

**HB-2464**

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Michael Kitchens	Stolen Stuff Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

I support HB2464 and hope that the Committee will do so as well.

I am the founder and administrator of Stolen Stuff Hawaii (SSH). SSH is Hawaii's largest anti-crime Facebook group with over 150,000 plus vetted Hawaii-based members combined with an additional 40,000 plus Instagram followers. Our mission is to use the power of social media to help those who have been victimized by crime by helping them to locate their stolen property, provide emotional support, as well as awareness.

SSH's reach and influence are substantial, with members located throughout the State of Hawaii in all counties and districts. The majority of SSH members reside on Oahu, with just over 14% of the population in our Facebook group. We work hand-in-hand and have an incredible rapport with the Honolulu Police Department. Our group is the literal pulse of Hawaii when it comes to crime and how it affects it.

Crime is a constant factor in our group and this past has shown an increase in the amount of violent crime on our streets...from violent robberies to merciless beatings and even murders from criminals as well as the mentally unwell. Recent headlines have continued to demonstrate the need for our community to be able to protect itself. Not only while in our homes and workplaces, but anywhere we may frequent. Violent offenders and those who threaten our community do not care about where it happens...having an innocent woman brutally murdered mere feet away from the Kapolei Police Station is proof enough of that.

Our citizens deserve and demand to have the freedom to protect themselves and their families when the appropriate need arises. It is quite literally a matter of life and death. Therefore, I urge you to support HB2464 and allow your constituents the right to defend themselves appropriately.

Mahalo,

Michael Kitchens.

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this!!! Passing this bill is helping intruders and criminals!! Again, why would anyone seriously help criminals!? I HONESTLY DONT GET IT!? I cannot see why I cannot stand my ground in my own home and protect me and my loved ones at all times!? This bill doesn't make any sense at all. Maybe I can understand if someone got into the wrong house by accident, what's the chances of that. But if I need to protect myself and my loved ones from danger before retreating, I will not hesitate to do what I need to before retreating.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Soleil Roache	DC Project Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments:

I support this bill because it will help victims. They will be able to react faster, make better defensive decisions, and it will help protect them from criminal liability.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Brian Ley	Hawaii County GMAC	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB 2464. With crime on the rise, people getting murdered at the police station. It's time that people are allowed to protect themselves. People shouldn't have to run away to protect themselves.

mahalo for your time. Brian Ley vice chairman county GMAC

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Laetitia Thibault Santoro	Moms demand action Everytown	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Laetitia Thibault Santoro and I am one of your constituent.

I leave in honolulu downtown. I am a wife, a mom and a retail worker. I also volunteer in different organizations including for mom demand action.

I am writing to let you know that I am against HB 2464.

This type of law is more dangerous than anything else. They don't make us safer, they put us all in danger. Many studies show it.

This law doesn't represent who we are as Hawaiian or what Hawaii stand for.

Don't invite gun violence in our state.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Stay safe.

Best regards,

Laëtitia Thibault-Santoro

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Janie Bryan	Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense in America	Oppose	No

Comments:

To the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs in regard to HB 2464:

I am writing in opposition to HB 2464 relating to the use of deadly force in self-protection. I believe that the laws already in place in Hawaii pertaining to self-protections and the use of deadly force are adequate.

It has been shown in other states to be an inherently biased law where people of color are more likely to be killed and if the shooter is not a person of color then there is a better chance of not being convicted. This is basically a shoot first and ask questions later stance with no requirement to retreat in the face of danger. Think only of Trayvon Martin and Ryan Modell, both prominent cases nationally out of Florida. This controversial bill has the potential of causing an uptick in violent use of force in Hawaii as other states have reported after passage of “Stand Your Ground” bills.

I am a member/leader in the Hawaii Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and as a state resident since 1988, I believe the laws already in place regarding self-protection are adequate, and that the passage of HB 2464 will not make our state/community safer!

Thanks for this opportunity to share my outlook and for reading my testimony.

Sincerely, Janie Bryan

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
April Ching	Moms Demand Action	Oppose	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2464.

Aloha, I am a mother of two. I work with Moms Demand Action because I am concerned for the safety of my community, and that of my children. This bill endangers that community by permitting the use of deadly force in nearly any situation where an actor feels threatened, even if there is an opportunity to retreat to avoid violence altogether. We should not approve the use of deadly force with impunity. I feel fortunate to live in HI, largely because we have many laws that restrict violence. Though this law seems meant to clarify the use of force for self-defense, it offers the potential for misunderstandings and allowances of violence, which can then lead to an escalation in violence instead of its prevention.

I urge you to oppose this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

April Ching, Makiki



## **TESTIMONY**

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF HAWAII

% 92-149 Kohi Place

Kapolei, HI 96707

RE: **HB 2464** to be heard on Thursday February 24

**Please support this bill.**

This bill is a good bill because it takes away the requirement to run away before you can defend yourself. No law will ever take away anyones God given right to defend themself. No law will ever make me turn my back on a person trying to hurt me or someone else. The term flight or fight is colloquial for a reason . Not everyone is programmed to fly and we need people to fight back. It's high time criminals stop getting the upper hand of Hawaii. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Feena Bonoan  
Vice Chair  
February 23, 2022



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Sam Levy	Everytown for Gun Safety	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

On behalf of Everytown for Gun Safety, I am testifying to opposition to HB 2464.



House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

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

HEARING: February 24, 2022 at 2pm  
RE: HB2464 Relating to Use of Force in Self-Protection

Hawaii Firearms Coalition **SUPPORTS HB2464.**

This bill will give greater protections to crime victims when faced with the growing threat of violent crime. **Innocent victims should have more rights and protections than criminals.**

### **Victims twice**

People can become victims twice: being a victim of a crime and being a victim of the criminal justice system for defending themselves. This bill protects victims facing both situations. When faced with the threat of serious bodily injury or death, a person currently has to evaluate if they are able to retreat safely or not before using deadly force against their attacker. This creates hesitation and hopelessness at a time where a split second decision is needed. How do you know if you can get away safely? How fast can the other person run? The second time is a victim facing a criminal trial for using deadly force instead of attempting to retreat first.

### **38 States**

There are currently up to 38 states with no duty to retreat when using deadly force for self-defense in public. 30 are codified in laws, and up to 8 more through judicial decisions and jury instructions. If requiring a duty to retreat was a bad thing, then other states would be repealing their laws. Instead the number is growing.

### **Rand report is blind to self-defense?**

The RAND report is often quoted showing an increase in “total homicides” after no duty to retreat laws are passed. However, “homicide” is a general term that covers police shootings and justified self-defense shootings, along with criminal activities. If this increase was due to self-defense encounters then it shows these laws are working. Every life is important, even criminals’ lives. However, if an innocent person is saved from death or serious bodily injury at the expense of a criminal, then it’s a good thing.

The report also does not consider the increasing number of concealed carry weapons (CCW) holders carrying a gun for self-defense and states passing laws for CCW. In the past 25 years, 17 States had shall

or unrestricted issue of CCW permits. Today it's 42 states with approximately 5% of the adult US population with CCW.

What is important is the number of victims saved from serious bodily injury or death, or victims saved from a criminal trial. The report is blind to when it comes to the right of people to defend themselves.

**A threat is still required**

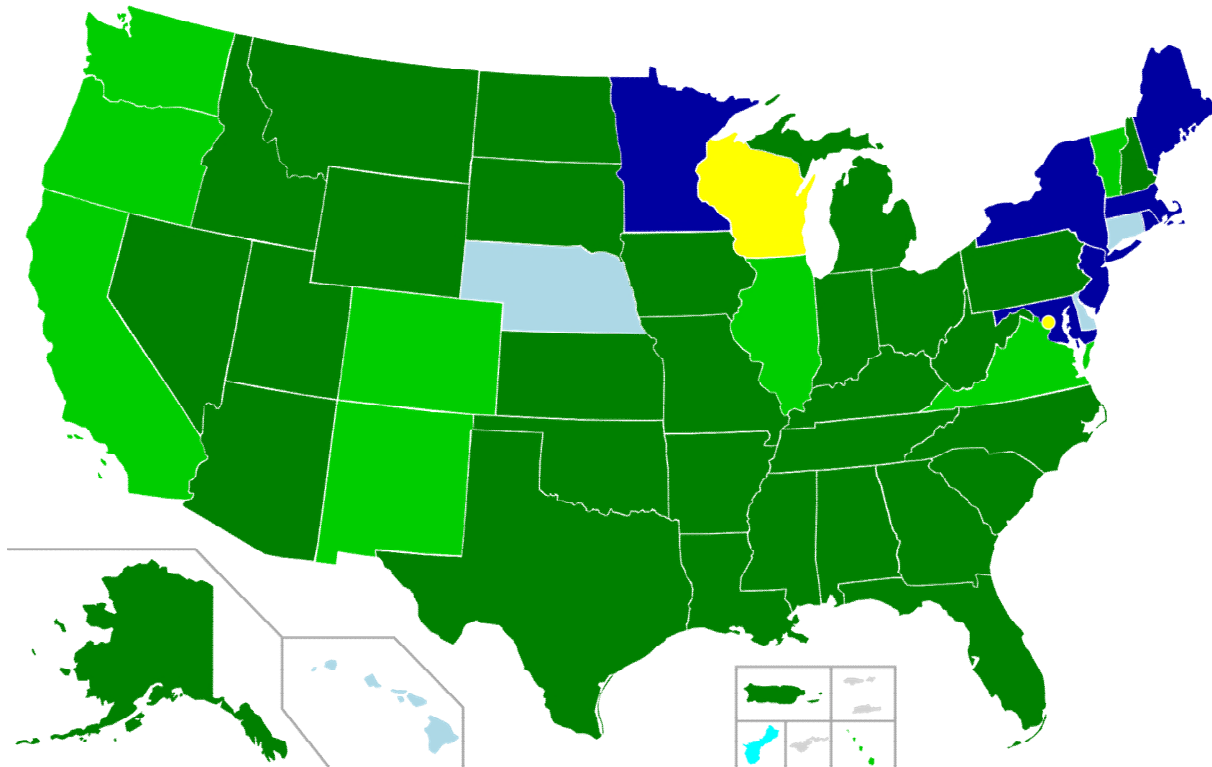
Victims must still face the threat of serious bodily injury or death and this bill does nothing to change it. Deadly force cannot be invoked for shoplifting, harassment, or giving the stink eye. Nor can it be used if the person is the instigator or escalates the situation. People have morals and will use deadly force only in the direst of circumstances.

