



The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

State Capitol, Video Conference  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

HEARING: Friday, February 12, 2021, at 9:15AM

RE: SB301 Firearms; Assault Weapons Ban; Assault Pistols; Detachable Magazines

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee,

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition OPPOSES SB301.

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition opposes this bill that seeks to outlaw semiauto rifles and shotguns, and rifle magazines able to hold more than 10 rounds. Semiauto rifles and shotguns as well as the magazines that feed them are in common use the most popular and number in the HUNDREDS of THOUSANDS. This law would turn the owners of the magazines into felons overnight.

HIFICO opposes this bill:

1. Semiauto rifles and shotguns as well as the magazines that feed them are the most popular firearms in this state and are therefore protected under the 2008 SCOTUS Heller ruling.
2. There are currently two lawsuits in the 9th circuit challenging a similar law banning large capacity magazines. SB301 should be deferred if not removed from consideration until this case is resolved as the 9th Circuit had issued a temporary injunction stopping California's magazine ban. (Duncan vs. Becerra)
3. The cost of compensation for the 100s of thousands of these magazines in this state will be in the **millions of dollars** in cost to the state and tax payers.
4. Many home invasions involve multiple attackers. Reducing the capacity of a magazine for rifles would hurt the ability of women, elderly, and disabled firearms owners to defend themselves by requiring them to reload in the middle of the effort to defend themselves.
5. The term "High Capacity" magazine is misleading. A magazine that holds 30 cartridges is the size magazine that was designed for use with most semi-auto rifles. Therefore the proper term for these ammunition feeding devices is a STANDARD CAPACITY MAGAZINE. Many historically significant firearms do not have lower capacity magazines.

Please vote no on this deeply flawed proposed legislation..

For these reasons the Hawaii Firearms Coalition Opposes SB301. Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo

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Senate Committee on Judiciary  
HEARING: February 12, 2021 at 9:15am  
RE: SB301 Relating to Firearms

**I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB301**

As a retired army veteran, I am disgusted by this bill infringing on the rights I fought for. As a former police officer I am disgusted by this bill violating the rights I protected. As a firearms instructor, I am disgusted by this bill preventing me from training the good people of Hawaii for their self-defense, work skills, hunting, and recreation.

As a former National Guard Marksmanship Team competitor and law enforcement officer, I know how important it is for service-members to practice on their own. Most military services only conduct live-fire firearms training once a year, if they are lucky. This is very inadequate training for something they will rely on to protect their life and the lives of others. This is why many of us train on our own and help to coach others on the weekends and off duty. Marksmanship is a perishable skills that needs to be practiced constantly. This bill will prevent that from happening.

As the NRA Hawaii State Training Counselor, I have training over a hundred people in firearms use, many of them with rifles to use for work, self-defense, recreation, and hunting. This bill would ban nearly all semiautomatic rifles used for those purposes. Rifles are the most versatile firearms that can be used for a variety of purposes for a variety of people. There are many people that are unable to use other types of firearms, such as handguns and shotguns, due to disabilities, age, and other factors. This makes rifles essential for those people.

This bill affects tens of thousands of people in Hawaii and is a violation of the 2nd Amendment.  
**I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB301.**

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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Denzel Kalahiki

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(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

my hunting rifle to put food on  
the table.









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NAME: Tema Lindsey

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

because I own weapons.

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(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I oppose this bill as it restricts my 2nd Amendment  
Right to own and use a MODERN SPORTING RIFLE.  
THIS IS NOT an ASSAULT RIFLE. We don't need a  
magazine ban for this - I want the same protection  
as Law enforcement for myself and family.



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NAME: Keith Yamanaka

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(optional) mail.mil

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

Limiting magazine capacity of a long gun will not provide any result in any less violence. Most assaults occur with handguns. Since pistol caliber carbines are already banned, and <sup>short</sup> barrel lengths are already illegal, banning <sup>magazines</sup> will not result in any benefit to public safety.

What's next, ban all fossil fueled cars? How do you intend to reimburse people who <sup>similarly</sup> already acquired 10+ magazines? Only the bad guys are going to have these.

~~What's~~ Create a system to legally acquire all the things you want to ban.



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(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

This will further open the path to more infringement of  
2A rights.

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NAME: TAYLOR WONG

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I ~~Prefer~~ OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

NOT OK FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO INFRINGE  
ON MY RIGHTS. FURTHERMORE, I WILL NEED  
THE ABILITY TO PROTECT MY FAMILY  
AND PROPERTY BECAUSE NO ONE ELSE  
WILL.



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NAME: REY LIMOS

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

TO MANY GUN LAWS, NEED ENFORCEMENT.

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NAME: Gilbert Brown

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

SB301 is unconstitutional  
and overly Broad.

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NAME: Nick Monlux

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(optional)

I Oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I believe this is unconstitutional and unnecessary.  
Lawful gun owners should be free to own and  
enjoy firearms safely and legally. please do  
Not pass this bill



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NAME: Jonathan Masada

EMAIL: Jan@SERVICEWITHAOLHA.COM  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT SHOWN THAT THEY ARE  
IRRESPONSIBLE SHOULD NOT HAVE THEIR RIGHTS TAKEN  
AWAY. NOT TO GET IN TO THE NUMBER OF EXAMPLES  
BUT DON'T JUST THINK SENSABLY ABOUT THIS... IF THERE  
WERE MORE PROPERLY TRAINED PEOPLE WITH FIRE ARMS  
THE WORLD WOULD BE A SAFER PLACE





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NAME: Keisha Alonzo-Tiposo

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

Unconstitutional. Protect the 2nd Amendment.

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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: DAVEY TEBIA

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

FORCES ANYONE WHO POSSESS AN ASSAULT WEAPON TO DESTROY  
OR GIVE UP THEIR WEAPONS.











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NAME: ALAN TSUTSUI

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(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

ANYTHING THAT INFRINGES ON MY 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT RIGHTS CANNOT  
BE RATIFIED! ANYONE WHO HAS TO DEFEND THEIR PROPERTY MUST BE  
ABLE TO SHOOT MORE THAN 10 ROUNDS IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND  
THEMSELVES.





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NAME: Murphy Lewis

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I **VEHEMENTLY** oppose this bill for several reasons. Here are a few:

- 1) Passing such legislation will do little, if anything, to actually remedy the issue of human on human violence via gun. So called "assault weapons", which are in actuality just <sup>semi-auto</sup> guns, account for such a small margin of actual crimes in this country, yet they are villainized simply by how they look. Crimes via handgun vastly outnumber crimes via semi-auto rifle, if you politicians would actually do any research you would see that.
- 2) Limiting magazines to only 10 rounds accomplishes **NOTHING**. A criminal with 10 10 round magazines could do just as much damage as a person with 3 or 4 30rd magazines. This is pointless legislation and is **UNCONSTITUTIONAL**.
- 3) There would be virtually no way to enforce the 10 round mag rule were this to go into effect, people would just stock up on 30rd mags prior to the effective date and then just keep them in a safe place until the need arose for them.
- 4) The founders of this great nation would never have supported this tyrannical legislation. You've turned your backs on the ~~rights~~ you took.

