:21 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Hipolito Olaes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I vehemently oppose this bill. This is an absurd proposal that essentially bans law abiding citizens from lawfully carrying an electric gun. It also discriminates against the general public who uses public transportation from being able to lawfully defend themselves. Law abiding citizens aren't the problem, it's criminals who don't really care about abiding the law. The more anti gun laws a state passes, the more dangerous the state becomes.

Do not pass this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:52:01 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
David Soon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this restriction on places to keep a self defense device.

Current events had a woman killed in front of a police station.

Obviously, criminals and crazy people don't care where they commit crimes.

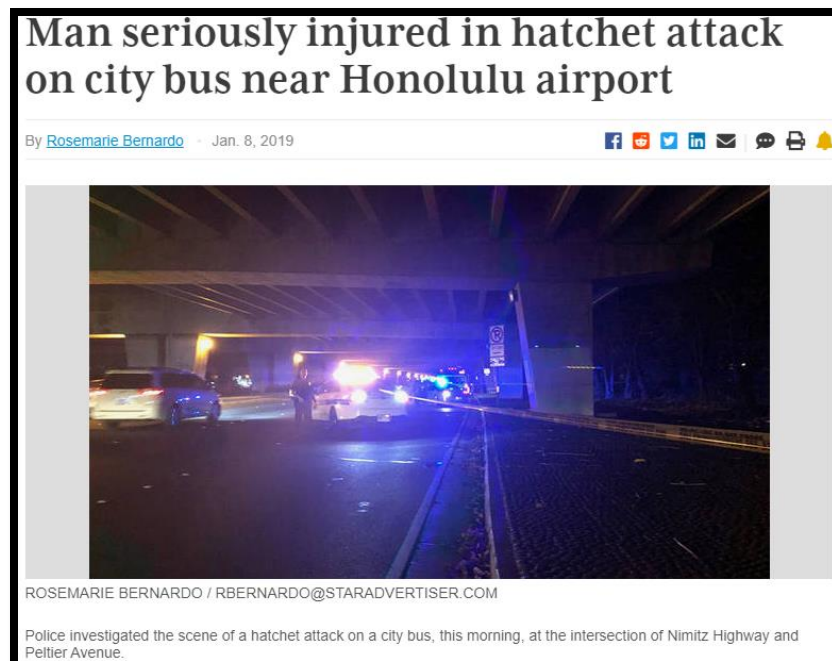
Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee
Hearing: Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.
Regarding: **HB 1732 HD 1(Relating to Electric Guns)**
Voter Position: OPPOSITION

Representatives of the Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

I express my **opposition** to **HB 1732 HD 1 (Relating to Electric Guns)**. This bill is a companion to SB 2738 and constitutes a *de facto* ban of a defensive electrical device. By extension, **HB 1732 HD1 threatens** public safety by removing a viable means of self-defense from citizens. **HB 1732 HD1** serves only as a prohibition *against* safety and personal protection.

The Public is Under Constant Threat by Criminal Actors

After a quick review of recent news coverage, it is apparent that citizens are constantly being harassed by criminals on a daily basis 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. To restrict a private citizen's ability to protect themselves from criminals at public locations is 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**. Below are only a few of the numerous crimes that have occurred on public transportation routes and in public places over the past few years:



Source: https://www.staradvertiser.com/2019/01/08/breaking-news/man-seriously-injured-in-hatchet-attack-on-city-bus-near-honolulu-airport/?fbclid=IwAR08AB348_D5cx4uyci2MAdsOCTjioUZmNhfD1jht5Nk2LoMKt2vuA7FVis

TOP NEWS

Man, 49, robbed at knifepoint at downtown Honolulu bus stop, police say

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Honolulu police are looking for a male suspect who allegedly robbed a 49-year-old man at knifepoint at a bus stop in downtown Honolulu Friday.

The robbery occurred at the 1100 block of Alakea Street at about 5:20 a.m.

Police said the suspect described to be in his 20s demanded the victim's items while holding a knife. The suspect took unspecified personal property and left the scene on foot with two other males.

No injuries were reported.

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

Kona International Airport Shutdown

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HONOLULU (HawaiiNewsNow) - Kona International Airport was forced to shut down on Wednesday night after a man climbed a fence into a restricted area, the state Department of Transportation said.

It started around 6:15 p.m.

DOT officials said the man made into a "sterile area," which is after TSA screening. That eventually caused the TSA to shut down for an hour and a half, reopening around 9 p.m.

Hawaii County police were notified, but at last check, no arrests have been made.

Source: https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2022/02/10/dot-man-scales-fence-kona-airport-impacting-5-flights-more-than-1000-passengers/?fbclid=IwAR0N5ESQaom0jjzZvhnOZpflkWKf_ywd-QcF8uu6zuIMVnNDqhpJIqMtgI

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Sexual assault on TheBus leaves Oahu teen shaken, father thanks bus driver for stepping in

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Disservice to Residents that Use Public Transport and Public Facilities

Like its SB 2738 counterpart, **HB 1732 HD1** will pose no hindrance to criminal activities. The headlines above reveal that crime is already ongoing and it isn't always stopped by law enforcement in a timely manner. Instead, the citizen suffers injury and is left defenseless. **HB 1732 HD1** adversely affects public health and safety by restricting locations where citizens can carry a defensive electrical device. In order to ensure public safety, a prudent move would be to deny passage of **HB 1732 HD1** and allow citizens to carry defensive devices without unnecessary restrictions.

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of **House District 48**

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:19:42 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it will restrict the ability to defend myself in isolated areas of the island where I could be a potential victim. I teach night classes and after class the campus is very dark and isolated. Sometimes I am the last to leave about 9:00 pm and the parking lot is empty with no security to be seen anywhere. This is an ideal situation for me to feel protected with an electric gun and this bill would defeat the purpose of owning one for self defense. Please consider this testimony as extreme opposition to this bill. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:38:48 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
austin gapsis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please don't limit the use of electric guns. I would like to give one to my wife and mother just in case so that they can protect themselves. Banning them at specific locations is tantamount to an all around ban because if you can use it here and not here and there but not there you just decide to not bring it because it's too much work and if you leave it in your car someone could steal your electric gun. Which I imagine comes with consequences.