Please support HB2464 to give people the right to defend themselves. Criminals have a choice to commit, or not commit, crimes. Victims do not have a choice of being a victim or not.

Mahalo

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Stand your ground law by US jurisdiction



Dark Green	Stand-your-ground by statute
Bright Green	Stand-your-ground by judicial decision or jury instruction
Dark Blue	Duty to retreat except in one's home
Light Blue	Duty to retreat except in one's home or workplace
Cyan	Duty to retreat except in one's home or vehicle or workplace
Yellow	Middle-ground approach (DC, WI)
Black	No settled rule (AS, VI)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stand-your-ground\\_law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stand-your-ground_law)

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Erica Yamauchi	Moms Demand Action	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Hawai'i state laws already provide for adequate self-defense protections. "Stand your ground" and similar bills have become an excuse for violence and a license to kill in other states. This bill goes much too far in permitting the use of deadly force in almost any situation where a person might feel threatened, whether or not there is ample opportunity for retreat to avoid violence. This bill makes the potential for insignificant disagreements or misunderstandings, whether in domestic disputes or among perfect strangers, to escalate to gun violence and loss of life too easily.

I urge you to oppose this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Erica Yamauchi, Kaimukī/Maunalani Heights

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Abraham Antonio sr	hawaii game management advisory commission	Support	No

Comments:

i support this bill

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Daniel Reid	NRA	Support	No

Comments:

On behalf of NRA members in Hawaii, we support HB 2464. This legislation empowers law-abiding citizens to defend themselves and their loved ones by repealing the requirement in state law that citizens must retreat, relinquish property, or comply with the demands of assailants before defending with deadly force. The law should not force citizens to accede to demands of violent criminals and accept becoming victims of crimes.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Fred Delosantos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose HB2464. This bill weakens Hawaii's law-abiding citizens their right to be safe in their own homes, essentially giving criminals more rights. What's wrong with you people?



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Terry Galpin	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

The downstairs of my home was broken into. My dog which is a large Ridgeback went after the man who was swinging a machete. I had my then 6 year old son asleep upstairs. Once the man saw my dog coming at him he jumped over our Rockwall and ran off. We then called the police. The police arrived and after I told him what happened he informed me I needed to put up a beware of dog sign as well as a no trespassing sign as a effort to protect myself from a lawsuit of a criminal was hurt while attempting to again break into our property. In Hawaii the criminals have all the rights. They are also aware if arrested they will be released. The public has zero rights and can not even protect ourselves without the fear of being arrested or sued. My question is this..what would you do if a drug addicted maniac broke in to your house weilding a machete?

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Michael I Rice	Individual	Support	Yes

## Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. For too long the people of Hawaii have been unable to defend themselves against those who would wish to do them harm. Under current law we are required to retreat or surrender to those who would do us if we are outside the literal 4 walls of our homes or places of business. If you take one step outside your door and use deadly force against someone who was intending to do you grievous harm, you are in the wrong. If you are out in public, someone attacks you and you simply push them, they either hit their head or fall into the street and get hit by a car and die, you are now a murderer and in the wrong. This needs to be changed, and it needs to be changed sooner rather than later. PLEASE pass this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Arthur Shepard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am in favor of this HB2464 bill , which apparently removes the duty of retreat in a self defense situation , especially when deadly force may be involved . The current laws as written , requiring duty of retreat , essentially gives the assailant opportunity for taking the first shot , or hit , upon a victim . All people , as potential victims of assault , have the right of self defense , to try and Prevent bodily harm to themselves or loved ones .**

**Sincerely , Arthur Shepard    Haliimaile , Hi**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Debbie Wyand	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

Thank you!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Donna P. Van Osdol	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Gretchen Cardoso	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha to the legislature. I am so thankful to see the "castle doctrine" updated. It does not make sense to retreat from my own home if threatened with deadly force or great bodily harm. I appreciate this bill will give me confidence that I can defend myself in my own home without fearing terrible legal consequences. This update was long overdue. I support this bill. Thank you!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Matt Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

yes I support this bill. no one wants to use violence, but there are times that retreat is not a legitmate alternative and criminals know it.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Ed Au	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support HB 2464, when a threat is present a person has the right to protect themselves, their family, their property, their friends, and even a stranger. Support this bill, it allows a person to protect themselves and other.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Edward Hampton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We shouldn't have to run away. We have an absolute RIGHT to defend ourselves, our family and our property.

Laws that prevent us from doing so, and place us in legal jeopardy if we do, are tailored to give advantage to the criminals. They are a large part of the reason criminals feel no reason to change their behavior. It's how we get offenders with 65 prior convictions roaming the streets while our kids have to stay in the house.

HPD can't be everywhere, we need to be able to act freely in our own defense.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
tony lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

please support this bill..

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Robert McCarthy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support for HB2464,

The whole idea of "retreating" from an unexpected, violent threat is clearly not the best choice for a stressed, startled victim.

In those instants deciding between defending yourself or trying to "retreat" the perpetrator has already made their decision. The victim may not have the time to decide before being attacked and possibly killed. A victim of a violent threat or attack should not be required to do a mental checklist of choices in the brief time when their life may depend on instant action.

Robert McCarthy

Kailua Kona

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2464. No one who has a right to be where they are should have the duty to retreat from a criminal. No one can retreat in complete safety. As soon as you turn around to run, the criminal can attack your back. People like me cannot run fast. I would rather have the option to stand my ground and let the criminals retreat instead. Please, kokua, pass HB2464 and show us that you support our rights.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Ryan Arakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. It makes sense not to have to retreat when facing a threat as this is not always an option.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
alex kamau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill! I shouldn't need to retreat from my own house to safety just so some criminals can steal what I worked hard for! Criminals shouldn't be protected from the law because their breaking the law! No retreat No surrender!

Thank you!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Eric Akiyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2464. I should not have to worry about being prosecuted for defending myself or those I care about when facing a threatening situation.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
William Fiebig	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern, I am writing in strong support of this bill as I (and many others) believe that the right to self defense is a basic human right and should have no legal limitations placed on the individual that is in jeopardy. In dangerous situations, most people will try to avoid problems or get away from danger as soon as possible instinctively. However, if this can't be done, an individual can't be facing a threat feeling like they will be in trouble with the law for protecting their own life to the FULLEST extent possible using ANY/ALL means available to them to stop the threat. That is why police officers carry weapons and it is basic common sense. Please never limit a victim's ability to take care of themselves. Thank you.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
CI48	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello, I write to you today in support of this bill (HB2464). Everyone has a right to defend themselves and retreating is not always an option. If police have no duty to retreat then there's no reason why civilians should. Civilians value their lives just as much as anyone else, and with or without a duty to retreat a case of self defense would have the burden of proof of self dedfense. Innocense, imminence, proportionality and reasonableness are not affected by a duty to retreat and are the core elements to a successful claim of self defense. No one, who's life is in danger, should have to jump through legal hoops before they are permitted to defend themselves.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Sharee Orr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I enthusiastically support passage of H.B. 2464 for it protects law-abiding, tax-paying citizens of Hawaii from unlawful acts perpetuated by criminals. The bill removes the duty to retreat which is a fundamental right and allows citizens to make better defensive decisions. Specifically, it helps protect Hawaii law-abiding citizens from criminal liability. The citizens of Hawaii should not have to relinquish their rights to safely defend themselves, family members, and other potential victims from heinous violent attacks, threats of violent attacks, or must give up their personal, hard earned property to criminals. When seconds count, police are minutes away. The citizens of Hawaii absolutely have the right to defend themselves and loved ones without the threat of criminal liability as a result of defending themselves against individuals committing felonies.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Michael Riley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I support HB2464.**

**This allows crime victims to react faster and make better defensive decisions and helps to protect the victims from criminal liability.**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Matthew Dasalla	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2464 .

Please allow this bill to pass.

When I was single I would avoid confrontations and run from danger.

Now as a father and husband, my wife and children (5 and 9 years old) will not be able to out run a a criminal or criminals with a weapon, home invasion situation, person on methamphetamine, or a deranged person with mental illness.

I will not run and leave them behind and hope they are able to make it to a safe space. I do not want to be punished for protecting my family.

I do not want to be a victim of the staggering cost of the legal system for doing the right thing. Even if I am found innocent in a criminal case, the civil case will drain my family financially and ruin their future.