"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right to keep and bear arms, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED!"

The American people are the militia...

**2A ALL DAY! EVERYDAY!**



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SB307 Relating to Firearms (50 caliber gun ban)

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(optional)

I OPPOSE ~~SB301~~ SB301

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

IT APPEARS THAT THIS BILL IS ATTEMPTING TO REPEAL THE 1994 GRANDFATHER LAW OF PRE OWNED LONG GUNS TO INCLUDE SHOTGUNS THAT DID NOT REQUIRE REGISTRATION.

STUDIES SHOULD BE DONE ON HOW MANY GUN CRIMES WERE COMMITTED IN COMPARISON TO OTHER WEAPONS, WERE THE ORIGIN OF THE WEAPON, AND HOW IT WAS ACQUIRED.

WE HAVE THE STRICTEST GUN LAWS IN THE NATION. TO TAKE OFF AN INDUSTRY THAT BRINGS IN A VAST AMOUNT TO OUR ECONOMY IS IMPROPER. TO PROHIBIT USAGE AND OR LIMIT USAGE OF ACCESSORIES REDUCES AND OR STOPS CITIZENS IN PARTICIPANT IN COMPETITIONS NOT JUST WITHIN THE STATE AND NATIONAL COMMUNITY BUT WORLD WIDE.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Nicholas Mouiz Teves

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(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I will be labeled a felon and it does nothing to  
prevent crime! criminal do not follow the law  
and will not be affected by this!

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NAME: Tony Fuller

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(optional)

OPPOSE  
I Tony Fuller SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

This will cause undo financial hardship and  
I do not want to loose anymore of my  
Constitutional rights.

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NAME: John Lee

EMAIL: keonelee@yahoo.com  
(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

Let's enforce existing laws no new laws needed



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NAME: Russell Hansen

EMAIL: dradbatrh@msu.com  
(optional)

I oppose SB301.

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Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

Preserve Right to Bear Arms

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(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

IT INFRINGES ON MY RIGHTS AND LIMITS MY MAGAZINE

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NAME: Rupert Corpuz

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(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

Gun manufacturers produce guns w/ 17+ rounds magazines  
and as a consumer I have to pay the extra cost  
to block the magazines.





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(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

Enacting this or any other ban against the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment only hurts the law abiding citizens. Criminals will always be criminals, regardless of whatever laws that are passed.



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NAME: Linda Infante

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(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

Law abiding citizens should be allowed to continue, carry & use if necessary to protect the safety of family & life from criminals who do not respect law & life, It is the right of citizens who live by the rules to honor the second amendment as written for life liberty & happiness.



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NAME: KEOLA ESPERAS

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I AM IN OPPOSITION OF THIS BILL BECAUSE FEATURES OF A WEAPON DOES NOT MAKE ANY ONE WEAPON MORE DANGEROUS. A BLACK RIFLE ISN'T MORE DANGEROUS THAN A RIFLE THAT IS GREEN. THE FEATURES THAT ARE BEING ADDRESSED ARE MOSTLY FOR LOOKS, (EX.) MY RIFLE \*LOOKS\* BETTER THAN YOURS.

IN NO WAY DOES AN ADJUSTABLE STOCK ALLOW FOR MORE ROUNDS, OR ALLOW A PERSON TO SHOOT FASTER. I FEEL THAT THIS IS AN ATTACK AND NOW A THREAT OF MAKING MANY FIREARM OWNERS INTO FELONIOUS CRIMINALS WITH THE STROKE OF A PEN.

I OPPOSE!



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NAME: Manulea Lindsey

EMAIL: manulea1@gmail.com  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I oppose SB301 because its my right to have  
any weapon I feel I need for my protection-

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NAME: Brian Ronquillo

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(optional)

I \_\_\_\_\_ SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

An AR15 keeps my home safe against  
armed home invaders as a rifle is easier  
to control by someone of smaller stature.



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NAME: Steven Kaledhano

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

The gun laws in Hawaii are already strict enough. This bill is unnecessary and only restricts our right to bear arms this bill is unconstitutional. I strongly oppose this bill and any other bill that restricts our second amendment rights.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Mitchell Kan

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I Oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

Gen. Rifles have been here since  
the 1917's. Do not take my  
2nd Amendment right away.  
The Bill of rights is a individual  
right. I want to keep my rights.













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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: GREG CULVER

EMAIL: pualanilandscapes@aol.com  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I'M GETTING TIRED OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS BEING TAKEN AWAY.

Multiple horizontal lines provided for writing testimony.





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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Chris Lum

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

Please vote no on SB 301. This bill  
does nothing to increase firearm safety  
but hinders law-abiding, responsible citizens.  
Thank you for your consideration

Christopher Lum, MD



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME:

James Falcafin

EMAIL:

(optional)

james.falcafin@gmail.com

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

exercise my 2nd Amendment Rights.

Multiple horizontal lines for writing testimony.





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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: RICHARD JAVILLO

EMAIL: rojavillo@ynhoo.com  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I OPPOSE THE SB 301 BECAUSE  
ITS ONLY FAVORING THE UNLICENSED  
FIREARMS AND ITS AGAINST THE 2ND  
AMMENDMENT.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: CHELSEA HADA

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I live alone in my home. If a group of people break in and attempt to rape, hurt, or kill me I should have the right to defend myself. I would not have time to reload my weapon if magazines are limited to 10 rounds. This bill is taking away our 2nd amendment we have the right to protect ourselves.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: LYNDEL CABATLI

EMAIL: lcabatli@gmail.com  
(optional)

I LYNDEL SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I OPPOSE THIS BILL BECAUSE IT TAKES AWAY MY RIGHTS TO LEGALLY OWN AND OPERATE THESE FIREARMS AND MAGS. I AM A HUNTER WHO USES THESE FIREARMS ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR GETTING MY FOOD.

THIS BILL PRESENT TAKE THESE MAGS AND FIREARMS AWAY FROM CRIMINALS. IT ONLY HURTS THE LEGAL CITIZENS.