I understand some in the state legislature think any weapons are bad but please look at it from a woman's perspective. Most of the world around you could victimize you at a moments notice and there's nothing you could do about it. Allow them a chance to protect themselves

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:04:06 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mark White	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima and JHA Committee Members:

I strongly, oppose HB1732

It is unbelievable--unthinkable--to me that you might consider approving and advancing **HB1732** to the full House for a vote. Not only are you defying a federal court order, you are endangering the lives of Hawaii citizens.

Crimes can and are committed everywhere, including directly in front of police stations and government buildings. The effort in this bill to now restrict the possession of electric guns, a purely defensive, non-lethal weapon, from so-called public places is not only asinine, but frankly negligent on the part of those Hawaii legislators supporting it.

It is pure petulance and willful arrogance that this measure is even brought before the Hawaii legislature after legal rulings concluded the people of Hawaii are to be allowed to defend themselves against violent crime on our streets, in public places, on public busses, and throughout the Aloha State.

Defer this measure indefinitely.

Mark White
94-217 Olua Place
Waipahu HI 96797

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 4:40:58 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
PHILIP LAPID	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose the bill HB1732 relating to electric guns prohibited places to carry. This bill HB1732 does not help tax payer citizens and residents at all, because the main reason to carry electric guns is to protect oneself from bad guys. Because criminal minds has already the intention to cause harm physically, emotionally, and psychologically. Criminals disregard laws and already creating havoc in the society. While the said electric guns will not stop a criminal one hundred percent, at least the law will give a normal law abiding citizen something to protect oneself, love ones, and other individuals.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 4:48:59 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brendon Heal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose this legislation

It is utterly ridiculous to propose that lawful citizens relinquish their tool for defense of self in these places suggested. These are the very places where lawful citizens are constantly assaulted, robbed, and murdered. We've see it in the news.

The disdain for law abiding citizen's right to defend themselves is utterly blatant. It is obvious this legislature values felons over its own citizens.

The murder of a woman on the steps of the Kapolei police station is all the proof I need of this fact.

Oppose this bill

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 5:09:54 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
mittchell weber	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB1732,

The ability to defend oneself does not end at the threshold of government buildings.

The progressive policies implemented and outlined, by the legislature & judiciary have inspired and emboldened criminals in our state. The almost daily violent acts we hear about are only going to get worse as you continue to double down on your naive ideologically driven social justice crusade. The people of Hawaii have spoken and we legally want to carry, whether it be on the bus or even as it now seems necessary in front of POLICE stations!

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 5:27:54 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 5:39:28 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this measure. Crimes still happen in these proposed restricted places. All school shootings happened in a "Gun Free Zone" by criminals.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 6:02:26 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
chris p pang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I support HB1732 and allowing honest citizens to carry any weapon to protect themselves. For a lawmaker to support this bill shows how selfish and clueless they are. There should be no restrictions on where you can take this selfdefense tool there is crime everywhere and the druggies criminals rule the streets because of sheltered democrats with no common sense.

Thank you,

Chris

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 7:22:21 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jordan Au	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose this bill because it will restrict the carrying of electric guns in way too many places. Violent crime can happen anywhere (for example, the murder in front of the Kapolei police station) so people should have the ability to protect themselves everywhere.

Thanks,

Jordan Au

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 7:24:06 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

in october 2021, i was accosted on the steps of HPD by a person wearing a sailor's outfit that displayed signs that he had some mental health issues

fortunately, nothing happened because there were a large group of us present, but i would like to note that officers did not come out of the building to check on us until after the person tried to enter through the front door metal detector and had left the grounds

if i had been alone, who knows what would have happened

this bill would have taken away my right to carry a taser (if it were legal at that time) on the steps of HPD headquarters

you cannot legislate or control when or where crime may take place, so why do you think that you can legislate or control where people can exercise their right to defend themselves?

i strongly oppose this measure

mahalo for your time

steve

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 7:45:38 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
steven lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I poppose HB1732 because it will limit our law-abiding citizen's abilities to defend themselves in many places. Criminals will simply ignore the prtoposed restrictions of this bill. It will make our citizens less able to protect themselves against criminals.

Please protect our citizens' rights to protect themselves and oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:00:30 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sean Loo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because crimes can happen anywhere and criminals are everywhere. This bill would prevent people from carrying an effective tool to defend their life/family from criminals. I live right by a public school which many residents do, this bill would prevent me from carrying a taser while I walk my dog since the route I take is right along the school. Why do you politicians keep trying to pass laws that prevent law abiding citizens from defending themselves while the criminals are running free to do as they please. Criminals do not follow the law!

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:01:15 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Joann Salakielu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as written to prohibit stun guns in certain places.

There is a lot of crime happening on government property and we should be able to protect ourselves in those areas as well as anywhere else.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:01:22 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jorelle Pagdilao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Strongly oppose this bill. This basically means "don't carry an egun". Crime rates has sky rocketed the past few years. We are the 49th to finally legalize eguns and now they want it to be stripped away. This bill basically tells us that's it's ok to be victims, be defenseless to criminals. The only people that benefits from this bill, again, are criminals.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:11:08 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
James Logue	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill basically destroys the ability of law abiding tax paying citizens to be able to defend themselves nearly anywhere in public. With the lack of police resources and manpower we are seeing more brazen crimes being committed. Recently, a man was hatched in the head on the bus.... public transportation.

It is my hope that this measure not be moved forward as we as citizens should have the right and ability to defend ourselves and especially be able to defend ourselves on public properties that are paid for by our tax dollars.

I myself work for the State Department of Human Services. We've had multiple robbery attempts on employees in our very own parking lot. Cars broken into. Physical attacks. We as employees of the very entity funded by our tax dollars should have every right to carry a taser in self defense on public, state, city & county, properties.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:18:59 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Robert A Okuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I respectfully oppose this bill since the venues that prohibit carrying tasers are in areas prone to criminal activity.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:23:05 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Keith Kobayashi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I urge you to oppose HB1732. With violent crimes on the rise this bill will prohibit law abiding citizens from carrying electric guns for self defense in areas that's it's needed the most.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:26:39 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Gordon Lau Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1732 because a crime can be committed anywhere and criminals will know where eguns are not allowed. TY

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:47:30 AM

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

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill and here's why:

1) How are parents going to possess/carry an electric gun (EG) when taking their kids to school and picking them up? If this bill passes, then the parent would have to drop off their child and go back home to get their EG and repeat the process when picking up their child. No one will do this, so this is basically a loop hole to ban EG's.