Please do the right thing and let the law abiding citizen be able protect themselves and their families without being victims of the financially burden the current justice system that serves to protect criminals and harmes the innocent.

Thank you,

Matthew Dasalla

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Tom Galli	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is a rational piece of legislation. Stand your ground laws provide protection to the victims of violent crimes.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Harold K Pang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a lifetime citizen of the State of Hawai'i I **strongly support HB2464**. This bill provides the opportunity for law abiding firearms owners the means to make better defensive decisions and helps to protect victims from criminal liability. The right to bear arms and to protect life and liberty is a right protected in the 2nd amendment, do not infringe on that right of (or punish) the individual to choose the tools in which to protect themselves from the criminal who chooses not to follow the laws. **I strongly support HB2464**.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:18:31 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Lissa Cockett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha-

I am in support of HB2464.

Everybody has a right to defend themselves.

The current restrictions in Hawai‘i are unconstitutional and infringe the 2A right to self defense including the right to defend ones home or property.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:19:30 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Stephen T Hazam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please OPPOSE HB2464. This bill places unnecessary and impractical limits on a potential victim's ability to defend themselves. I don't go looking for trouble. I am not a vigilante. I do not put myself in harms's way. If someone wants my money or possessions, just take them, but don't harm me or my family. I am not a lawyer, but just a normal law abiding citizen who may have to defend themself someday. I need to make quick decisions on defending myself without trying to figure out possible liability. This bill protects criminals, not law abiding citizens.

Please OPPOSE HB2464



**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:19:33 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Joshua Medeiros	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a law abiding Citizen and Member of The Armed Forces I fully support this bill.

We should be able to protect our loved ones in a time of danger. I pray I never have to use deadly force, but the solemn reality is there is alot of crimes happening and drug- addicts doing daring feats. A person my not be able to flee or evacuate his entire family and MUST DEFEND. I SUPPORT THIS BILL.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:24:52 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
David Kikukawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. You should not be forced to attempt to retreat when it comes to your personal safety. Doing so may put you in more danger as you are turning your back on a threat. If your life is in danger you should have every right to defend yourself.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:28:14 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
William Lono	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

*I support bill HB2464, no duty to retreat. It will allow crime victims to react faster and make better defensive decisions and helps to protect the victims from criminal liability.*

**HB-2464**

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

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Alan Koons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2464. Having a "duty" to retreat, when there is not always that option or that may not even be an option in the individuals point of view is a dangerous precedent to have. It should be the decision of the person in danger of whether or not retreating is the best option at that point in time.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:34:21 PM

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

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

Comments:

**PASS HB2464!**

**The right to self-defense is a natural/God-given right, and may not be obstructed by any act of any government agency.**

**The concept that a person in imminent danger needs to weigh the elements of possible "retreat" is preposterous. Those seconds necessary to assess the possibility of "retreat" could result in the death or serious bodily injury of the assaulted victim.**

**Restore the common sense reality that self-defense may be engaged in at any time, under any circumstance where the victim has reason to believe that he or she is in imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death.**

**PASS HB2464!**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 8:35:34 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
jason wolford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. This bill will allow victims of a attack to defend themselves with out having to hesitate to find a escape route away from danger they can just defend themselves. In the time it takes to find a way out the attacker's may attack before you can defend yourself and you will be injured or worse you die because you had to try and run away before you could defend yourself.

Please support this bill.

Jason T Wolford

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:05:46 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
jayson guzman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. A criminal is already violating an individuals right to safety and security. The person protecting themselves should not have to think about how to retreat before reacting to protect themselves, their loved ones, or their property before using deadly force. Those split second moments of having to process legal consequences could be the difference between life and death. If someone is acting in a manner to cause harm, then the individual should be free to use whatever means necessary to protect themselves and not have to try to retreat first.



**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:11:47 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

This bill will change Hawaii's law to clarify the right to self-defense.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:13:49 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Dennis Djou	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this bill

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:17:35 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Travis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Strongly Support this bill

This allows crime victims to react faster and make better defensive decisions

The time it takes to properly assess a situation and safely retreat could quickly turn an individual or family members into a unnecessary victim(s)

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:18:15 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Barry Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a law abiding citizen, I support HB2464.

Our homes are our safe havens and we should have the right to protect our families. Violent crimes are at an all time high so please support this bill.

thank you, Barry

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:28:30 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Ross mukai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:42:17 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Tony Sylvester	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support, thank you!

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 9:48:30 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Ron Klapperich	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the measure because the law needs to clearly define whether we are allowed to defend ourselves when attacked or lay down and play dead in hopes the attacker is fooled. Don't fool yourself. The police response time is too long to protect us or they may not respond at all.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:03:05 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Alvin Rodrigues	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support bill HB2464. i feel this bill would streanthen law abiding citizens rights to protect ourselves, family and loved ones.



**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:12:13 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Nathan roldan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill to remove the language that bars a person from self defense and the defense of others unless you have retreated or surrendered claim to a object. This bill seeks to empower the law abiding citizen to defend one's self from theft or attack and/or possible serious bodily injury in the event of a robbery or other nefarious criminal acts. I saw a man beating his wife but feared getting prosecuted for any harm that may have resulted if I intervened. The woman had to got to the hospital. As this law states I cannot get involved lest I be charged with attacking the husband. I would feel safer if I could protect myself and family from harm without fear of prosecution when I was in the right. Again to reiterate, I support this bill to remove the language for a lawful citizen to have a duty retreat. Thank you

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:26:04 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
RICHARD HOLIBAUGH	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Good Day,

I urge you to support HB2464. It simply removes the duty to retreat if it can be done safely, before using deadly force for self-defense. This will allow any potential victim of a violent crime to react faster and make better defensive decisions and helps to protect the victim from criminal liability.

Thank you.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:35:42 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
JEREMY LEE	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support any measure that allows law-abiding citizens the right to protect themselves without the fears of being prosecuted as well. A victim shouldn't hesitate in life threatening situations. Any hesitation could result in great injury and even death. Hawaii is not what it used to be. Crime is rampant, with little consequences for criminals. How many stories have you heard of someone getting arrested, then released shortly after? It's ridiculous. Why do criminals have all the power? Laws should be created to create peaceful and safe places for all. Laws shouldn't be made to diminish the ability of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves from those that break the law.

No normal person wants to hurt any other person. But, if someone threatens you with deadly force, the victim should be able to protect themselves, no matter what. Without any fear.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:37:44 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Lionel Delos Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha state legislature, i **STRONGLY SUPPORT** this bill because it will give you a chance to defend themselves to protect their family to react to the attacker to do you harm. the crime is going up shooting and stabbing , and murders . the people must have the right to fight back , to self defence.

thank you

lionel

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:41:29 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
chris p pang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I feel it is ridicule to even have a bill that would suggest not to defend life and property. the democrats in Hawaii has become out of touch with reality that it's affecting the rights of Americans. No one should ever feel that they have to retreat from their property or even leave their families behind when being attacked. As an American we all have the right and duty to protect our family from home invaders or rapist. I ask the lawmakers who oppoise this bill. What if your wife and daughter was getting rape by a home invader would you just retreat and leave them behind? If so, you're one sick pathetic fool and should be rejected by your own family.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:43:01 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
D Y	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support and pass HB2464. Duty to retreat will not always be possible.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:54:10 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Cheryl Tanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill because a lot of crime can also happen in the public and if you are not from your normal area, you don't know where to go.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:01:09 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jon DS	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support because for self defense and protecting your family



**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:14:07 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Joel Berg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Duty to retreat emboldens criminals, conveniences assailants, and causes a law abiding citizen to reconsider defending themselves and their loved ones from violence or death as it could cost them years of imprisonment or being financially drained by being run through the meat grinder of the legal system.

Duty to retreat **victimises a citizen a second time** who has already been placed in an altercation through no fault of their own, this time by the state itself. Please remove duty to retreat from the use of force for self protection.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:33:28 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In support of this measure. Thank you.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:37:26 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Ted Baldonado	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

With the removal of the restriction to retreat first, this will allow for less hesitation to come to the aid of another and in defense of oneself. No one is willing to help others if such restrictions are in place. As we are not the initial aggressor, the removal is common sense. This simplifies the thinking process to allows for less hesitation. We should not be second guessing ourselves if we have the means to defend ourselves and others. I support this bill and hope you understand the how helpful this will be to victims of crime.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:42:23 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Hipolito Olaes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this proposed bill. It is a right of every citizen to be able to defend themselves and others, and should have no obligation to retreat or turn their backs from people who are attacking them. Having no obligation to retreat allows a citizen to react faster to these threats and be able to make better defensive decisions. This would also remove citizens who are potential or actual victims from criminal liabilities. This is a common sense bill that should have already been in place as law. Law abiding citizens should never be victims of crime if they're able to defend themselves.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:48:00 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Scott Smart	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT HB2464. The right of self-defense should be paramount, and not subject to detailed second guessing about what a victim, or potential victim, might have been able to do.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 11:50:33 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Daniel Oshima	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB2464

There should be no requirement for a resident / home or business owner to retreat from their home or business location when defending themselves.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:07:42 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2464. As a registered firearm owner, I believe the training and continuing education of firearm safety I receive gives me the ability to defend myself and family with confidence. I follow the law and would only be using the weapon strictly as self defense and not for illegal purposes. This bill would help ensure that I was able to defend my children and others in my household against any threat to life from a criminal. The recent BLM riots have shown that the police may be overwhelmed and not able to respond in a timely manner, so defending myself in those situations are extremely important. Please show you support for this bill & pass it into law. Thank you for your consideration.