THE 10 ROUND MAG BAN ONLY GIVES THE CRIMINAL THE ADVANTAGE OVER EVERYONE WHO IS LIMITED TO WHAT THEY CAN HAVE. THIS BILL ONLY HURTS AND PREVENT HELP



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NAME: KEN KANESHIRO

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL, I AM A  
LAW ABIDING CITIZEN AND STRICTLY FOLLOW  
THE ALREADY OVER RESTRICTIVE GUN LAWS  
WHILE CRIMINALS CONTINUE TO NOT FOLLOW  
GUN LAWS. AN ASSAULT WEAPON BAN &  
STANDARD 30 RD CAPACITY MAG BAN WILL  
SEVERELY DISADVANTAGE ME TO DEFEND  
MYSELF WHEN THE CRIMINALS WILL NOT  
FOLLOW THIS PROPOSED LAW. THE LEGISLATURE  
HAS TOOK AN OATH TO THE CONSTITUTION  
AND THE 2ND AMENDMENT CLEARLY SAYS  
"IT SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED". AN ASSAULT/  
MAGAZINE BAN IS CLEARLY INFRINGING  
ON MY RIGHT TO BESS AND USE FIREARMS.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Renny Chee

EMAIL: rennchee@gmail.com  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

This bill and related issues associated with this bill  
will not prevent criminals from doing crime. What this  
bill does is target law-abiding citizens who have been  
vetted as required by existing State laws. Stop targeting  
your law-abiding constituents.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: RAYMOND ELLORIX

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I oppose it SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I want to protect my rights as a citizen that's why I oppose it.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Jonah Nicholson

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I Jonah Nicholson SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I support SB301, SB307, HB31, HB366. Because I support  
our 2nd amendment rights. I do not support any ban on  
any firearms because it is unconstitutional. I believe it  
is our rights as an American citizen.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Clinton Takenchi

EMAIL: clint.takenchi@gmail.com  
(optional)

I Clinton Takenchi: SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I strongly oppose SB301 Assault weapons & magazine ban which affects my ability to enjoy shooting, hunting and food gathering abilities to feed my family. I am ~~an~~ avid collector and it will affect my ability to pass on my knowledge and hunting/shooting heritage to my family.

I also oppose SB 307 50 caliber firearm ban which also affects my direct interest of my self and my family.

These bans do not help or support the safety of your constituents. It does not help law abiding citizen and <sup>the bans</sup> only helps criminals and black market activities.

Please consider my humble testimony. I have been a life long resident and hunter and shooter for over 45 years. all of my family enjoys shooting sports and hunting its a part of our culture

Sincerely  
Clinton Takenchi





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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Chad Daniels

EMAIL: Chad717d@gmail.com  
(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

It should be our right to protect ourselves, and its  
our 2A rights. for home defense from multiple  
intruders.

Lined area for additional testimony or comments.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Michalangelo Infante

EMAIL: lminfante@gmail.com  
(optional)

I Oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

With all the arm robbery of senior citizens lately  
by more than one person I am finally come to the conclusion  
that I need to be able to defend myself and my family.  
I don't intend to kill but will certainly prepare myself to do what's  
necessary to keep my family safe





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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: VINICIUS SILVA

EMAIL: 108@PATRIOT.ME  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

THIS BILL SHOULD NOT BE PASSED. THERE IS NO REASON  
FOR THIS OTRAGEOUS BILL. I DIDN'T LEAVE BRAZIL TO  
AMERICA SO JUST THE CRIMINALS CAN HAVE EFFICIENT  
FIREARMS!!!

PURE NON-SENSE.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Rasa Fournier

EMAIL: LA\_RADHA@yahoo.com  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I strongly oppose a firearms/magazine ban as  
our constitutional right to protect and defend ourselves is  
at the heart of the free country that America is. Without  
our firearms rights, we no longer have an America founded  
in part w/ an individual's right of self-protection.

Multiple horizontal lines for writing additional testimony.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: David Lunn

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

It is important to NOT INFRINGE upon the  
rights of citizens to defend themselves.

Multiple horizontal lines for writing testimony.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Megan Niven

EMAIL: meganchniven@outlook.com  
(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

It is Unconstitutional to take away  
a persons ~~right~~ right to have arms.

Multiple horizontal lines for writing testimony.







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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Shane McHenry

EMAIL: SVPLA6907@yahoo.com  
(optional) *SM*

I Shane McHenry SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I oppose our rights being taken away.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Angel Melberry

EMAIL: angel.melberry@gnas.com  
(optional)

I \_\_\_\_\_ SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

Supporting to keep our laws.



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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME:

Bryson Papapa

EMAIL: b.papapa@papapa.com

(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I oppose Gun Bill SB301 and any other anti-Gun Bill. I would like to protect and preserve my 2nd Amendment and my Constitutional right to bear arms!

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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Dakota Papapa

EMAIL: [dakota.papapa@gmail.com](mailto:dakota.papapa@gmail.com)

(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

Preserve the second amendment

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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME:

CLAYTON SEGUNDO JR.

EMAIL: SEGUNDOJR@  
GMAIL.COM  
(SMALL CASE)

(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I WANT TO PRESERVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT  
AND TO PROTECT MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO  
BEAR ARMS

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NAME:

Emmale Pigeon

EMAIL:

Emmale.Pigeon@state.nj.gov

(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill

I would like to provide full and  
unrestricted 2nd amendment

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NAME:

K. Lange

EMAIL: V.Papapota@gmail.com

(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I am a Republican, Republican voter, Full Time  
and work, want and love a strong citizen.  
Oppose SB301 and any other firearms ban.



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not check it into a public hearing  
venue. www.sos.ga.gov  
Faculty: www.sos.ga.gov

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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons magazine ban)

NAME:

Paul White

EMAIL: whitep@ga.gov

517.333.2000

(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or comment on this bill.

I oppose because I want to protect the Second Amendment  
and the constitutional right to bear arms.

Multiple horizontal lines for writing testimony.

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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME:

Demetrius Williams

EMAIL: DemetriusWilliams@Yahoo.com

(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I Why I oppose gun with SB301 is because once we give in to one gun ban the government will keep coming up with one a. next gun ban I prefer to protect the 2nd Amendment and my Constitutional right

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SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Todd Johnston

EMAIL: tjohnston@hilco.org

(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I OPPOSE GUN BILL SB301. DON'T BAN ANY GUN. BULK BAN!



Senate Committee on Judiciary  
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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Testimony - 2nd Amendment Action to OPPOSE Infringement of Gun Rights:

I find it incredible that the Citizens of the United States of America have to continue to implore our government for what our Founding Fathers had laid into the ground, Our U.S Constitution, so that our freedom remains secured. It remains here, today, and is upon it's foundation that I am proud to be an American. This is OUR U.S Constitution that we are slowly crippling away by suggesting these bills (That I Oppose:). I am in complete opposition against ANY bill that is restricting my right as an American Citizen that would attempt to leverage my 2nd Amendment right. The 2nd amendment of the US constitution states: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." These Bills are an Infringement of my 2nd Amendment Right!