2) We run into the same issue with non-residential state/county buildings. I cannot just leave the EG in their car.

3) The airport section would be redundant and goes beyond what federal law is.

4) Banning EG's on the bus is a major loop hole to ban EG's as well. Now people who rely on public transport will not be able to protect themselves with an EG.

So this bill is basically trying its best to ban carrying of EG's since the SCOTUS ruled that they're covered under the 2nd amendment.

Then add in that no one in HI can purchase an EG in HI yet because no permits to sell have even been issued. So if any departments claim "public safety", how do they know since no one can buy them here. It's an excuse they're making based on feelings and not crime reports/records.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:48:38 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Addison Caluya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I wish to voice my opposition to HB1732. As worded the bill restricts the use of the recently approved tasers to such a degree as to make them inapplicable to the use case of self defense anywhere other than in the home. This effectively bans their use for the principle reason to own a less than lethal means of self defense on your person.

I strongly urge you to not pass this bill and re-evaluate how this bill is worded and what it restricts.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:55:35 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Marcus Young	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose these limits on carrying and holding electronic devices as they serve no purpose on allowing ANY and ALL individuals the right to protection. For example, the elderly or low income individual who would be dependent on public transportation would not be allowed to carry with them in the most susceptible time they would be exposed to violence and crime.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:57:49 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
William Carreira	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** this bill. Victims cannot choose where or when they will be assaulted or accosted. Limiting the areas in which stun guns can be used for defense creates areas where criminals may act without fear of resistance by victims. Criminals by there very nature don't follow laws. This will only endanger law-abiding citizens by limiting their ability to defend themselves. Strike this bill down. Thank you for your time.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:03:20 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Walter Kanemori	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

People should be able to defend themselves in all public places wherever the criminals are. Bill is poorly written.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:04:50 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
davin asato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB1732.

For a citizen that wants the ability to defend themselves while outside of their home, this bill is of a large concern to be able to effectively do that. Not being able to predict when you may be a victim of a crime is not something that anyone has foresight in to. It can happen anywhere and at anytime.

With this bill restricting the areas that a electric gun may be possessed, it makes it far more difficult if not impossible to be able to carry for self defense. I used to work at Long's on Hotel Street many years ago. The area was less then safe and I needed to constantly be aware of my surroundings. I would catch the bus from Palisades every morning and back in the evening. While I had a car, parking was expensive and further from my place of work then where the bus would stop. If I were still employed there, under this bill, I would be able to carry a electric gun from the home that I lived in and walk to to bus stop. But I wouldn't be allowed to have it on me while waiting for the bus to arrive or while on it. I needed to catch a 520am bus, that's dark hours and needing to be there at least 10 minutes prior so I don't miss it puts me at risk. Additionally, not being able to have it on me while on the bus is a increased concern as I would have no way of protecting myself on the way to or from work.

Still under this bill, even if I had driven to work, I would not be able to have a electric gun in a parking structure. In a area that is already high in crime, assaults, burglury, and theft, many crimes happen in the parking structures that this bill would ban the posession of a means to defend myself.

For these reasons, I oppose HB1732. I hope that my elected representatives will vote on the side of law abiding citizens and give them the ability to defend themselves.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:11:45 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Glenn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to any bill that would limit the places that tazers and or other non lethal self defense devices can be used. It makes no sense authorize law abiding citizens the ability to carry and use tazers only to turn around and restrict them by only allowing them to be legalized used to certain areas.

It effectively puts the rights of criminals, thugs, or other bad actors above the rights of the law abiding. This makes no sense at all.

Anyone who is authorized and permitted ought to be given freedom to use these non lethal devices anywhere there could be a potential threat. Public transportation, school property, government buildings any public places should not be off limits cause those are all the places where crimes against the law abiding will be committed

What good is the right and ability to carry a tazer if one is restricted to use them in certain areas.

It is yet another case where you favor the ability of criminals or other malicious actors to operate over the rights of a law abiding citizen to protect themselves

please strike down the passage of this legislation it is simply ridiculous!!

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:11:54 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Arthur Kluvo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

What, another bill to protect the innocent? Well, it appears that this bill HB1732 will actually make it easier for the criminal that has NO regard for the law. The criminal will now learn he has a much better opportunity to commit crimes in parking lots and other public places where he/she will unlikely encounter any opposition .

What's next, BASEBALL BATS???

Please vote NO for HB1732.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:44:30 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Gary Fuchikami	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm writing to strongly oppose this bill as it leaves the victim defenseless in too many scenarios. If they're able to lawfully possess an electric gun (aka "stun gun") which is for the most part a non-lethal defensive weapon, why are you limiting it's use? The State already refuses to allow lawful citizens to carry firearms for protection as they NEVER issue permits to ordinary qualified citizens and now when they opt for a non-lethal weapon, you hamstringing them again!

It's absolutely frustrating that our government does everything they can to keep innocent citizens as VICTIMS for criminals who do not follow the laws. They can carry firearms and possess them illegally while the law-abiding go through all the hoops in order to lawfully obtain them. Yet you refuse to allow them to protect themselves anywhere outside their home's property line. The 2nd Amendment has no such limitation on where you're able to protect yourself and your family. With this non-lethal electric guns, people should be able to have them as they ride public transportation, walking down sidewalks and parking lots/structures, etc. Everyone knows that the police will NEVER save you from injury or death. They're only there to apprehend the criminal after the fact and to clean up the mess. Unless we have police officers on every corner on every block, there's no way we can be safe from predators without the means to protect ourselves.

I certainly hope you won't put restrictions of where to carry "stun guns". In fact, I hope you will loosen up the requirements to obtain them INCLUDING civilian tasers, which are much more effective than stun guns because with stun guns you must be right next to the criminal. At least tasers allow the victims to be a safe distance away when they implement it. Also, FYI civilian tasers scatter ID tags when fired which is used to trace who purchased the taser cartridge.



**A. Kevin
Makizuru**

February 23, 2022

RE: Testimony in opposition of HB1732 Relating To Electric Guns

To: Whom it may concern,

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you today. My name is Kevin Makizuru live in and used to work in the 96817 zip code. I am person with disability's with family member also with disabilities.

I am here today to speak with you about **House Bill1732** which is Relating To Electric Guns. I want you to know that I do not support this bill.