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 2464 (Relating to Use of Force in Self-Protection)**  
Voter Position: **SUPPORT**

Representatives of the Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

I express my **support** of **HB 2464 (Relating to Use of Force in Self-Protection)**. There should be no requirement of any citizen to retreat when defending their own life. Any argument against granting a citizen full-spectrum capabilities to defend themselves from a violent attack is inherently immoral.

### Non-Existent Public Safety in 2022

Hawaii citizens are not afforded protection by cognizant law enforcement officials, even when they are in front of a police station. The fact that a citizen recently died at the hands of a criminal on February 15, 2022 at the Kapolei police station serves as a self-evident indictment that citizens do not have any form of public safety or protection that they deserve. Citizens should be granted every opportunity to defend their lives rather than flee for their lives.



Source: <https://www.khon2.com/hawaii-crime/woman-murdered-in-kapolei-by-suspect-shortly-after-he-was-arrested-and-released-for-two-assaults/>



## HPD is Already Busy

We, the people of Hawaii, already know that the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) strives to protect its citizens, but they can only do so much at any given time. HPD's non-profit police union, State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (SHOPO), already articulated that the current limitations of the department pose a "dire public health crisis." With this understanding, it is imprudent to ask your citizens to rely exclusively upon a department that is understaffed and overwhelmed whenever a self-defense situation arises.

**Police union calls officer shortages at HPD a 'dire public health crisis'**

**HPD DISTRICT 5 UNFILLED POLICE BEATS**

**1<sup>ST</sup> WATCH**  
10pm-7am

**2<sup>ND</sup> WATCH**  
6am-3pm

**3<sup>RD</sup> WATCH**  
2pm-11pm

**Residents And Businesses Shouldn't Have To Ask...  
WILL MY NEIGHBORHOOD BE PROTECTED?**

Sunday, February 6, 2022

0:57 2:00

Officer staffing shortages at the Honolulu Police Department are putting the public and officers at risk, police union leaders said Thursday.

By HNN Staff  
Published: Feb. 10, 2022 at 11:55 AM HST | Updated: Feb. 11, 2022 at 5:39 AM HST

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**Source:** <https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2022/02/10/live-shopo-holds-news-conference-discuss-chronic-understaffing-hpd/>

## Missing Key to Public Safety

It is alarming to note that the Capitol itself has been left unsecured by an unidentified individual who acquired a master key to the entire facility. Now the Capitol must be re-keyed at full cost to the taxpayer. Seeing how the Capitol prioritized its own security, it should be not be difficult to ensure that a private citizen can likewise prioritize their own safety by the expedited passage of **HB 2464**.



**Source:** <https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2022/02/03/missing-master-keys-lead-an-expensive-security-fiasco-state-capitol-building/>

We can all move forward and secure the keys to public safety once the duty-to-retreat barriers that prevent viable self-defense capabilities are removed from the Hawaii Revised Statutes currently embedded within Section 703-304.

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of **House District 48**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 2:15:53 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Robert Sanchez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Robert Sanchez. I am a lifelong resident on the island of Oahu and lived the majority of my life on the Waianae coast. My father was a vietnam veteran amd honolulu police officer. My mother was a social worker. They taught me right and wrong. I boxed. I did kick boxing and anytime my father and the Honolulu Police changed their martial arts modality for self defense,i learned it as well. I worked 34 years in security, 31 years mostly in Waikiki known as "ths jungle" where every night is a battle. I have trained martial arts my whole life and competed locally, nationally and internationally.

In 2014 I was attacked with a knife in broad daylight in Waikiki. Using martial arts I was able to be unarmed and stop my attacker from killing me. He was lying face down on the street and taken into custody by the Honolulu Police Department and convicted of felony 3 years later.

I give my support to any bill which allows a person to defend themselves against an attacker as some people do not posses the skill set that I do and need to be able to stand their ground and not have to run or walk away. Some people have disabilities or loved ones with them at rthe time of the attack and need to know they can defend themselves no matter the outcome.

Sincerely

Robert Sanchez

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 4:23:49 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
PHILIP LAPID	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Support the Bill HB2464 relating to use of force in self-protection. Finally, a bill that is pro-tax payers citizens, whose mindset is to work, earn, and provide for their families like myself. Criminal minds has no regard at all to all these kinds of bill and laws. It is rightful to give law abiding citizens to have options like this to be ready at all times and use when needed.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 5:04:02 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jerry Yuen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2464. Law abiding citizen should have the right to use force in defending themselves or others from violent criminals. The duty to retreat mus be removed.

Jerry Yuen

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 5:19:01 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
mitchell weber	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I SUPPORT HB2464,

Violence happens in seconds, the current legal restraints on victims of violence gives more power to criminals and opens pathways for them to SUE their VICTIMS! The use of force for defensive purposes must be reformed to take back the power from bad people.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 5:29:22 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Ryan Willis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT this measure. There should be no limits to self defence.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 5:42:26 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Kanoe Willis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT this measure. Self defence should have no restrictions



**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 6:05:16 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Russell Takata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT this bill. This is a good proposal. No citizen should have to justify defending themselves by running from their home or business when confronted by criminals who violate your domain.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 6:39:44 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Addison Caluya	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I wish to state my support for HB2464. The clarification of use of force as worded within this bill helps to remove the previous measures which to me were a hinderance to a users ability to make a reasonable decision in defense of themselves or their family. An egress option is not always viable when confronted by an aggressor and I believe this bill and its removal of the obligation to retreat will allow users to respond in a timely manner to a threat.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 7:14:32 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jordan Au	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I support this bill because it will remove the requirement to retreat before using deadly force in self defense. For example I live in an apartment, there isn't room to retreat unless you count jumping out the window a way to retreat.

Thanks,

Jordan Au

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 7:26:36 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

**STRONGLY SUPPORT**

please vote yes to strengthen our ability to defend ourselves and loved ones in our homes

mahalo for your time

aloha

steve

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 7:51:13 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jay	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Hawaii's crime rate has been ticking up these past few years and limits the people to defend themselves. Guns are non-lethal ways of trying to protect ourselves and others around us. If criminals will murder in front of the police station, what's the difference at your home or neighborhood. Allow the people to defend themselves without fear of being prosecuted. The only people that benefit from this bill are the criminals. Criminals get taken in, and later released, and history will just repeat itself.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 7:53:58 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Chris Yates	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Congressional Body,

I submit this testimony in FULL support of HB2464. The right to stand one's ground is an imparative safety right, particularly as recent stabbings and hyper-aggressive homeless/vagrants have terrorized the once safe streets of HNL.

This bill will allow victims to react faster and would protect said victim of violent/dangerous crime from wrongful prosocution on a legal technicality.

Thank you for proposing a bill that \*acutally\* makes our aina a safer place,

Chris Yates

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 7:58:18 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
steven lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2464. It is a comon-sense bill that will enable victims of crime to defend themselves and their property.

The current requirement to back down from criminals is very bad because it actually facilitates criminal activities upon our citizens.

HB2464 will correctly give the victims of crimes a better chance of defending themselves and their property from criminal activities while reducing the risks of suffering from possible criminal charges for defending themselves and their property.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:03:49 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Joann Salakielu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.



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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:07:52 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Blake Tokushige	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Support HB2464 Citizens of Hawaii need to have a self Defense law in place when outside your Home or workplace protecting themselves from unprovoked criminal assaults. Crimes in Hawaii are on an uprise and we need these types of laws passed to protect the Citizens of Hawaii from being a victim by criminals.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:16:49 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Andy Berky	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. It provides for better self defense of citizens in their home something which is particularly important with the recent uptick in crime.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:18:56 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Sean	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill because in stressful situations you only have split seconds to make a decision and having to think about retreating may not always be the first thing someone thinks about. This bill would also prevent victims who had to defend themselves from being criminals.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:34:56 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Glenn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have never understood or agreed with the 'duty to retreat' language in our current laws. It seems to that this type of language is very dangerous cause it effectively gives more rights and protections to criminals or people who would choose to break the law and harm another.

As a husband and a father I don't want to have to hesitate to decide whether I can get my wife and kids safely out of a dangerous situation before actually acting to defend myself or my family

As the son to a soon to be 87 year old mother I don't want to have to pause as to whether I can get my mother safely out of harms way before acting to defend her in a harmful situation.

Violent crime is on the rise and as a law abiding citizen I should not have to give any advantage to a murderer, robber, thug or anyone who would come at me or my family with deadly malicious intent. That split second could mean the difference between living and dying.

Plaece support the passage of this bill. Empower law abiding citizens to make the right decision to defend family and property. I support law enforcement and their efforts but there is no way their response is gonna be quick enough to neutralize an immediate threat. I don't think it is right to make someone like me the criminal in those instances.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this matter.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:48:12 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I SUPPORT this bill.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:59:21 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Marcus Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill in allowing myself and any individual that is being a victim of a crime to be able to react quickly to defend themselves rather than give MORE chance to the criminal to harm or assault them further. Requiring a duty to retreat will only give more power to criminal rights.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:08:25 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Walter Kanemori	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Home invasion victims will be able to defend themselves with less chance of being sued by the attackers after the fact.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:16:09 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
davin asato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am submitting testimony in support of HB2464.