I am a law abiding citizen exercising my right and voice to protect my family and will not stand for bills that slowly eat away by what the 2nd Amendment means in it's full entirety. There will be no 2nd Amendment if we continue to allow such bills of gun opposition. This alone and Hawaii's system in making it extremely difficult to register and bear arms is already an Infringement!

We The People must be re-realized in it's full entirety, all of us, and we must be re-taught what that means, we need leaders to indoctrinate those truths again in order for us to remain grounded in our Constitution Rights, and to remain safe while living them out. It's more than just bearing arms, it's having a voice that when it speaks it can be respected by the truth it truly stands on. When are we going to get back to respecting that? When will our leaders review the deepening truth of why the U.S Constitution exists and embrace and share it so that The People can be respected and be re-valued again? These bills of opposition will only hurt the American people and what the U.S Constitution is there for in the first place.

I OPPOSE:

SB301 Assault weapon & magazine ban

SB307 50 caliber firearm ban

HB31 Firearm Storage, changed age from 16 to 18 years of age  
HB1366 Ghost gun possession

I SUPPORT:

HB662 Restores limited firearms ownership for misd offenses

It is with great passion that I respectfully submit and serve through this testimony, serving my country in allowing my voice to make a mark in upholding the foundations that were blessed before us. Let us all please take care in recognizing that.

To those in authority and my fellow neighbors, God bless you and keep you.

Sincerely and Mahalo,

Logan Borja



Senate Committee on Judiciary  
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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because this would make law abiding citizens who made lawful purchases criminals with the stroke of a pen. This bill would not make the public any safer. It would embolden criminals. Why would it do that? Because they would know that most of the general public will not have any means of fighting back. Most of us are not martial artists or MMA fighters.

These firearms SB301 would ban are also in common use. Law abiding citizens are not the ones committing crimes.

A firearm is a tool. Just a tool. We use it for recreation, hunting, competition, self defense, the defense of others. A tool can be used for good or bad.

Law abiding citizens are not the problem.

DerekTamashiro  
tadashi289@gmail.com



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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am submitting testimony to ask you to NOT support this bill. This bill will take away our rights as legal gun owners. Hawaii already does have some of highest gun control laws in the country. This bill will take away the rights of law abiding gun owners.

Please do not support this bill.

JonTanouye  
jontanouye@gmail.com



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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill due to the fact that the process just to acquire firearms is very lengthy and only responsible citizens with no intent to do harm with firearms will take the time and follow all of the steps to acquire a firearm. I personally have recently have got into firearms as a hobby and hope to pass it down to younger generations and teach them to be responsible. Save the second amendment!

BenBoteilho  
bboteilho@hotmail.com





Senate Committee on Judiciary  
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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Oppose

JaimeleeAguinaldo  
jaebagui@gmail.com



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RE: SB301 Relating to Firearms

**I OPPOSE SB301.**

It is our right as responsible, law abiding, tax paying citizens to own not only firearms, but the fireaiof our choice! The process to be found fit to own a firearm in Hawaii is way more strict and time consuming then most states. More the reason we should be able to have the rights to own what we want. Mahalo.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I opposed this bill.

This would apply to firearms that are overwhelmingly in common use by the general public for both self defense and recreational use. The restriction on magazines would result in the destruction of thousands of dollars of personal property.

Given the relative lack of gun violence that this state suffers, consistently among the lowest ranking of gun deaths per capita in the country, this seems unlikely to solve any specific problem. This is controversial given the current pandemic and I would prefer that the legislature focus their efforts there.

Thank you for your time,

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Oppose.

Hawaii has one of the lowest gun crime rates in the country. Compared to that of other cities and states within the US which have much stricter gun laws and have a much higher crime rate, not just gun related. This bill will only hurt the multitude of law abiding gun owners in Hawaii by limiting their 2nd amendment right.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Oppose.

The right to bear arms shall not be infringed

This bill turns law-abiding citizens into criminals for owning items they LEGALLY purchased. It also strips citizens' rights to defend themselves. Criminals run rampant on this island and are given a slap on the wrist when caught. And this is what the legislature comes up with?

Shame.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Honorable Senate of the State of Hawaii,

I appreciate your time reviewing my testimony regarding SB301: Firearms; Assault Weapons Ban; Assault Pistols, Detachable Magazines.

As a voter and taxpayer, this legislation has me concerned. Shouldn't lawmaking be a solution to an existing problem? What societal problem does SB301 address? Will it address Covid-19 which is the single largest threat to our state?

According to the Centers for Disease Control, suicides account for the vast majority of firearm-related deaths across the nation. A ban on semiautomatic rifles and shotguns, or magazine capacity limitations, would have done nothing to prevent the large majority of gun-related deaths. What may have made a difference: stronger supports and interventions for those people contemplating suicide. In fact, the CDC also reported that suicide was the ninth leading cause of death in Hawaii back in 2017 (the most recent data I was able to find). Firearms were not in the top ten leading causes of death in Hawaii. Helping people who suffer from depression and mental health disorders is a reasonable way to save lives. Perhaps efforts should go into establishing/bolstering outreach programs to help them?

Our state is facing a terrible pandemic, mass unemployment, and a ravaged economy. If these conditions worsen they will undoubtedly lead to an increase in depression and suicide. The focus should be contending with and recovering from the impacts of Covid-19. This would be a reasonable and responsible way to save lives. SB301 takes valuable legislative time and focus away from addressing the Covid-19 pandemic.

For these reasons, I urge you to oppose SB 301.

Thank you for all that you do for the State of Hawaii.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

SB301 violates the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution.

Constitution for the United States of America Second Amendment to The Bill of Rights (1791)

œA well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed

;

Furthermore, it violates the Constitution for State of Hawaii as follows:

State of Hawaii Constitution

RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

Section 17. œA well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed . [Ren Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978] Emphases added.

Case

District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), was a landmark decision of the US Supreme Court ruling that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to keep and bear arms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and that the District of Columbia's handgun ban and requirement that lawfully owned rifles and shotguns be kept unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock violated this guarantee. Emphases added.

Definition

Infringed. A breaking into; a trespass or encroachment upon; a violation of a law, regulation contract, or right. Goodyear Shoe Machinery Co. v Jacson, C.C.A. Mass., 112 F.146, 50 C.C.A. 159.55 L.R.A. 692. Black's Law Dictionary Fourth Edition (1951 pg.920)

The misuse and corruption of the word œassault before a common use firearm implies that the firearms only purpose is to inflict harm against another. Similarly, would the word œassault prior to the words knife, axe, bow and arrow, spear, and something as common as a pencil imply that its only useful

purpose is that of assaulting another? This weaponizing language misleads and deceives and its only purpose is to infringe upon the rights of the people.

