



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 2380, RELATING TO FIREARMS.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

DATE: Thursday, February 24, 2022 **TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 325, Via Videoconference

TESTIFIER(S): Holly T. Shikada, Attorney General, or
Amy Murakami, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) strongly supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to establish in the Department a state-wide program responsible for issuing firearm qualification credentials to qualified retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms pursuant to the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 (LEOSA). LEOSA requires qualified retired law enforcement officers to be properly certified before being allowed to carry concealed firearms.

The Department would create a program that would be well regulated and operated uniformly throughout the State with public safety as a priority. Under the LEOSA certification program, retired officers could be certified only if they pass standardized firearms qualification testing, a medical exam every two years, and a mental health clearance every year.

This bill will give the Department statutory authority and the ability to promulgate rules to ensure qualified retired law enforcement officers are properly certified to carry concealed firearms safely.

The Department respectfully requests the passage of this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 4:16:18 PM

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

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

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair & Committee Members,

I support HB2380. As a retired combat arms instructor and military law enforcement officer, I am appalled at the limitations set upon card-carrying and authorized LEOSA active and retired officers. We are not untrained civilians but both experienced, trained and even knowledgeable instructors who understand both the use of force paradigm as well proper safety and respectful weapon handling procedures. We have earned the right to be able to use our privileges as long as we meet the stated requirements. Therefore, again, I support HB2380 and ask that the Committee supports it as well.

Mahalo,

Michael Kitchens

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:09:04 PM

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

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

Comments:

As a retired federal law enforcement officer, I support the enactment of laws that would allow me to carry a firearm for my personal protection. However, the current administrative rules of the Attorney General to apply, certify, and approve firearms are too restrictive in my opinion. Shouldn't the AG/State allow law abiding and trained retired law enforcement officers in good standing carry a firearm as they do in active service? I ask the legislature to make fair and common sense decisions for the good of the people, not the government. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:25:54 AM

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

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

Comments:

Allowing retired law enforcement officers to be armed in the community promotes public safety and would be compliant with Federal policies.