The citizens of Hawaii have not been able to effectively defend themselves due to the requirement of a duty to retreat, especially in their own homes. In order to be able to protect my family, if someone is the aggressor, they have already made their intent clear by forcing their way into my home, through locked doors and windows as well as dogs and a fenced yard. There should be no requirement for me to retreat after all those actions have already been taken by a criminal.

Additionally, if outside of my home, being required to retreat while having my 2 daughters with me who are 12 and 9 years of age increases their risk of harm as well as my own. I need the ability to react quickly without having to think of a backdoor to take when the safety of my children is my highest priority.

The bad guy will always have the advantage as they have planned out when and where they will carry out their crime. Me on the other hand will have to respond to the best of my ability as a victim.

The citizens of Hawaii need the ability to protect themselves instantly and without the fear of being charged as a criminal for doing so because of a flawed law that requires them to retreat first.

It is my hope that my elected representatives allow the citizens of Hawaii the ability to defend themselves and their families without needing to first retreat so that a threat can be stopped and the safety of themselves and their families will be secured.

It is for these reasons that I support HB2464.



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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:18:47 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Arthur Kluvo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill HB2464 further defines when deadly force can be employed and I support this legislation.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:34:17 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Gary Fuchikami	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill because it is illogical to expect a victim of a violent attack to be able to calmly and rationally try to find a way to escape from the threat. The anxiety caused by an adrenalin dump in the person's system will be so stressful that you cannot expect the person to be able to look for an escape route or retreat when facing such a threat. The vast majority of people will resort to whatever means they have to protect themselves and their family members. Even so-called "trained law enforcement personnel" often "crash" in a high stress situation as history displays how their shot placement is all over the place. If LEOs are unable to handle it, how can you possibly expect your everyday citizens who don't regularly encounter such threats to be able to process their actions to flee first or retreat rather than do what's necessary to ensure they aren't injured or killed? The vast majority of the states in the country have a "no retreat" statute (aka "stand your ground"). Clearly, they know better than we do considering they experience much higher numbers of crime incidents than we do here in Hawaii. Please pass this bill to protect the lawful innocent citizens of this State.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:45:32 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Keith Kobayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB2464. Criminals know the law. Surrendering your possession's or livelihood to a criminal is insane and it just makes them bolder. I live in a two story house with half of my family downstairs, I cannot allow an intruder to occupy any part of my house. Remove the duty to retreat.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:45:55 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Paul Fukuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

This bill will allow victims of crimes to not fear being prosecuted with a crime while defending themselves. It is about time victims have rights instead of the criminals. Please support this bill.

Paul Fukuda, P. E.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:00:58 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Philip Tong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha I am in support of this bill! we can only back up so far until trapped, get run over in traffic or in the ocean and as a senior citizen neither is very helpful. Mahalo for your kokua.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:03:43 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Normand A Cote	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We have the right and responsibility to protect ourselves from those who want to hurt or kill us.

Respectfully,

Normand A cote

Law Abiding Citizen

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:06:22 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. It makes sense.

Mahalo

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:24:18 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
William Carreira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. Clear definition are a must when dealing with the use of deadly force for self-defense.



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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:28:13 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

A citizen defending themselves or others from attack should not be required to retreat as an alternative to an effective defense.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:31:37 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Francis Corpuz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Now this is the type of legislation I can get behind.

Treat criminals as criminals and law abiding citizens as regular people.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:43:13 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Charla Teves	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha! my name is Charla Teves. As a lifelong resident of Honolulu and a current student at the University of Hawaii, I am strongly **opposed** to changing the law to allow people to use deadly force as a first option rather than the last, even when they can clearly and safely walk away. This law will make Hawaii less safe.

Please do not advance it.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:43:58 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Lyle Hiromoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill because it will help protect victims from criminal liability. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:54:43 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Kathleen Elliott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please please do not pass this bill which allows people to use deadly force as an early intervention.

Kathleen Elliott, PA-C

Honolulu

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:56:56 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Frank Fasi Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2464 No duty to retreat.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:05:36 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Sandra Van	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT HB2464 Removing the duty to retreat if it can be done safely, before using deadly force for self-defense allows crime victims to react faster and make better defensive decisions and helps to protect the victims from criminal liability. Please SUPPORT this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:18:01 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Leah Delos Santos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha mai! My name is Leah Delos Santos, and I am a lifelong resident of Kailua, O‘ahu, and am currently a student at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. I am strongly **opposed** to this measure, as it allows people to use deadly force as a first option, when really it should be the last. Deadly force should always be the very last option. This measure sets a dangerous precedent for Hawai‘i.

Please oppose this bill.



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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:20:52 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Michael A. Wee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT this bill. Crime can occur anytime, anywhere, without provocation or warning. Recent events have shown that you can be murdered at the front entrance to the police station! Please pass this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:22:00 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
David P Vea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a lawful citizen, I believe it is our inherent and natural right to use reasonable force, to include deadly force to protect me and my family in the event there is an intruder in my home or if my family and I are away from our home and have belief of imminent death or injury. There should be no duty to retreat an attacker in these situations as it could result in placing the attacked under even more harm and presents attackers little to no deterrent to engage in such behavior.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:39:21 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Zach Eisenberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

With the spike in violent crime towards unarmed civilians including armed home invasions allowing citizens to protect themselves and loved ones at home and at their place of work seems common sense. Retreating or surrendering does not provide safety and is potentially life threatening.

Police take time to respond and attacks happen in seconds. Responsible citizens should be able to defend themselves and their families against attack and home invasion.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:40:19 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Galen J. Pao	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I, Galen J. Pao, want to go on record as supporting HB2464.

I believe as a US Citizen and supporter of the 2nd Amendment that the ability to defend oneself and loved ones is a right. When there is a requirement that says one has a duty to retreat, it creates confusion and second guessing which to me can pose a deadly situation in the heat of a life or death confrontation.

Criminals armed with the knowledge that law-abiding citizens will have a duty to retreat will only embolden the criminal. Criminals are opportunistic by nature and cowards. They will take the path of least resistance. I believe that criminals knowing that a law-abiding citizen can stand their ground without retreating will result in fewer crimes being committed.

Again, I support HB2464.

Galen J. Pao.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:42:41 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Benel Piros	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a Law abiding citizen I have the right to defend myself with in the Law. I should'nt retreat from a threat using legal judgement.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:47:04 AM

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

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

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:06:37 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Taarna D'Adamo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I do not want to hesitate, if I retreat I may not have another chance to defend myself.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:08:13 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Carolyn Pearl	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

TO: Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Carolyn Pearl

DATE: February 24, 2022; 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325 (via Videoconference)

RE: HB 2464, RELATING TO USE OF FORCE IN SELF PROTECTION

I strongly oppose House Bill 2464. Currently, Hawaii is one of the safest states in the country when it comes to gun violence. This is not by accident. It is the result of our sensible gun safety laws. This measure is just another attempt to erode Hawaii’s common sense gun safety laws and make the state a more dangerous place to live.

Commonly referred to as a “Stand Your Ground” law, the more appropriate term may be “Shoot First.” Recent studies by Everytown for Gun Safety (<https://www.everytown.org/shoot-first-stand-your-ground-laws-are-dangerous/>) and the Journal of American Medicine Association (<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2789154?fbclid=IwAR2IGjE5ldT4kI4jrausCWiHhp-CiVF6-4u3j7aYUQitj05Hn7YLLfOIKQs>) show the terrible impact of “Shoot First” laws across the country.

The death toll associated with similar Shoot First laws in other states includes increased homicides and compounds that carnage with many unintentional deaths. Such laws have also been associated with an increase in nonfatal firearm injuries resulting in emergency room visits and hospitalizations. While these laws speak to individual’s desire for self-protection, they have the effect of increasing the risk of death and making our community more dangerous.

Please continue to keep our community safe by voting NO on HB 2464.



Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:10:55 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
John D'Adamo III	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Support HB2464

Hesitate,Retreat and Uncertainty

"Then you discover you left your granddaughter in her bedroom when you retreated'

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:25:16 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Deborah G. Nehmad	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hawaii does not need this. Recent study shows that states who adopt such laws have higher murder rate,

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:34:56 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Craig Kashiwai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:36:59 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Kevin J. Cole	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support HB 2464. Citizens must be allowed the benefit of the doubt when it comes to self-protection.

V/R

Kevin J. Cole, Col USAF (Ret) Mililani

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:58:44 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Shane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. I feel it will give people hope and make us feel safer. It's hard to run away or avoid trouble, especially with young ones. It's natural instinct to protect ourself and loved ones, or anyone who needs help. This is one bill that will protect the law abiding citizen rather than the criminal. Hopefully it makes criminals think twice about what they do.

**HB-2464**

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

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Forrest Shoemaker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am testifying and urging you to SUPPORT HB2464. We truly need to recognize the reality of crime and self defense. One hopefully never has to face the reality of aggressive or violent crimes but when they occur as a citizen you rarely have the choice to make decisions such as retreating. Facts show that these crimes can occur in a matter of seconds and are over very quickly. It is rare that a victim has the luxury to escape "at will". It is also likely that in most cases if a person can escape a situation they would. However, in the event they don't have that option, we shouldn't impose upon the victim, the legal requirement that they retreat. after all they are the victim. they aren't choosing this event. they aren't the ones breaking the law. Rather it is the criminal that you are empowering with laws like a requirement to retreat. It makes it easier for the criminal. Shouldn't it be the exact opposite? We should pass laws that Protect the citizens and Enable the citizens. I urge you to Support HB2464 which serves the citizens and helps the citizens of Hawaii. That is your job is it not?