(A) This bill is import to me because, as person who lives and used to work in the 96817 zip code i have seen the changes throughout the years in our community. I feel that my personal safety has been compromised on numerous occasions even to the extent of calling HPD to my business. (i.e. vehicle theft, snatch and grab out of the warehouse, drug deals being preformed right outside in my parking area.)

(B) As a person who's is able to use the Handi-Van system of transportation from time to time it would be impossible for me to protect myself while waiting for such transportation during various hours of the day because of this bill.

(C) I have already taken the NEW E-Gun/Taser Training being offered by many dealers on Oahu as well have taken NRA Basic Pistol Course in the past. I am just awaiting being able to purchase.

The passing of this bill would hurt me and my family by being able to protect us, any other person and our personal property if passed.

Mahalo for your time and public service.

A. Kevin Makizuru

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:53:54 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
tony frascarelli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly opposed to this bill. Last year the legislature authorized the purchase and carrying of electric guns. This year they want to restrict where such items can be carried. Crime is everywhere on Oahu. Users of public transportation would be at risk since the bill would prohibit carrying them on such. Persons walking around downtown would face issues due to the very general prohibition regarding public building/structures and associated grounds. A person would need to program a GPS to figure out where one could or could not go while carrying an electric gun.

Once again the proponents of this bill seem to care less about crime and more about restricting the ability of the people to protect themselves. Vote this bill down.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:57:40 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Philip Tong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill! crime can happen anywhere. we only recently are able to have this non lethal method of self defense yet here is this bill taking even this away. a'ole! help us please! mahalo

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:01:32 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Normand A Cote	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha

I Oppose HB 1732

We need the ability to protect ourselves from those whom want to injure and/or kill us.

Respectfully,

Normand A Cote

Law Abiding Citizen

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:04:27 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Paul Fukuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

This bill is ridiculous. Why would you make it illegal to possess an electric gun in an extensive list of places that makes it almost impossible to carry it anywhere? The electric gun helps people defend themselves from criminals why deny them the ability to do that? What this bill is doing is setting up criminal safe zones. It also discriminates against people who use public transportation. Do not support this bill.

Paul Fukuda, P. E.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:10:19 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill and will vote accordingly. Law abiding citizens should have to right to self-defense no matter where they are.

Mahalo

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:17:10 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mark Woodward	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to HB 1732.

I enjoy walking through my neighborhood in the early morning, by myself. I was looking forward to the added comfort of carrying some type of non-lethal protection during my walks. However, I cannot think of any route that I could take where I would not pass closely by at least two bus stops. At my age, the idea that I could fend off a younger and stronger attacker, especially multiple attackers, with some type of special martial arts training is unrealistic. I also use public transportation (the Bus) whenever I can. Carrying an electric gun would increase my sense of security while riding the bus in the earlier morning and at night. Due to a recent incident, I observed while riding the bus, I no longer use public transportation at night.

I cannot think of anywhere I go during my daily routine where, at some point, I would not be in violation of the law under HB 1732, if I was in possession of a legally acquired electric gun for non-lethal self-defense. HB1732 appears to be a cynical attempt to circumvent the newly acquired right of citizens of Hawaii to carry effective, non-lethal protection for self-defense.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:21:51 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Restricting where defensive devices can be used only creates locations where criminals can act with impunity and without effective opposition. Infringing on the right to self-defense makes criminals safer, not the rest of us.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:29:20 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Francis Corpuz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As the recent murder in front of the Kapolei police station shows, crime can happen anywhere.

Many self defense situations happen where this bill is trying to prohibit.

The people, who use public transit, will be at greater risk of being victims of crime. Which will lead to them to stop using public transit. I use public transit everywhere I go.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:40:37 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lyle HIromoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because crimes can happen anywhere. This includes outside of a police station. Innocent people need a way to defend themselves. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:44:42 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jacob Holcomb	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Assaults, rapes, and robberies happen at so-called "sentitive locatioons" all the time. The people have a right to adequate self defense.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:48:42 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Rita Kama-Kimura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose the passing of this bill HB1732 in regards to prohibiting electric guns in or near certain sensitive locations?

Not sure what the introducer really had in mind, however there does not appear to be any logic or serious thought given to this bill and what it might do. Therefore, I ask that you stop this now.

Mahalo for your time, Rita Kama-Kimura

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:53:54 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Frank Fasi Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

OPPOSE HB1732 Prohibited places for electric guns. The new proposed HD1 version prohibits electric guns in the following places:

- (1) A public school, any building, grounds, facility, structure, and appurtenant parking structure or lot;**
- (2) A nonresidential building owned, leased, or controlled by the State or county, including but not limited to its grounds and any appurtenant structure, facility, and parking structure or lot. This includes but is not limited to Iolani Palace, the state capitol, an office building, a library, a college, a court of law, a stadium, and an arena;**
- (3) An office owned or leased by the State or county;**

(4) An airport, which includes any terminal, building, structure, facility, and appurtenant parking structure or lot;

(5) A public mass transit vehicle; (bus and rail)

(6) A public mass transit terminal or transit center, except a bus stop that is located on a public sidewalk; or

(7) A meeting place required to be open to the public pursuant to chapter 92,

As you have seen on the news crimes can happen anywhere, including the recent murder in front of the Kapolei police station. There are countless crimes occurring on buses, at schools, assault of a sheriff at the State Capitol at night, and many others.

This also hurts people of lower-incomes who are the most likely to be the ones walking and catching the bus, and going to and from these government buildings. They have nowhere to

**store the electric gun while at these places,
therefore, cannot carry it with them.**

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:04:01 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sandra Van	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

OPPOSE HB1732 Prohibited places for electric guns.