Firearms with use of magazines has been in use since 1860 and in common use till today. Adding an arbitrary label to any firearm for the only purpose to ban it from the people to lawfully possess, acquire, or obtain is an infringement of the Second Amendment and Section 17 of said Constitutions.

œAll laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void. Marbury vs. Madison, 5 US (2 Cranch) 137, 174, 176, (1803)

œThe claim and exercise of a constitutional right cannot thus be converted into a crime Miller v. US (5th Circuit) 230 F. 2d. 486 (1956)

I am a lawful registered gun owner and have gone through all lawful requirements to obtain my firearm. I am well-trained, and my training is ongoing. In all of my training, by certified experts, the use of the word œassault pertaining to a firearm is never discussed or implied. Assault is not, nor should it ever, be the intent of a responsible, legal, and lawful gun owner. This bill is an assumption that most of the firearms purchased and sold today is for the purpose of inflicting harm on another human being. That is not a fact, but in fact, a clear infringement on my rights. Any type of bill stipulating in detail the type of firearm I can keep and bear, as this bill does, is infringing on my rights, and the rights of all people under the law exercising a guaranteed and absolute right. SB301 is a usurpation of my rights and the Constitutions cited above, this cannot be allowed to happen.

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RE: SB301 Relating to Firearms

**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Restricting law-abiding firearm owners with magazine capacity limits does not prevent any crimes from being committed.

Magazines or firearms do not cause issues; a wayward individual does.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I highly oppose this bill. It seeks to ban the most commonly owned semi automatic guns and thus are protected as per the supreme court Heller case. Many courts have already deemed 10 round magazine limits to be unconstitutional. I personally know a person who has suffered home invasion by multiple attackers and a 10 round magazine limit would have gotten them killed. Many people that own these weapon have had them for many years and have not committed crimes with them. Instead of trying to make criminals of law abiding citizens. The focus should be on enforcing the already restrictive guns laws that hawaii already has. Criminals do not care about laws and have proven this fact many times over. This bill would only seek to weaken the confidence in the public safety and the government as a whole. Please vote no on this bill.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary  
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RE: SB301 Relating to Firearms

**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose SB301. Restricting law abiding firearm owners with magazine capacity limits does not prevent any crimes from being committed. Magazines or firearms do not cause issues; a wayward individual does.

This bill will make thousands of law abiding citizens in possession of illegal firearms overnight. What is the reasoning behind an assault weapons ban? Where is the data to prove that it is a problem in our state? I hunt with my assault weapon. Will you take my means of providing food for my family away? I strongly oppose SB301

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Restricting law abiding firearm owners with magazine capacity limits does not prevent any crimes from being committed. Firearms or magazines do not cause issues. A delinquent individuals does!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Thank you for allowing me to testify. My name is William Nixon, I live in Waipahu, I am a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, former military officer and a recent retiree as a pilot for Delta Air Lines after 32 years. I have been a registered democrat since the age of 18. I would like to make the following comments concerning SB301. Point 1. The bill's main points are already being challenged successful in a similar bill in California: Miller vs. Becerna. That case has just recently been heard and its' outcome is due any day now by the 9th Circuit. 2. These bans only hurt law abiding citizen, as they are the only ones who will follow the new law, criminal don't care. We only have to look to the island nation of New Zealand and the gun ban they implemented island wide in 2019. Some 56,000 gun were turned in at a cost of \$103 million dollars. Now in 2021 they are having to do a second round of buybacks. In criticizing this new round of buybacks, New Zealand's National Party Police spokesman Simeon Brown stated the government can not even confirm whether it had made New Zealand safer. That's because most law abiding New Zealanders handed in their now prohibited firearms, but gangs and criminals, those who pose the greatest risk to our safety, did not. Point 3, with other cases like Young vs. Hawaii, which is also awaiting a ruling from the full panel of the 9th Circuit, the State of Hawaii is moving further and further away from the rule of law. Point 4. There is a case now before the Supreme Court that they have accepted to hear Caniglia vs. Strom that challenges the right to confiscate weapons from a home without a hearing before a judge and the obtaining of a warrant Sound familiar? Think red flag laws. The lost of gun rights among law abiding citizens in Hawaii is a slow death by a thousand cuts. I would urge the legislature to think carefully before piling on more gun laws as the pendulum of justice is certainly starting to swing back from its far left position. Good, decent, hard working, honest citizens can only take so much restrictions put upon their constitutional rights. This bill SB301 does nothing to make me or my family safer and only burdens me in my attempt to keep my family safe. I thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak. Respectfully, William Nixon.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly opposed this bill because it does not prevent crime.

People that always been committing crimes, don't even abide by the rules and laws we already have!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill SB301, the right to bear arms are our Constitutional right as an American. By banning these guns or any guns is a violation of the 2AM !

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am opposed to this bill because it infringes on my rights even more than the current laws. There is not a problem with firearms in this state or this country especially with firearms that anti gunners call assault weapons and that is obvious based off real statistics.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is inconsistent with the Second Amendment right to keep arms for self-defense.

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Most firearms owners including semiautomatic rifle, which most rifles made in the last hundred years are, are used and owned safely by law abiding citizens. Banning them in anyway is a solution to a problem that doesn't not exist. Banning semi automatic rifles served no practical purpose and potentially makes law abiding citizens into inadvertent criminals by simply owning something they thought was legal currently because it was legal a year ago.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill. As Americans we have the right to bare arms!!! Guns do not kill people! People kill people! Are you going to ban cars that way they can't kill other people!!!

STOP TAKING AWAY OUR RIGHTS! THIS IS AMERICAN NOT CHINA!!!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose the proposed bill SB301. I believe that this bill will have no substantive effect on public safety as these are firearms and accessories that are in common use throughout the state and are not widely employed in unlawful activity in Hawaii. Many thousands of firearms and standard capacity magazines are lawfully owned by Hawaii's citizens without incident. The people of Hawaii have demonstrated that they are responsible owners of firearms over the many decades since statehood. This bill is a distraction from the important issues at hand: COVID-19, Hawaii's failing Economy, failing education system, and Homelessness. Not a single moment of legislative time should be devoted to a non-existent public safety issue when citizens of the state are suffering amidst the worst crisis to strike the islands since the Second World War.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill which will make law abiding citizens criminals because they are no longer allowed to possess standard capacity magazines, which give them the best chance for survival if in a life or death situation. The events of the past few months have shown without a doubt the reason for standard capacity magazines as civil unrest with large crowds of rioters and looters threaten citizens very lives. With talks of defunding police and reducing police presence it is more important than ever that law abiding citizens be allowed to possess the tools that give them the best chance to protect themselves against civil unrest. Police have roughly a 15-30% hit probability during hostile encounters. This means out of 10 rounds fired by police, only 1-3 rounds hit, and of those 1-3 the likelihood of stopping the threat immediately is slim. Why wouldn't we want law abiding citizens to have the same chance for survival as police if confronted with a life or death situation? This magazine restriction is unenforceable and ridiculous. Magazines are just boxes of steel or plastic with a spring and follower. There would be no way to track or enforce this law, and criminals by definition wouldn't follow the law anyway. Politicians try to pass these "Feel good" do nothing laws that only hurt the law abiding and skew the odds of survival in favor of the criminal. Furthermore this magazine ban is unconstitutional, Judge Roger Benitez from California declared magazine bans unconstitutional in his 2019 ruling. He ruled that magazines holding more than 10 rounds are arms under the U.S. Constitution, and that the law burdens the core of the Second Amendment by criminalizing the acquisition and possession of these magazines that are commonly held by law-abiding citizens for defense of self, home, and state.

Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this Bill. I am a law abiding citizen. Measures keeping guns from criminals should be your focus instead.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose restricting law abiding firearm owners with magazine capacity restrictions- law abiding firearm owners are not criminals that follow firearm laws- criminals do not follow the laws that are currently on the books now so how will more laws and restrictions change that?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

All measures included in this bill are logistically not enforceable and is a tired exercise in a losing political proposition every Hawaii Legislative session as evident by the political maneuvering with this measure only being assigned to ONE (1) Senate Committee to expedite its possible passing with as little discourse as possible from opposing State Senators in the Senate Public Safety Committee.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

we have the right to bear arms as American's. It is our 2nd amendment, and to be quite honest Honolulu Police Department does make a difference in our community. Our last Police CHIEF was a crook and is being tried along with his wife. That says something in itself. How are HPD officers suppose to protect us when they are all crooks.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

To whom it may concern please do not support this bill.

We the people of Hawaii do not need these types of bills in these hard times.

Crime is out of control and this bill will make things worse for the everyday citizen.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The enactment of this bill will not only inder my ability to keep my wife and children safe it would instantly turn me into a criminal. I along with every other legal gun owner in Hawaii. My firearms are tools not toys. The majority of crime caused with this weapons are not legally owned.

As for limiting the magazine capacity i look at it this way. We are required to have car inurance to drive an automobile. I have home and life insurance also. Each has different plans at different rates. A larger magazine gives a person a greater chance to survive. I live by this very creed. œ id rather have it and not need it, than need it and not have it .

Thank you for your time and I hope you reconsider the ban on semiauto rifles/shotguns as well as standard capacity magazines. Mahalo.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The reason we need to retain the right to own high capacity ammunition rifles is to help defend our nation from foreign or domestic terror threats. When the populous is armed, we are protected, we are strong. It is a fact that the majority of these gun owners are responsible law abiding citizens who do not pose a threat to the government or other citizens. It is imperative that we defend our 2nd amendment right to bear arms and this includes high capacity semi-automatic rifles. Do not jeopardize our collective freedom by supporting this bill. It is unconstitutional. Vote no on SB301.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am a new gunowner that has recently purchased and registered a firearm in Hawaii this past year. An article from Hawaii News Now written late 2020 highlights the increase in Oahu gun permits due to election, COVID-19, fear/mistrust in particular government admin, and uncertain times. Yet, law-abiding citizens have registered their firearms and contributed to a 40% increase in permits to acquire firearms. State law ensures only law-abiding citizens and those with the mental capacity have the right to bear, I agree with the State on this. However, the language of SB301 targets me and thousands of other law-abiding citizens that practice this right afforded by the Second Amendment. And this is where I must speak against SB301.

Affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous firearms in gunowners hands: Semiauto rifles and shotguns. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark SCOTUS 2008 Heller Decision that affirmed the DC Circuit Court of Appeals decision to strike down provisions instituted by the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975. Likewise, magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in Hawaii alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (Abbot v Connors).

Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to Hawaii taxpayers? Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus. And, while this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we are wary from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step towards gun confiscation.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly OPPOSE this bill! Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision. Thank you!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am strongly opposed to this bill as it only seeks to criminalize citizens for things that are legal now in the state of Hawaii. This bill is only to push an agenda supported by outside money, and not for any safety concerns. Semiautomatic rifles are an updated design like the smart phone or smart TV, not an evil item or the convoluted, made up name of assault rifle. If this is so evil then not even Hawaii's LE agencies should be allowed to possess these weapons. It's time to focus on REAL problems affecting Hawaii's citizens. This is Hawaii and there is no room for these type of laws here.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill based on our rights to protect ourselves and our families.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I Daniel Phachomphon oppose this bill because I feel it is not fair to take away our rights to owning my firearms. This bill would take away my ability to make me feel safe enough to protect my family from all the crime that continues to take place in my neighborhood. I to became a victim as someone tried breaking into my home while I was home. To make the story short I was able to keep my family safe. I also oppose this bill because I would become a criminal if this bill does get passed just for now simply owning my firearm which I feel is unjust and simply not right.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Good morning Committee Members,

I would like to respectfully communicate my opposition to HB31. This bill would hinder me from exercising my freedom to effectively enjoy target shooting, hunting, or even self protection. This bill would not benefit law abiding citizens. In addition, further consideration of HB31 will effectively change who I (and potentially others in my sphere of influence) will vote for as my representative in the next election. HB31 does NOT reflect the common attitudes, beliefs, or concerns found in the local community.

Respectfully,

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Honorable Legislators,

My name is Jesse Chun. I am a native Hawaiian, service member, husband, and I oppose SB301. SB301 is unconstitutional.

Our country's Constitution (and the Hawaii State Constitution, which mirrors the National Constitution) was written to protect it's citizens. The natural rights and freedoms stated in the Constitution are the main reasons our country has thrived for so long.

Submitting legislation that contradicts the Constitution can only weaken the State and Country. The Constitution clearly states, the right of the PEOPLE to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. That declaration is very succinct. It does not allow limits on those arms.

In closing, I appreciate your time in reviewing my testimony. I would respectfully remind all Legislators and Government Officials that when you take office and recite your Oaths of Office, you swear to uphold the Constitution.

Respectfully, Jesse Chun

Please submit testimony in opposition to SB301.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

In light of the rising crime epidemic against law abiding citizens it seems illogical and inhumane to deprive us of the right to defend our homes and families against criminals. The recent rash of armed robberies have been well planned and well armed involving multiple perpetrators. Weapons with a greater than 10 round mag capacity would be vital in defense against multiple armed criminals, a threat that is becoming more and more of a reality.