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:04:25 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Dale Hayama	Young Guns	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Legislators,

Please pass HB2464. The criminal and lawless have had too long a reign here in Hawaii and it is time to change the part of the law that punishes the law abiding citizen and empowers the criminal. HB2464 does just that! I BEG YOU TO PLEASE go to "Stolen Stuff Hawaii"'s Facebook page, search for the January 31st Facebook Live Zoom event @ 7:11pm, and listen to Attorney Megan Kau's personal account of being attacked and why our current law is so broken for the honest law abiding citizen. Her testimony comes from a point of law. Megan is a very respected attorney and paints a very clear picture of how following the current as written and as a LAW ABIDING CITIZEN, only benefits the criminal. Please pass HB2464 to fix this. We need to make Hawaii a better place for the good citizens. Mahalo for your ear!

Sincerely,

Dale Hayama



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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jon Abbott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:07:58 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
James D. O'Keefe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in full support of HB2464, which allows a person to use force, up to and including deadly force, in repelling an unprovoked attack that threatens death, rape, or serious bodily injury without a duty to retreat. Where it is possible and safe to do so, retreat is usually the best course of action. Sometimes, however, retreat is not possible, or is the more dangerous option. Someone defending themselves or another from an aggressor needs to have the ability to respond in the most reasonable and effective way, without second guessing him- or herself out of fear of legal repercussions and, if in their hesitation to act, losing their life or limb.

**HB-2464**

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jayson Dela Cruz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposing the HB2464, as a citizen of the state of hawaii, we all have the rights to defend ourselves and others from any imminent danger, attack, bodily harm and death from ang lawless or criminal elements.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:14:31 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Robert Douglas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am very opposed to HB2464.

Hawaii is one of the safest states when it comes to gun violence, gun death, domestic gun deaths and suicide by guns. Let's keep it that way. If you want to make it safer the DA should never be allowed to downgrade charges to a misdemeanor if a gun was involved in anyway during a crime. Seen too many criminals be able to keep their weapons because of the DA dropping felony charges in order to get a quick conviction.

Mahalo for listening to an ex Military Policeman.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:38:39 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Carol D. Yokoyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support HB2464.

There are so many crimes happening in this State. If HB2464 passes, crime victims will be able to react faster, make better defensive decisions and it will also protect the crime victims from criminal liability.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your time.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:39:40 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
William chase	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this measure. It gives law abiding citizens a chance to defend themselves, over criminals who have no duty to retreat. Criminal will commit there crimes; while citizens are left to attempt to retreat or face the consequences and it can be with our lives. With last week's incident of a good Samaritan getting shot at, and crime on the rise, giving your citizen a one up is greatly needed

**HB-2464**

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Andrew Yee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2464. Self defense is dynamic and things can escalate quickly. Removing the wording can keep innocent people trying to defend themselves out of unjust punishment.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:58:13 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Barry Yokoyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB 2464.



**HB-2464**

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

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Alan Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. By removing the duty to retreat it allows the law abiding citizen who is trying to defend themselves and family/friends less distractions so that they can more effectively and safely defend themselves without having to think about the possibilities of retreating.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 2:04:14 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Martha Kiyabu	Young Guns	Support	No

Comments:

HB2464 I stongly support this bill.

**HB-2464**

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Amanda Ishida-Norton	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

**Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair**

**Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair**

**Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee**

**Amanda Ishida-Norton**

**PO Box 10703**

**Thursday, February 24, 2022**

**Support for HB2464, Relating to Use of Force in Self-Protection**

**As a survivor of a vicious assault, I strongly support HB2464, Relating to Use of Force in Self-Protection, which clarifies when use of deadly force is not justified.**

**Prior to my attack in March 2017, I was a student in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. While being attacked, I remember thinking, “What if I hurt him? Can I go to jail too?” This thinking froze me and I was not able to defend myself. With this clarification, I know that I could defend myself with any means necessary to stop the assault.**

**Hopefully other women who are attacked the same way I was, would know they can defend themselves and they will not be at fault because they did not provoke the attack. By knowing they are able to protect themselves from any vicious physical attack, this will empower people to fight back and be reminded that they did not deserve this happening to them.**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 2:24:35 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
JOVENCIO B LUGA	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please allow us law abiding citizens to protect from evil doers. This bill will allow us the law biding citizen to be not part of the statistics by not second guessing when we can act and protect ourselves.

**HB-2464**

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

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Robert Coster	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am submitting written testimony in support of HB2464. This is what I would consider a "baby step" in the right direction to allow law abiding citizens their natural right to defend themselves, their loved ones, and their personal property. As a citizen it galls me to no end to know that if I "stand my ground" on my own property (or anywhere else) I will be treated as nothing more than a criminal, will endure political violence in the form of arrest, property seizure, court costs, lawyer fees, and possible fines and incarceration for merely defending myself or others. I would like to see a comprehensive STAND YOUR GROUND bill put forth that will send a strong signal to the growing population of criminals preying on law abiding, tax paying citizens in this great State. Citizens don't need law enforcement to "document" criminal activity against them, they need the ability to adequately defend themselves without fear of additional state sponsored violence against them.

Respectfully,

Robert Coster

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 2:41:57 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Alana Reis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill, in it's lack of deescalation direction. The use of deadly force should be regulated to the last of options, and I believe there should be a burden upon the Actor to mitigate that last resort.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 2:48:28 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
David Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2464 because I believe I/we have a right to self defense, and should not have to flee our home when a criminal illegally enters our home to commit a crime. Laws should be created to protect law abiding citizens. HB2464 is a step in the right direction and has my full support.



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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 3:07:15 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Marc M	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2464.

This bill will make defending one self less restrictive and have one less thing to worry about when in such a situation. People who end up in those situations may still have to face civil suits etc so there are still many things to think about before using lethal force willy nilly. But jail time shouldn't be one of them if you are in the right.

Please consider supporting HB2464.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 3:32:07 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Elizabeth Kellam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2464

**HB-2464**

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Chuck Lyons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Protecting one's self is a fundamental right. If a retreat can be done safely, the potential victim would do that, however, in some circumstances, that may not be possible. In the event a safe retreat is not possible, the victim should be protected from criminal liability.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 3:44:08 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
KEITH WINNIE	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of defending loved ones or other persons and property with deadly force.

I believe this is a human right.

Wait times on this island ( Big Island) for police to show up

is can be 5-15 min. or longer. I lot can happen to

a person in that amount of time. It is not the cops falt the island is big and mostly rural.

You should also allow for open carry and

conceal carry. From what I have read this reduces crime.

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 3:44:42 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Gordon Lau Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB2464. I have the right to defend myself and family

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 4:56:18 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Cheryl Holliday	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Members:

I am an older, single woman living on Oahu. I support this Bill so that I have the right to protect myself in case great harm should come to me at the hands of another person/persons. I should have the right to protect my life, defend my life, and defend my property without having to succumb to the whims of my attacker(s). It is difficult enough here in Hawaii with the lack of being able to carry an item to protect myself when I am out and about. We just had a murder take place in front of a police station! And Hawaii demands that we should have no way to protect ourselves. If I am in my home and in the middle of the night someone breaks in and wants to hurt me, I should be able to protect myself and be protected by laws that are set in place to allow me to do so. I myself, am not capable of warding off an attack, I am an older woman, not very big, no longer very strong. Thank you for listening to my testimony. Sincerely, Cheryl Holliday, Waianae resident.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 5:21:55 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Tito Castillo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

With the ever increasing threat of home invasion, theft, murder, rape and other heinous crimes, it is imperative that measures be taken to empower citizens with the right and ability to defend themselves against physical harm to themselves, their families or property. Police are stretched beyond capabilities and more often than not are late in responding to distress calls for help. Police will not be there in middle of night when a home intruder looking to either rape, or steal breaks into a home and has their way. It will be some time before Police arrive and by then it will be too late. Day by day we hear of criminals violating the law at every turn. This only leaves the law abiding citizen with the choice of becoming a victim, being maimed or killed, or taking action to defend themselves and their families which may or may not end up making them a victim in the end anyway. We need to protect citizens by empowering them with the right to self defense and ability to use deadly force, if necessary in their homes or property. I fully support this Bill. Please empower our citizens and protect them by passing it.

Tito Castillo, Kapa'a



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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
David Langacker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a resident of rural Hawaii County, very much in favor of HB2464

The right to protect my family in my own home is paramount. As law abiding citizens, we should not be afraid to defend my family and home in the unlikely event that it is necessary.

Thank You.

David Langacker

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**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 6:07:22 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Pete Wilson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

*As a Hawaii resident, I urge you to oppose HB 2464, a dangerous bill that will encourage violence and vigilantism.*

*We already have self-defense laws that give us the right to defend ourselves when attacked. This bill, on the other hand, emboldens extremists by letting people use deadly force as the first option rather than the last, even when they can clearly and safely walk away.*

*A recent study from the Journal of American Medical Association showed that these Shoot First laws have resulted in 700 additional gun deaths every year and homicides in which white shooters kill Black victims are deemed justifiable five times more frequently than when the situation is reversed.*

*Bottom line: HB 2464 would make Hawaii less safe. Please stop extreme gun legislation and oppose this dangerous gun bill.*

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 6:22:53 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Bo Breda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

*Dear Lawmakers,*

*As a Hawaii resident, I urge you to oppose HB 2464, a dangerous bill that will encourage violence and vigilantism.*

*We already have self-defense laws that give us the right to defend ourselves when attacked. This bill, on the other hand, emboldens extremists by letting people use deadly force as the first option rather than the last, even when they can clearly and safely walk away.*

*A recent study from the Journal of American Medical Association showed that these Shoot First laws have resulted in 700 additional gun deaths every year and homicides in which white shooters kill Black victims are deemed justifiable five times more frequently than when the situation is reversed.*

*Bottom line: HB 2464 would make Hawaii less safe. Please stop extreme gun legislation and oppose this dangerous gun bill.*

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 6:31:54 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Brendon Heal	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support this bill

This is a great addition and clarification to the law. It will allow citizens to actually be able to defend themselves, in a timely manner, when felons decide to attack, which seems is becoming more and more common and brazen.