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This also hurts people of lower-incomes who are the most likely to be the ones walking and catching the bus, and going to and from these government buildings. They have nowhere to store the electric gun while at these places, therefore, cannot carry it with them.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:11:21 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael A. Wee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I stonrgly OPPOSE this measure. Electric guns have only been legal for law abiding citizens since January 2022,and are not widely available for sale yet. There is no history of misuse to justify a restriction of this kind now.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:13:21 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Chris Wikoff	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1732 in its entirety. Self-defense is a controversial subject because members of our government such as Rep., Gregg Takayama seem to believe that anyone who is in possession of a personal protection device, an electric gun, are threats to society. It seems that there is a movement afoot in our governmental ranks to bar any type of defensive device from our citizens. However, the recent murder by beating outside the Kapolei Police Station on Feb 18, 2022 should be enough evidence for the rational person or government official that a person can be successfully attacked and even murdered no matter how close the protection authorities are. If a person chooses to take the responsibility for defending themselves with an electric gun or any other personal protection device, they should not be restricted from possessing this freedom. The notion that adding more and more restrictions simply serves to turn law abiding individuals into so called criminals while forcing them to be more vulnerable to the criminal elements among us. This is an unconscionable notion, and this proposed law is unconscionable. It should be stricken down in its entirety. There are already laws in place to protect society from people who commit crimes and if a crime is committed using an electric gun, then they can be prosecuted under current laws. This proposal is shameful. Please permanently table it.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:27:44 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Galen J. Pao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I, Galen J. Pao, want to go on record that I oppose HB1732.

As a citizen of the United States and a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment, I believe in defending myself and my loved ones. This Bill will severely restrict my ability to do so. Just recently an innocent woman was killed just outside the Kapolei Police Station. This building will be considered a restricted building to possessing an electric gun if HB1732 is allowed to pass.

I find all the restrictions totally unacceptable. Crimes in these areas do and will happen. HB1732 does not have the citizens of Hawaii's interest at heart. I personally cannot believe this Bill is even being considered.

Galen J. Pao

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:30:15 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Zach Eisenberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha

With the spike in violent crime towards unarmed citizens restricting our ability to defend ourselves and our children from attack seems unconstitutional and counter productive. My family and I have been the victims of assault multiple times. We were unarmed and a taser could have prevented this attack.

Mahalo!

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:38:04 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Benel Piros	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because whats the point of having a the taser legally when you can't carry it in common areas when crime can occur any where at any time. Also its not available for purchase in Hawaii.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:39:34 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sterling Luna	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose. As crime or threat of harm can happen anywhere as an example of Kapolei police station limiting law abiding citizens does not help and only hinders one of self protection.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:39:46 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jerry Ilo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. This is clearly a huge step back for law abiding citizen that choose to protect themselves.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:44:04 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
John D'Adamo III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose HB1732 Because it will limit my ability to defend my self and family

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:04:19 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Taarna D'Adamo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this house bill, as it takes away my right to self defense. Not allowing me to carry a electronic gun when taking my daughter to and from school makes me vulnerable and unable to defend myself and my young daughter.

Crimes are still committed in these **phobibited** places mentioned in this bill. Therefore the residence should be allowed to protect themselves and their families.

HB-1732

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:34:03 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kevin J. Cole	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose HB 1732. As with many other similar measures, HB 1732 seeks to curb problems that don't really exist and creates whole new sets of problems. The whole purpose of "electric guns" is to provide a non-lethal response to violent attacks. The vast majority of people who would possess and use such devices are not a threat to anyone. Don't not make any unnecessary statutes that only criminalize common sense and self-protection.

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Kevin J. Cole, Col USAF (Ret) Mililani

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:36:38 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
sara jones	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is too much government oversight. All areas on this island have crime and safety/security issues. No need to restrict locations to carry.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:49:23 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Forrest Shoemaker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing as a private citizen that has an ever growing concern with safety in Hawaii and urge you to oppose HB1732 and SB123. Finally, something was approved that will allow citizens to protect themselves and their families and friends in an ever more dangerous Hawaii. While I can understand a few restrictions, such as in Courts, the long list of restrictions on this Bill are ridiculous. You may as well not have a tool if you can't use it. The restriction list here is so broad it covers almost any place you may be. It totally ignores the FACT that crime happens everywhere. A citizen (victim) has no control or influence over where a crime may happen to them. And here you are saying if you get mugged, raped, robbed, assaulted or attacked you, the innocent victim must consider if you are near or in any of these areas before defending yourself or family. Does that make any sense at all? Everyone knows the Police, as great as they are, are never there to prevent a crime but only respond, in almost all cases, after the crime has been committed. I urge you to oppose this illogical bill.

Sincerely,

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:49:54 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Samuel M. Aquino Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I'm writing this testimony today to say that I oppose HB1732 as it makes carrying an electric gun/taser very difficult for individuals who are just trying to protect themselves. This is especially true for people who wish to carry an electric gun/taser for personal protection and who do not drive and have to catch the bus to get around. Their routes that they have to take may very well take them to places/buildings/transit stops that may not allow carrying an electric gun and they are instantly in violation. And for the individuals who do drive, they would have to leave their tasers in the car when they are visiting certain places deemed "sensitive" and would defeat the whole purpose of carrying for self-protection. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:52:11 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Shane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Any ban on something classified as less than lethal is just wrong. How are people suppose to protect themselves or loved ones. We can't just run away every time. We can't know when trouble is going to come to us. At least give us a chance. I strongly oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:52:22 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Yeung Yeung Yu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1732 in its entirety. We have more than enough gun laws to protect us and to prosecute those who do harm to others. Citizens need to defend themselves instead of being further restricted against defending themselves when the situation, such as the most recent attack on a woman beaten to death outside the Kapolei Police Department, arises.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:55:05 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Joshua Yamashiro	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I oppose HB1732 for the fact that crimes can happen anywhere and law abiding citizens should always have options for self defense available.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:57:13 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
James D. O'Keefe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill would deny the right to self-defense, especially the right to use a non-lethal method to defend oneself, to many of those who might need it most: the hotel worker, the nurse, the Uber or Lyft driver, anyone who takes public transport, or drops off their children at school, or has to visit a government office, medical clinic, or anywhere else on the broad list of prohibited places. This turns what is a right, as recognized by the US Supreme Court in *Caetano*, into a privilege that few people can access.

I am a firearms instructor who teaches, among other disciplines, concealed carry firearms courses recognized by 39 states. I have had numerous students who told me that they wished for a less-lethal means to defend him- or her-self. I know of a nurse whose abusive ex-boyfriend repeatedly threatened her life. While she was trained in firearm skills and safety, she couldn't bring herself to carry a gun, even if that were a legal option for her. She wanted something that would stop her ex- should he try to fulfill his threat, but electric guns and Tasers were not legally available to her, so the doctors at her hospital bought her a very loud rape whistle. It wasn't nearly enough defense for her, although it did attract numerous witnesses who later testified at her ex-boyfriend's murder trial.

