



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 2232, RELATING TO WEAPONS.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

DATE: Thursday, February 8, 2024 **TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 325 and Videoconference

TESTIFIER(S): Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, or
Loren E. Haugen, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Tarnas and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) provides the following comments on this bill.

The main purposes of this bill are to: (1) require the Department to publish an annual report regarding restraining orders as they relate to firearms, ammunition, and electric guns; and (2) authorize persons subject to certain restraining orders to possess or control firearms, ammunition, or electric guns in the course of employment, provided certain conditions are met.

The Department has concerns regarding the turnaround time for receiving and processing the data from the Judiciary and the counties in order to submit a complete report by April 1 of each year. We respectfully request subsection (a) of the new section of chapter 134 on page 1, lines 4-9, be amended to read as follows:

§134- Reports relating to certain orders. (a) The department of the attorney general shall publish an annual report on its publicly available website that includes, if available, the following information, broken down by county, the number of instances in which: . . .

Additionally, to streamline the process and standardize the data collected annually for the report, we recommend amending subsection (b) of the new section of chapter 134, on page 2, lines 3-7, to read as follows:

(b) No later than March 31 of each year, the chief of police of each county, the judiciary, and the department of law enforcement shall provide

to the department of the attorney general the data for the prior calendar year that the department requires to complete the report under subsection (a).

Further, we suggest the following technical edits to the bill. The wording in section 2 of the bill, section 134-7(f)(6), on page 3, lines 11-13, appears to omit the word "or ammunition." We recommend adding "or ammunition" after "firearm" on page 3, line 12. Lastly, the wording in section 3 of the bill, in section 134-86(g)(1)(E), on page 6, lines 1-3, seems to have mistakenly included the word, "firearm." We recommend that "firearm" after "employer's" on page 6, line 2, be replaced with "electric gun."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Testimony for JHA on 2/8/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to oppose this bill because it is unconstitutional.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2024 6:11:12 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/8/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcella Alohalani Boido	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Having reviewed the testimony, I wish to support this bill. My assumption is that the amendments will reflect the AG's comments. Thank you.