Support this bill strongly

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 6:35:38 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is too heavy handed and violates common sense as to self defense.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 6:36:56 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Keith Kuroiwa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Unfortunately in Hawaii today crime does pay. There are criminals walking around with numerous felony convictions that continue to commit crimes with no fear of repercussions. They know that the prisons are overcrowded so they will spend no time in jail. Property crimes are not even worth investigating by the police as our judicial system does not punish the perpetrators. Yet if the person stealing from your property gets injured, you can be sued. In my opinion, that could lead to general lawlessness. The system does not protect the citizen. What people don't realize is property crimes can be life threatening to some people. With a lot of families living on the edge of homelessness the loss of even a car or other necessity can be devastating. If this continues we could force people into vigilanteism. To prevent this, law should be created that would allow citizens to defend themselves and their property. We as a society need to send the message to criminals that crime does not pay in Hawaii!

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 7:02:57 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
john kennedy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB2464. Our homes are our sanctuary. We should be allowed to defend ourselves and our family from violent invasions by those that wish to do harm . Thank you.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:28:00 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
David Reaume	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am very much in favor of HB 2464 we have the right to defend ourselves and our family expecially in our homes or anywhere for that matter WITHOUT BEING CHARGED WITH A CRIME

THANK YOU



**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 10:59:30 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Vikki Pfendler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB2464. It is our 5th amendment and 14th amendment right not be deprived of life, liberty or property. This bill would deprive the people of their right to self defense. The right to self defense is inherent in the Constitution and in God's law. Any person who would sign their name to this bill is committing treason against the people of Hawaii and against the Constitution of the United States. Please do what is right and uphold the oath you took to defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the Hawaii State Constitution.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:05:08 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Ashly O'Neill	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I can only pray that I never encounter a time where I am put in a position to use any type of force to defend my life (or loved ones) in my own home. Much less, face the legal consequences of having done so afterwards, simply because the State of Hawaii's current law. I work hard, take care of my family, pay my taxes, and FULLY comply with all state gun laws as a registered firearm owner. I am in favor of the States strict gun laws and requirements, however I strongly oppose the current the ramifications for self defense. Unfortunately, we do not live in a society where home invasion, theft, rape, and murder do not occur, and I feel safe knowing I am educated and skillful in utilizing a firearm to protect myself. As a young woman, it is unlikely that I could physically defend myself against a male, however having a firearm gives me a fighting chance. I am grateful to live in a place like Maui, and I live in a more remote area where it takes police and first responders longer to get to, which is a driving factor for prepadness in all situations. I find the current law to be sadly un-American, I work hard for everything I have and do the "right thing", only to be expected to flee (or obey commands of a criminal) in my home should someone make the choice to trespass and intend harm. Absolutely not. That ultimately forces this law abiding citizen to be penalized for protecting life when threatened. Again, I pray I am never put in a position to use a firearm to defend life, but if I am, I will always choose to protect my loved ones over the life of a threatening criminal. Unfortunately in that instance and under the current law, the State of Hawaii would punish me, and that would be my first and only offense.

I write this testimony strongly in favor of HB2464, so that legitimate self defense is not a crime.

Thank you for your time in the matter,

Ashly O'Neill

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**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:06:42 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Sterling Luna	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support with enthusiasm. This will allow potential victims to reach a safer means instead of forcing victims into unknown situations by trying to retreat from what most consider their safe haven.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:51:36 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Marcus DeValentino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In these dangerously changing times where violent crime is rampant and criminals are emboldened and incentivized by loose penalties in the justice system we must have self protection rights in order to preserve society.

Thank you.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 12:55:52 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Emmett Higa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2464 based on recent incidents involving criminals stabbing, beating and or robbing unarmed (per law) of private citizens. We need to maintain and strengthen the right to lawfully defend ourselves by passing this bill. You may all well know that the police cannot be everywhere as evidenced by the fact that almost all crimes are committed without a police officer present which is why the private law abiding citizens will need to defend/protect ourselves, our family, friends, and property on our own until a police officer comes in to investigate and file a report.

Also, I would like legislation to further help the law abiding private citizen protect themselves because currently §134-51 (Deadly weapons; prohibitions; penalty), prohibits any person not authorized by law from who carries concealed upon the person's self or within any vehicle used or occupied by the person or who is found armed with any dirk, dagger, blackjack, slug shot, billy, metal knuckles, pistol, or other deadly or dangerous weapon shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be immediately arrested without warrant by any sheriff, police officer, or other officer or person. What I would like is collapsible batons (aka billy) like HPD is authorized to carry, be authorized for the private citizen to carry as this is a good method to keep a criminal with a knife away from them as not many victims of crime have the ability to out run the criminal. With the collapsible baton (billy), the citizen at least has a chance to keep the criminal at distance and or defend him/herself from getting stabbed. This is also helpful when encountering unleashed aggressive dogs.

I'm retired and go walking (by myself) for shopping and also walk for needed exercise to maintain my health and have encountered some situations that makes me want for a device (collapsible baton/billy) to protect myself as crime against seniors are becoming more frequent.

Thank You, Emmett Higa

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**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 1:59:33 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Craig Dansie	We the People	Support	No

Comments:

Defending one's self from a crime should not be a considered crime.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 2:03:19 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Kim Cordery	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of HB2464

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 2:14:01 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Dave Webb	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB2464 should be passed because it will empower the law-abiding people and reduce violent crime.

Violent crime rates fell after 23 states adopted similar enhancements to self-defense. It was a flawed study in 2012 that said violent crime rates rose instead of fell. A thorough and easy-to-read analysis of the flawed study is here: [Do Castle Doctrine Laws Impact Violent Crime?](#)

The correct results indicate that violent crime fell in most of the states that adopted the enhancements.

Sincerely,

Dave Webb

Pahoa, HI 96778



**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 4:48:06 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Joaquin S Mello	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of house Bill 2464. Citizens have a right to protect life limb and property.  
j. Mello

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 5:18:28 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Art Owen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do not pass this bill. We should have the right to defend ourselves and everyone and everything around us.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 6:29:08 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Woody Child	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2464.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 6:37:21 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
John Bickel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This appears to me to be a shoot-first bill. It looks very dangerous.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 6:49:37 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Sabrina Sumner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Thank you, God, for shifting the main focus on the true criminal leaders in our community who does NOT have the peoples best interest and safety of our society. I do thank you, God, for creating and choosing the fore fathers of America in developing THE CONSTITUTION. FOR THE PEOPLE AND BY THE PEOPLE.

**LATE**

To whom it may concern,

I am in favor of HB2464, where [House Bill 2464](#) empowers law-abiding citizens to defend themselves and their loved ones by repealing the requirement in state law that citizens must retreat, relinquish property, or comply with the demands of assailants before defending with deadly force. The law should not force citizens to accede to demands of violent criminals and accept becoming victims of crimes.

It seems that violent crime is on the rise. I have taken reasonable steps to make it as difficult as possible for any unwanted intruders to enter my property. There have been two separate incidents where total strangers have approached my dwelling and asked my family and I for cash. Our vehicles have been broken into multiple times and stolen twice. Neighbors have been burglarized multiple times, cars are having their catalytic converters stolen regularly. Although these are not violent crimes, we are being victimized by these criminals with no recourse. Luckily, we have not caught anyone in the act of performing these crimes. I fear that if we did, the situation might escalate into a confrontation where the criminal would feel the need to become violent and cause harm to myself or my family. If they are armed and threatening to do harm to myself or my family, it only seems reasonable that I would be able to defend myself without having to retreat to the furthest room in my house. It would seem that such a situation would escalate far too quickly for me to gather my family (my mother is 94) and remove them all from the threat by retreating to the furthest room in the house.

Being an Army veteran, I am well trained in the use of firearms and am disciplined enough to know when and where the use of deadly force is required.

Sincerely,  
Terence Yogi

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 7:27:15 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Anthony Empting	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. Its a god given right to protect ones self loved ones and property.

Thanks,

Anthony Empting

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 7:32:52 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Gregory Natividad	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the amendments to HB2464.



**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 7:52:18 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Terence Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Members of Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs regarding HB2464.

I am born and raised here on Oahu. I am a survivor of gun violence that occurred in Washington State many years ago. You cannot imagine the horror show this bill would have on innocent survivors of gun violence.

It is established fact that there are more guns on this island than we know about. It is also known that the COVID pandemic has spurred even more gun sales than usual. Despite all this, I still feel safe in a State with some of the most comprehensive gun laws in our whole Nation. Passing this bill would make it less safe for the people of Hawaii, myself included.

Mahalo for reading this testimony.