Prohibiting defensive tools on public transit is one of the very worst aspects of this bill because it tells every predator that those riding the bus or train is pretty defenseless against attack. I can picture a housekeeper, a nurse, or a cook, getting off shift after dark, waiting alone at a bus stop... easy pickings for a predator, knowing that they are disarmed by law.

Extending that prohibition to schools, public buildings, and events, will mean that anyone who needs to go to one of those any time during a day will have to leave their protection at home, no matter where else they travel to during the day.

In sum, this bill draws so many proscriptions around a right as to make that right null and void in the State of Hawaii and, for the above reasons, deserves to be soundly rejected by this body.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:59:24 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Owen Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good day,

I am posting my testimony I opposition of HB1732. As a law abiding citizen and combat veteran I find any law that will impede a citizens right to protect his/herself against potential violent attenders offensive. I served this great nation for 43 years and during that time I completed three combat tours of duty in foreign lands. Each time I was given a weapon to protect myself against an enemy that posed no threat to me or my family. Instead they were the enemies of big business and old politicians. However when I want to actually protect those I love I am met with opposition on all sides. Many of those who wish to restrict my rights granted under the Second Amendment are themselves able to pay to protection or is granted protection by the government a luxury not available to me. I am my families first one of defense regardless of where that may be, at home, on the bus or in a public place. My 43 years of service has to mean something. I have never been arrested or committed any crimes but yet my desire to protect my life and that of my family is viewed as a threat. Criminals are not concerned about laws they will continue to victimize innocent citizen with no regard of the law. Let come and other protect our families like we did for the wealthy and privileged when I was a Soldier.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:08:59 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Chris Shomo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1732 in its entirety. Self-defense is a controversial subject because members of our government such as Rep., Gregg Takayama seem to believe that anyone who is in possession of a personal protection device, an electric gun, are threats to society. It seems that there is a movement afoot in our governmental ranks to bar any type of defensive device from our citizens. However, the recent murder by beating outside the Kapolei Police Station on Feb 18, 2022 should be enough evidence for the rational person or government official that a person can be successfully attacked and even murdered no matter how close the protection authorities are. If a person chooses to take the responsibility for defending themselves with an electric gun or any other personal protection device, they should not be restricted from possessing this freedom. The notion that adding more and more restrictions simply serves to turn law abiding individuals into so called criminals while forcing them to be more vulnerable to the criminal elements among us. This is an unconscionable notion, and this proposed law is unconscionable. It should be stricken down in its entirety. There are already laws in place to protect society from people who commit crimes and if a crime is committed using an electric gun, then they can be prosecuted under current laws. This proposal is shameful. Please permanently table it.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:09:11 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jon Abbott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is an effective ban on tasers and other electric guns. It prevents those who most need defensive tools like tasers from carrying them where they will most likely be attacked. I urge you to oppose this bill and vote nay on passing it closer into law.

House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Representative Mark Nakashima, Chair
Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair

HEARING: February 24, 2022 at 2pm
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.

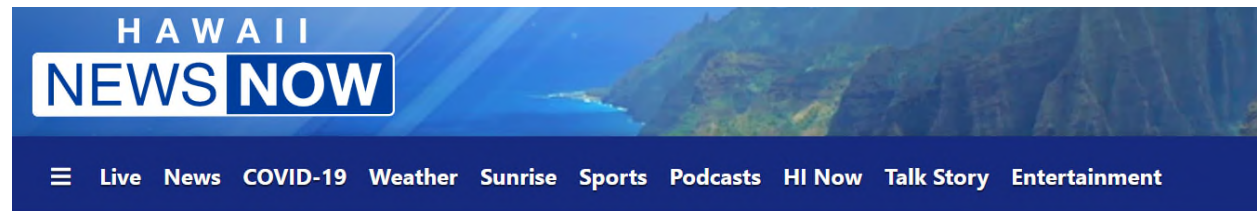
Do not pass HB1732. Allow the people to protect themselves.

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'



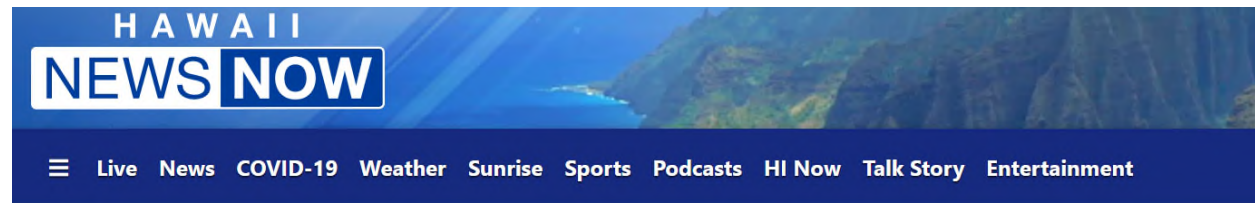
Police were on scene as of 9:30 p.m. (Hawaii News Now (custom credit))

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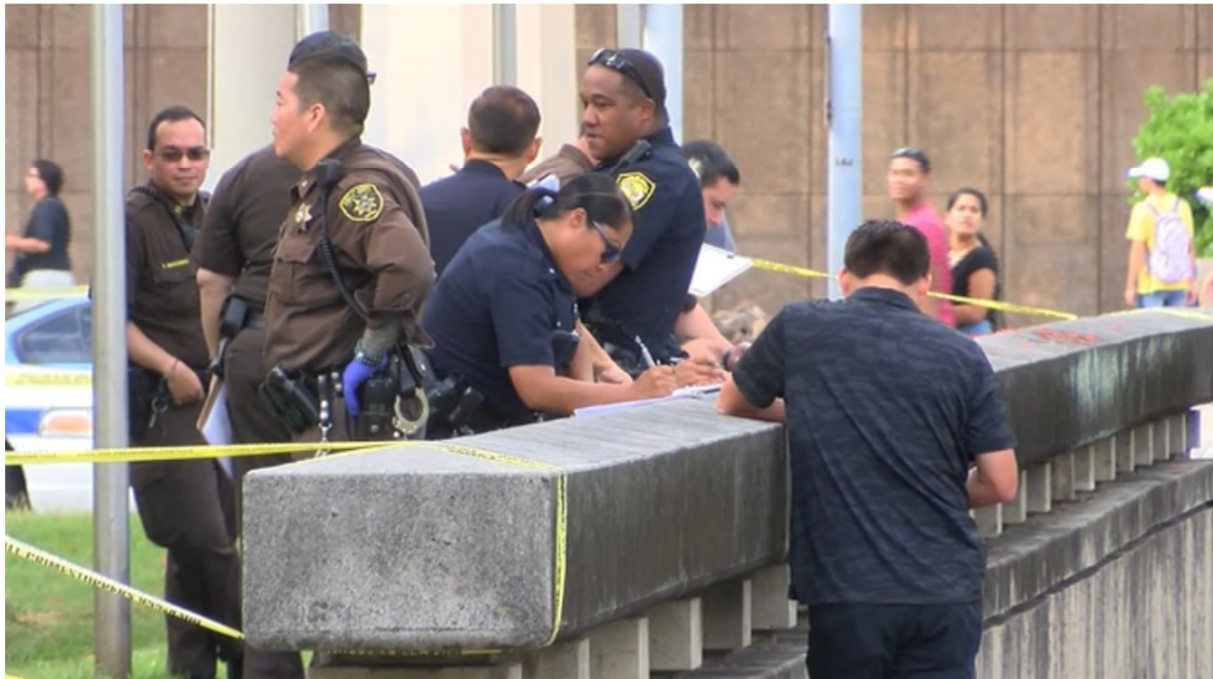
Attachment #2 for Todd Yukutake

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

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.



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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.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:29:23 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Carol D. Yokoyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please OPPOSE HB 1732.

As I peruse the Midweek, I notice the "Hawaii's Most Wanted Crime Stoppers" posting. It really is unbelievable to me that the criminals posted have so many prior convictions. Three, Five, Fourteen, etc., prior convictions. How does that happen? That is another issue that needs to be addressed. Crimes are happening everywhere.

Citizens need to protect themselves wherever they may be. Please OPPOSE HB 1732.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your time.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:30:00 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
William chase	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose this measure, it was just made legal for self defense and with crime on the rise. You are handy capping the legal law abiding citizens from a means to protect them self. Less cops on the beat, rampant homelessness, good Samaritans being shot at. And you want to take away the only chance of law abiding citizens to protect them selves here in Hawaii? I oppose

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:56:20 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alan Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it would further limit the the very little chance that law abiding citizens of Hawaii have to defend ourselves against criminals, without doing anything to limit crime. The result of this bill would be a less safe state and Oahu.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:56:28 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Barry Yokoyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please OPPOSE HB 1732.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:59:40 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dale Hayama	Young Guns	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Legislators,

Please kill HB1732. The legislature made a step in the right direction last year when they authorized tasers and stun guns for civilian use. The problem is how the local sellers are being punished for it. That is why we are currently not even selling electric guns. You can buy them just about anywhere on the mainland and online, but unable to buy it here from local businesses, at least not ours.

That being said, punishment on the law abiding citizens who do choose to have them, on where they can protect themselves, is step in the opposition direction. We all know that crime can happen anywhere and to punish the poor (because many of them utilize government services and the bus), is not right.

Please kill this bill!

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 2:06:09 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Martha Kiyabu	Young Guns	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB1732 I am strongly opposed to this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 2:15:24 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Robert Coster	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm submitting testimony in opposition to HB1732. The inks not even dry on legal carry of electric guns and our legislators are already attempting to nueter it. The whole point of being able to carry a non-lethal device to defend yourself and others is to be able to carry it, not leave it home or have to lock it in your vehicle. This restrictions on being carried will have no impact on reducing crime, is not "preventative", and actually will prevent the devices from stopping assaults, robberies, and other crimes. I respectfully request legislators to toss this bill into the trash where it belongs.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 2:40:03 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
David Lau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

No one can ever predict when and where a crime will be committed. This is why I strongly oppose HB1732. This type of legislation only protects the criminal and not the law abiding citizen. Criminals simply do not follow the law. Citizens have the constitutional right to self defense. This legislation focuses to strip a constitutionally proceted right, away from law abiding citizens by carving out large portions of communities we live in, without an outright ban. This is more of a power move by decision makers who dont' truly understand it's people.

I oppose HB1732

Aloha,

My name is Jason Renaud and I currently live in Pahoia, Hawaii which is on the Hilo side of the Big Island of Hawaii in the Puna district. I am writing this testimony today (OPPOSING HB 1732). I like many others here in Hawaii has fallen victim to a crime. Whether it be ID Theft, Theft of property, Burglary, Assault, etc.

We have all been victim or knows someone who has fallen victim of a crime. This bill HB 1732 that is up for hearing is “Not” a bill anyone should support. I have worked hard over the years to purchase things for our family. It isn’t easy living in Hawaii where “everything” is expensive! I have never testified to or against any kind of Law, Act, or any Government process in my life.

But today I feel that this is so very important to me and my family that I need to speak up against it No matter where you live or go here in Hawaii, crime is everywhere. Look at the crime stats for Hawaii island, Puna district to be exact.

This is from bigislandnow.com “Hawaii County Police Department released January crime statistics for the area. Overall, the five communities in Puna saw 18 assaults, 26 burglaries, 56 thefts, 14 vehicle thefts and 11 reports of unauthorized entry into a vehicle. Statistics were collected from Mountain View, Kurtistown, Volcano, Kea‘au and Pāhoia”. This is just from January of 2022.

This may not be more serious crimes, but many could have been on that list. A crime is a crime, no matter how you look at it. I see and hear it everyday while living in Puna. All sorts of crime are up and someone everyday posts things online. I follow all sorts of social media outlet groups like: Stolen Stuff Hawaii and Big Island Thieves.

This is where many people get up to date crime information that has occurred and to pass that information on for the rest of us to see. Where could these criminals hit next? Yes, it could be my home it could be involving my kids or other family members getting hurt and just the community in general.

What are we as “Law Abiding” citizens do if we are the next victim? First things first more than likely call the police. But what happens in an intense situation when that phone call to the police cannot happen in that split second? How are we to protect ourselves and community?.

This bill HB 1732 does (NOT) protect me or my kids or my personal property from anyone trying to commit a crime. The gun laws here in Hawaii are already strict enough that law abiding citizens already have their hands tied with that issue.

This bill HB 1732 will not only jeopardize me and my kids, but also my friends and their families, my neighbors, and most of all our community. This bill needs to be (Terminated)! “I” along with “every” (Law Abiding Citizen) needs a way to protect them, their families, friends, neighbors, and community!