Terence Lee

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 8:00:20 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Tina Lia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill would allow the people of Hawaii to better defend ourselves and our loved ones against violent crime. The current law forcing us to accede to the demands of violent criminals needs to be changed. We should have the right to protect ourselves. Please vote yes and stand up for the law-abiding rather than the criminals.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 9:16:46 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Randy Douglas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass HB2464 to prevent further victimization of innocent individuals.

Thank You

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 9:28:53 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Henry Bruckner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The right to self-defense is critical to a free society, especially in the home. Why should a person be forced to retreat before engaging in defending him/herself? The burden should be on the attacker, not the defender.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 9:55:44 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Guy Pasco	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a law-abiding citizen I should be able to defend myself and my loved ones. I support repealing the existing backwards requirement in state law that emboldens and protects violent criminals by forcing law-abiding citizens to retreat, relinquish property, or comply with the demands of assailants.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 9:56:08 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
lisa hand	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As an American citizen, it is important that we honor the 2nd Amendment and allow the right to bear arms. Registered gun owners are not a threat to the state, it is the illegal gun owners that are. Please do not confuse this. I agree this bill should be passed to protect our rights.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 10:07:01 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
William Dunn	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Lawful peace loving citizens must retain rights, freedom and empowerment. This truth is self evident and a fundamental presented, and ratified upon our establishment as a lawful organization as a nation.

For evil to thrive only requires good men to do nothing.

We must empower our good men (wo-men) to resist evil and tyranny where ever it exists.

Defense is a RIGHT. Any law that hinders the ability of a human to defend one's self is in violation of a right. Rights are inherent and not revocable or controlled by man irrelevant to his desire to do so.

Do what is right, just, common sense and based upon our established fundamentals of freedom. Recognize the right of any free person to defend themselves, protect their property, being, grounds and others when threatened. This is simply common sense at a time of uncommon lack of it.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 10:08:03 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Karli Miyata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a life-long resident of Hawaii, I strongly urge you to pass this bill to empower law-abiding citizens like myself to defend ourselves and our loved ones against criminals. Thank you!



**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 10:14:48 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Aprill Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I absolutely support this bill if it improves the ability of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves & their loved ones! It is our 2nd Amendment right! We should not be forced to accede to demands of violent criminals & become victims ourselves.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 10:18:17 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jon Cornforth	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a gun owner and member of the Hawaii Firearms Coalition. I support one's right to self-defense.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 10:23:30 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Brian Javonillo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in full support of HB2464. I want to restore my rightful duty to stand my ground and defend my self, my loved ones, and my personal property, while physically on my property. I am prepared to defend myself, loved ones, and personal property using the necessary force needed, up to and including lethal force.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 10:25:23 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Natasha Hirata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Law-abiding citizens have the right to defend themselves and their property!

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 10:30:53 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Elizabeth Diamond	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this [House Bill 2464](#) It's upholding our unalienable Constitutional rights for law-abiding citizens to defend themselves and their loved ones by repealing the requirement in state law that citizens must retreat, relinquish property, or comply with the demands of assailants before defending with deadly force. The law should not force citizens to accede to demands of violent criminals and accept becoming victims of crime. It's for the good for ALL citizens, including law-maker, butcher and candle stick ...

Thank you!

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**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 10:40:07 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Frank Schultz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB 2464 empowers law-abiding citizens to defend themselves and their loved ones by repealing the requirement in state law that citizens must retreat, relinquish property, or comply with the demands of assailants before defending with deadly force.

The law should not force citizens to accede to demands of violent criminals and accept becoming victims of crimes.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 10:52:42 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Peter Chirico	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please Support HB2464 it empowers law abiding citizens to defend themselves and their loved ones by repealing the requirement in state law that citizens must retreat, relinquish property, or comply with the demands of assailants before defending with deadly force.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 10:57:10 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Ed Arcalas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Hawaii Legislators,

Law abiding private citizens should have the right to protect themselves in their homes and businesses. The process to acquire a firearm in Hawaii is an intensive one that includes training, and a lengthy waiting period for both a permit and to register the weapon.

The current law favors criminals and non-law abiding citizens by requiring victims to retreat in their own residences or private property to avoid conflict with perpetrators. This theory may not properly materialize during a real life life, death, and harm scenerio.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to a favorable result that benefits the law abiding citizens of our State.



**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 11:01:58 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Mr. & Mrs. O'Neill	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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I am writing in support of HB2464. We have the God given right to protect ourselves and our elected Government needs to support this .

Thank you . Regards, Steve and Linda O'Neill

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 11:05:39 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Nolan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The right to self-defense is a fundamental human right

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 11:10:26 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
michelle Blaconiere	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. All citizens should have the right to self defense and to defend their families and property with force against ( to include deadly force if necessary) as this would lessen the crime rate if criminals know there is more risk involved for committing their crime. There is proof of this In The states such as Texas that allow for one to carry and protect their property. There is no need to re invent the wheel.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 11:13:06 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Susan Shaheen Mulkern	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for having some common sense and changing this law. I support the change.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 11:14:35 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Kevin Mulkern	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you. I support this change.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 11:23:19 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Moorea Wolfe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Citizens must have the right to defend themselves and their families from criminal actions that could harm or hill their livelihoods and lives.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 11:33:20 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Michael Jensen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To Representatives,

I am in support of this bill as everyone should have a right to defend themselves in any place or type of situation. Hawaii has the most restrictive gun laws in the nation. Honest people like myself follow all these laws but i should have a right to defend myself as the constitution grants me that right. Please support this bill.

Thank you,

Michael Jensen

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 11:37:47 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Stephanie Ruiz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. Law abiding citizens should be allowed to defend themselves and their families.



**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 11:38:23 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Wendy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

Everyone who follows the law has the right to protect themselves when being physically attacked, by deadly force if necessary! Pass HB2464!

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 11:40:34 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jose Ruiz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2464.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 12:00:15 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Michelle Stuebben	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support and vote YES on HB2464

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 12:07:06 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Rita Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In favor of HB 2464

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 12:13:00 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Danny Martelo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. The citizens of Hawaii should not be subject to becoming victims and allowing criminals to take advantage of them. This should impact crime in a positive way by reinforcing the idea to criminals that there are consequences to their actions. This will also give our law abiding citizens peace of mind knowing that they can legally defend their family and property without the fear of becoming a victim. More crimes will be deterred by this bill which has nothing but benefits to your average citizens and will make crime less likely. As a side note, all of you wearing masks right now need to be made aware they do not work to stop viruses and if you don't use them properly or have a beard they are useless. The last state with restrictions, what a joke.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 12:14:04 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Roxanne Earwood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please vote yes on HB2464. Everyone has the right to defend themselves. This is common sense.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 12:18:15 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Rona Silva	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I **support** and vote **YES** to HB 2464. Thank you.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 12:23:31 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
R. L. Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In STRONG support



**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 12:29:47 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Wes Zane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of HB2464. At 70 years of age, a law abiding citizen, to think that I must retreat, relinquish property, or comply with the demands of assailants before defending with deadly force, is simply absurd. Please pass HB2464, our kupuna and families need your support, NOT the criminals!

Mahalo,

Wes Zane

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 12:29:55 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Alexander Meimer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We all prefer to life in a peaceful and lawful society.

Since this is not always the case and the police force is more and more strained and understaffed, citizens need to have a way to protect themselves and their family's.

No lawful citizen wants to harm other people, but it is a deterrent for criminal elements to know there can be repercussions for certain actions.

Hopefully these is never a need for these defence options to be used, but we need to make it avaiable because the absence of the option can and will result in innocent lifes to be hurt or taken.

Please vote for the bill to move forward.

Thank you.

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 12:37:32 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Amy Eck	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am support the empowerment of citizens to defend themselves. As a parent with 2 small children it is my duty to protect my children. The law currently does not support my ability to be a good mother or a responsible citizen. It requires me to retreat and relinquish property before doing the right thing and protecting my children.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2022 12:46:53 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
D Nautu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in favor for HB 2464 in law-abiding citizens have the constitutional right to defend themselves and their loved ones and their property. It is absolutely abhorrent that law-abiding citizens have to retreat, relinquish personal property or comply with demands from violent criminals before defending with deadly force. That only increases crime and tells criminals it is okay which it is not! Trying to make a living in Hawaii is HARD and allowing such behavior from criminals only makes it that much harder. No wonder why local people are leaving and moving away. There will be nothing left of the Hawaiian people only the rich will be able to live in Hawaii. Shameful!!!

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 12:58:18 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Yan Scherman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN FAVOR of HB2464.

I'm encouraging this bill to pass so that law-abiding citizens in the State of Hawaii have the fundamental right to protect themselves outside of their home. Crime has been on the rise and the State of Hawaii have been complicit in their actions in not pushing stricter punishments on criminal activity. Innocent citizens have been victimized by violence and criminal behaviors by REPEAT offenders and have been stripped of their rights to bear arms to protect themselves. Legal gun owners have had their full 2nd amendments rights take away and now they should be invoking their fundamental, constitutional rights.

I oppose HB 2464

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 1:47:33 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Star Fernandez Beechick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support

This will further help in defending yourself and others in a timely manner; meaning milliseconds matter more than just seconds when you are a victim of a criminal attack.

Mahalo

**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 1:55:50 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Lynne wood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support



**LATE**

**HB-2464**

Submitted on: 2/24/2022 2:00:08 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
J Schwandt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I whole-heartedly SUPPORT HB2464