We have had enough with criminals breaking into homes, vehicles, assaulting people, stealing property from others and keep getting released by the court system. It’s only a matter of time before someone gets seriously hurt or even die because of someone else’s poor choices. We can prevent so many crimes if this bill is stopped!

This Bill HB 1732 will continue to have an impact for all the criminals out there to continue their crappy ways. Which will then continue to affect me, my family, and community.

Again “I” (OPPOSSE HB 1732) please listen and take my testimony into consideration and not make it just another paper on the table.

God bless you all!

Aloha, Jason Renaud

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 2:55:59 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Marc M	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1732.

This bill would gravely limit the self defense options for good people of Hawaii and effectively become a ban for many people similar to how firearms are currently. The restrictions are so tight that there is barely any conceivable legal use of a firearm for self defense and the electric gun should not go down the same path.

Possesion of a self defense tool in select areas should not be made illegal. The use of such tool in an illegal manner is already illegal, and said action should be dealt with.

Please consider opposing HB1732. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 3:27:40 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Chuck Lyons	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The language is very vague. What constitutes "near"?

Disallowing possession near public transportation, where assault is more likely to occur, is counter to the purpose of a person possessing an Electric Gun.

Crime can occur anywhere. Even in front of a police station! More so, at night, times when an Electric Gun may be of most use.

Lower income people are more likely to walk to/from government facilities. HB1732 would prevent them from possessing one, as there will not be a safe place to secure their electric gun.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 3:50:33 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Joshua Hooper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The right to self-defense is necessary for every location and situation. Criminals will always get the weapons they want, regardless of the laws anyone will pass. This law will only affect law-abiding citizens, not criminals. By disarming law-abiding citizens in these "sensitive" areas, you further put the public and innocent at risk. Take a quick look at Detroit, which has some of the strongest "gun-control" measures in our entire country. That sure made that area very safe!

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 4:05:09 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Austin White	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

One can only wonder at why the legislature wishes to continually believes that making victims of the populace is a good idea. Every day in Hawaii we see on the news crimes of violence occurring more frequently. We have crimes occurring on buses, schools the state capitol... This includes a MURDER in front of the Kapolei Police Station. Could that one person be alive if they had the means to defend themselves? Electric Stun Guns have only been legal to carry in Hawaii for less than 60 days and here we are trying to find ways to prevent law abiding citizens from carrying them. Implementing these restrictions will hurt those who need its use the most. The Low income, kupuna, those riding the bus, those going to government buildings have no way to keep or store them when the enter these areas and as such will be forced to leave them at home, leaving these people defenseless.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 4:22:30 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kristina	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose bill HB1732 , the people of Hawaii should have a non leathe way to defend our selfs , the courts aren't protecting us so we should be able to take these matters into our own hands

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 5:05:34 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Cheryl Holliday	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators:

I oppose this Bill. What is the purpose of being allowed to have something on our person to protect ourselves in public places when this bill denies us to carry in those public places? It doesn't make sense. We just had a full-blown murder take place of a woman (defenseless) in front of a police station! Had she been able to ward off her attacker through the use of an approved item such as the electric/taser gun, she might still be alive! I am writing because I am an older woman, who lives alone, and who is not as strong physically as I once was. There are times when I must be out and about in the marketplace, or elsewhere, and I will be honest - there were many times when I have felt very unsafe. This is largely due to the fact that I have no way to protect myself from attackers. I have been approached numerous times from shady type characters - asking for money, for cigarettes, for my phone, for food, and even one time I was flashed a wad of money if I would go into the public restroom with this guy. I get nervous. I am a law-abiding citizen. I own firearms for target shooting pleasure, but it would sure be nice if the law allowed us to have the rights given by the Second Amendment. I have been to numerous firearms classes, obtained my range safety officer status, and regularly shoot with the Hawaii Rifle Association. If we have recently been allowed to purchase an electric gun, I am asking that you allow people like me to carry them in order for self-protection. I sure don't want to end up like the woman at the police station. I could someday. There is a much greater uptick in crime and criminal activity and it can come at any time and any place. Thank you for listening to my testimony. God bless. Sincerely, Cheryl Holliday

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Submitted on: 2/24/2022 5:18:47 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Thomas Chow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Electric gun is designed as less lethal use that's why police officers are carrying them. For every citizen who chooses to use them for self defense it is because carry them will give a peice of mind that there's a chance of self defense and some protection from harm. Criminal prey on victims by watching, planning and attack at the most unsuspecting moment. Victums have to react right away with no time to spare. Having the electric gun will give a slight shift towards victims for protection and most importantly letting criminals know that victims can carry electric gun for protection. Will make them think twice before committing a robbery or assaulting victim. Average citizens have to go about of their job and some work at locations that are not safe. Everyone know where and have heard of unsafe areas but people have no choice, they earn a living by working jobs in locations that's hiring. Criminals prey in all public places where this bill mentioned. Criminals are smart and they continue to get away with it. Electric gun will give me a chance to fend off criminal. Make them think if the victum is carrying an electric gun the chances of success assault is less likely to happen. Again criminals murdered, robbed and assaulted victims everywhere, that's facts. Victims are at disadvantage in this state. The state is changing, too crowded, police can't be with everyone all the time so everyone need to protect themselves. Do not support this bill to let the victims know you heard them, you care for the hard working people that's simply providing for the family to live in Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2022 6:28:22 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Woody Child	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1732!

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Submitted on: 2/24/2022 9:46:23 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Rogelio Lazaro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It's too prohibiting. People should be able to defend themselves in most public areas. Just look at what happened recently at Kapolei police station!

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Submitted on: 2/24/2022 11:17:31 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael Jensen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To Representaives,

I oppose this bill as it is to restrictive in places we would be allowed to carry an electric gun for self protection. example: If im at a park or beach and someone trys to attack me i would be defensless and in vioation of the law! Im asking you as a Hawaii resident and tax payer for over twenty years do not pass this bill. I thank you for allowing my testimony.

Regards,

Michael Jensen

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Submitted on: 2/24/2022 1:41:35 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Star Fernandez Beechick	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. The use of this "tool" is beneficial in places that is sited in this bill that it would not be beneficial. Protection for loved ones and others is paramount.

Mahalo,

Star Fernandez-Beechick