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While I understand why this bill is being presented, the solution presented here in this bill will not work. For the simple fact that this will not deter the criminal/bad person. Will they register their weapons? No. Will the bad guy turn in his weapons? No. In fact, the bad guy will endorse this bill whole heartedly. This will make it easier for the bad guy to prey on the unarmed. This bill is simply infringing on law-abiding citizens. People who are trying their best to abide but see that the government just wants to pander to the gun control population by going after the gun owner that respects the tool. The gun owner that, on his own, went and studied and trained and understands what it means to own a firearm. Whether it be for collecting, hunting game, or enjoy the sport of shooting. And of course the defense of one's life, the life of his family, and his property. The money spent on this bill would be more effective with education. Teaching people to respect this tool. Addressing the fact that the value of human life has been seen a horrendous drop.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

How can you support something that the courts have decided is unconstitutional? How will this stop gun violence?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Distinguished members of the Committee on Judiciary,

I'm writing in opposition of Bill SB301. I understand that this bill and many like it is an attempt to curb violence. I also understand the thinking that taking away tools to commit violent acts such as with firearms, knives, bats, bricks, pipes, fists, elbows, etc., may seem like a good idea. However, removing the tools is not the solution. The problem is not the tools but the lack of integrity, character and the absence of values. I think we need to shift our focus and resources into establishing stronger families and value systems. As a father of three boys, I know that every day is a fight. It's a fight for territory in the hearts and minds of my children; to be the main influencer in their lives and not some character on TV or personality on YouTube. It is our responsibility to help our children grow into maturity, develop character, work through conflict, build good self-images, learn to seek perspective, etc.

I think that by focusing on families and value systems we would see violence of all kinds not just guns, but bullying, sexual assault, child abuse, verbal abuse, etc. be reduced.

Respectfully,

Grant Nagata

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Please stop trying to infringe on my Second Amendment rights. I've purchased these items legally and am a law-abiding citizen. If you read up on what's happening in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court, magazine bans may go away soon enough.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill as it continues to infringe on our constitutionally protected rights.

Please stop wasting everyone's time and energy and work on fixing our economy and budget instead.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I go bird hunting with my 12 gauge and now u want take it away. This is not right. You need to rethink this bill. You don't own any Firearms and you are going do to the people of Hawaii. This is just sad law making.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Guns have been a part of Hawaii for generations for hunting and for sport. If you pass this ban, you're adding to the countless ways of infringement on our heritage, culture, and way of life to put food on our tables. I have suffered loss due to firearms, but guns don't kill people, PEOPLE KILL PEOPLE!!! These bans are just taking our constitutional right from law abiding citizens. Drugs are illegal, yet still make their way here. Ariel fireworks are illegal, yet still make their way here. Human trafficking is immoral and illegal, yet unfortunately, has been happening here in the kingdom of Hawaii. Do you honestly think that your ban will stop criminals from having firearms??? All these illegal and detrimental activities are happening and you're gonna take one of the most reliable ways the law abiding citizens can protect themselves??? I want to punch you in the face, Hawaiian style, but not everyone resorts to violence. Your ban is going to contribute to America's downfall. Are you even American? Or are you a domestic enemy that wants America to fail??? The people in Hawaii help the police and protect others with respect. We protest with respect and take care of our 'āina (for you hā'ole it means land). Do what is right for our future generations. Don't contribute to this sick plan of disarming good people.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it's unconstitutional.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because this is a stepping stone for more of rights being stripped away!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Why make criminals out of law abiding citizens

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

We should not ban an item on hypotheticals. This is not the way laws should be passed. You can take any mundane object and hypothetically state that the item has the potential to cause harm, injury or death. Any item or object can be misused, mistreated, or improperly used. If we ban items using this logic, then we would need to ban more than just what this bill is intending to accomplish. (Prescription drugs, household chemicals, motor vehicles, construction tools, heavy equipment, kitchen knives, etc., all can hypothetically be used to cause harm, injury or death if used improperly.

Furthermore, this is simply unconstitutional. The citizens of Hawaii have the constitutional right to keep and bear arms. I oppose this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

œHonorable Legislators,

My name is Jarrod Barlow . I am married and a father of one adult child. I am self employed and love our great country and the state of Hawaii!

I oppose SB301. SB301 is unconstitutional.

Our country's Constitution (and the Hawaii State Constitution, which mirrors the National Constitution) was written to protect it's citizens. The natural rights and freedoms stated in the Constitution are the main reasons our country has thrived for so long.

Submitting legislation that contradicts the Constitution can only weaken the State and Country. The Constitution clearly states, the right of the PEOPLE to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. That declaration is very succinct. It does not allow limits on those arms.

In closing, I appreciate your time in reviewing my testimony. I would respectfully remind all Legislators and Government Officials that when you take office and recite your Oaths of Office, you swear to uphold the Constitution.

Respectfully, Jarrod Barlow.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha,

I oppose this bill because it would ban rifles for self-defense and in essence this bill is unconstitutional.

Mahalo

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Firearms are used by hunters and for self-protection. Hawai'i wants to take away my constitutional rights with this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is unconstitutional.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it is against our constitutional rights

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Thank you for reading and seriously considering this testimony. As a resident of Hawaii, a contributing member of society working in healthcare, and a responsible firearms owner with no criminal record whatsoever, and I strenuously urge you to reject SB301 for the following reasons:

1. **GUNS ARE NOT THE PROBLEM.** Modern society has a violence problem, but it does not have a gun violence problem. Persons intent on committing violent acts find ways to do so regardless of tools at their disposal. Directing policy and manpower at inanimate objects instead of criminal behavior has always failed and does nothing to decrease violent crime.
2. **GUN LAWS ARE A PROBLEM.** Jurisdictions with the strictest gun laws have the highest violent crime rates. Criminals do not obey laws, so gun laws only endanger law-abiding citizens by restricting the best chance we have at self-protection. Additionally, passing and enforcing such legislation would be a detrimental expenditure of taxpayers' money and government resources " especially during a time when both are extremely limited and badly needed elsewhere to address real problems.
3. **THE RATIONALE FOR DEFINING AND BANNING œASSAULT WEAPONS IS INHERENTLY FLAWED.** A firearm is an inanimate object, the application of which is dictated by its user. This is universally true of all inanimate object including automobiles, hammers, kitchen knives, rocks " all of which have been used as œweapons in committing violent crimes. The term œassault weapon is therefore arbitrarily assigned with the purpose of branding and stigmatizing. This is discrimination as well as a double-standard. Further, banning the most popularly owned firearms would instantly and effectively make felons of a large percentage of the citizenry (and your constituents). Creating criminals only engenders criminal behavior. Finally, these firearms are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States 2008 Heller Decision.
4. **THE RATIONALE FOR BANNING MAGAZINES THAT HOLD MORE THAN TEN ROUNDS IS ALSO ARBITRARY, AND ILLOGICAL.** Limiting round capacity would do nothing to decrease violent crime. Again, criminals would certainly not obey such a law and therefore still be at an advantage over innocent citizen defenders. Even if they did not have higher capacity magazines, a magazine change takes one second or less and would do nothing to prevent or deter someone who has decided to inflict harm. This would be be another disastrous waste of time and money, particularly since there are current cases pending that would overturn such bans.

5. THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION VIOLATES THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. In addition to their devastating effects on an already struggling economy, such gun laws further undermine the foundation of America's system of government and way of life. America remains the freest country in the world, perhaps the last bastion of liberty, but for decades Americans have endured the gradual and relentless usurpations of our civil liberties. Especially in the past year, our inalienable rights have been threatened and eroded at an alarming pace in increasingly radical measures. Legislation that would further dismantle the Constitution harms the Republic and destabilizes society.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

In consideration to SB301 I am opposed to this bill for a number of reasons.

This bill targets the most common guns in use. It is well settled in the Supreme Court of the United States in the 2008 Heller Decision that Common use firearms are protected.

Additionally, Magazines that have capacities of ten rounds or more are also common use.

None of the bills put forth anything measures that protect the general public and are extremely punitive and unlawful to the responsible gun owners in our state that follow all rules, utilizes these firearms for legal sport, recreation and home defense. This bill will defer Law enforcement resources from keeping our community safe by protecting and serving the community from people who have no regard for the law. Instead, they would be forced to enforce these unconstitutional laws on Law Abiding citizens who have gone through the proper rules and regulations to own firearms in this State, who keep there firearms properly and have a track record of proper behavior and lifestyle to own such firearms. Please use your law making abilities to focus on those who do not follow the laws, who break the laws and who use illegal weapons in commission of crimes. Please DO NOT punish the the law abiding members of this community with this bill or any bill that attempts to jeopardize our second Amendment Rights.

Thank you ,

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I, Ellis M. Matro, write this statement in opposition of SB301. I am a Commissioned Officer in the United States Army, I earned my Master's of Public Administration degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and a member of the Hawaii Army National Guard. I have used my personally owned firearms to train and to ensure my marksmanship skills remain proficient. On average, I have approximately two hours of marksmanship training through the National Guard during our annual Individual Weapons Qualification (IWQ). Marksmanship is a perishable skill that cannot be maintained or honed during the IWQ. I take time out of my schedule to practice with my personal firearms to ensure I am ready to deploy at a moments notice, not with the intention to kill or to cause harm but to defend and protect myself and the other Soldiers with me. I recently returned from Afghanistan in April 2020 where my issued rifle was within arms reach 24/7. During the deployment, my duties required me to travel throughout the country to other Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) in order to ensure logistical support of the our mission were met. The FOBs that I traveled to were subject to insider threat from the Afghan Army and attacks by the Taliban. While I was stationed at Bagram Air Field, the Taliban attacked the base with a 2000lbs. Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED). The VBIED was the first part of the base attack, what followed were 11 Taliban members fighting their way onto the base. Announcements were made that these fighter had made their way onto the base and for all personnel to stay in their quarters. Upon hearing these announcements I grabbed my rifle and prepared for the worse. In these moments I had to trust my skills with my rifle in order to ensure my safety and the safety of the other Service members around me. All the hours I spent training with my personal firearms and prepared me for those moments. It would not be possible to train to the standards of proficiency required without the use of my personal firearms and magazines. SB301 is in violation of the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution by making the possession of assault rifles and assault shotguns illegal. SB301 violates the rights of the citizens of Hawaii to keep and bear arms as written in the 2nd Amendment. The 2nd Amendment goes on to state that the right to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed. The definition of infringed is to actively break the terms of a law or agreement. By making it illegal for US citizens to possess certain types of firearms, is thus infringing upon their rights to keep and bear arms. I swore an oath to protect the Constitution of the United States. Not the parts of the Constitution that I agree with nor the parts that makes sense, but to defend the Constitution as a whole, as it is written.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

It is my 2nd amendment right. I also use firearms as my hobby and is not intended to use in any harm.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am a retired GySgt Marine, born and raised in Hawaii. I own a security company in Hawaii. I do not want my 2nd amendment infringed upon. I oppose SB301.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

These laws infringes on the American people's right to keep and bear arms.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill. Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because you are wanting to ban the most popular and commonly used rifles in the state.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

To whom it may concern, As a responsible gun owner for over 20 years I am opposed to SB301 concerning the ban on assault weapons and magazine ban. I will only hurt law abiding citizens and do nothing to stop crime. Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the country and passing more laws will not those who choose not to follow those laws. Please do not support this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill.

This bill is going to be an almost universal ban. The majority of guns held by legal owners falls under the conditions set forth in this bill.

Overnight, this will make most legal gun owners in Hawaii felons.

This bill is attempting to make what is extremely common in guns illegal.

I really wish that those who create these bills would take the time to educate themselves about gun laws (2nd Amendment, recent gun rulings, scotus rulings).

They would find themselves in violation of federal law and established precedent.

I highly encourage you to dismiss this bill completely.

Thank you

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I vehemently oppose SB301. Note that labeling semiautomatic firearms as assault weapons is disingenuous. Assault weapons traditionally referred to fully automatic (one pull of trigger for multiple shots), but not semiautomatic (one pull of trigger for each shot). This bill would infringe on the legal firearm owner's Second Amendment right because most firearms sold, owned and commonly used are semiautomatic with detachable magazines. These semiautomatic firearms normally sold and owned have a standard magazine capacity in excess of 10 rounds with most rifles having a standard capacity of 30 rounds. This bill would turn legal owners of semiautomatic rifles/shotguns into criminals and does nothing to address the primary problem of firearm possession and use by genuine criminals which is illegal already.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it is unconstitutional and would ban the rifles I use for self-defense.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

I have a constitutional right to own a firearm and to protect my family.

I wish politicians would actually read the constitution.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a registered Nurse that works in a trauma ER it is my opinion that Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the United States. Creating draconian laws that arbitrarily restrict the characteristics of certain fire arms does nothing other than take away constitutionally guaranteed rights of already law abiding citizens. Criminals by nature don't follow rules. These new laws will not make Hawaii any safer. Driving on Hawaii's roads exponentially more dangerous than your Akamai neighbor with currently legal registered firearms. Any shameful politician that votes for these new anti-American gun law proposals will ensure that myself and any of my friends will not give you our support or get our votes. Thank you.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I really don't see how this bill can or will stop crime, why must the corrupt politicians of Hawaii continue to punish law abiding citizens , stick to what you know , spending my tax money .

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

No ban to everything above.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I woke up this morning to an email for me to submit for bills due in 5 days time. Is this normal? When I craft a letter it does not start off thoughtful or even polite. It is usually condescending, incendiary, and counter productive. That part takes time. I don't have time except to say that I oppose. Aloha Joe B. I agree with HIFICO.

**WHY DOES HIFICO OPPOSE THIS BILL?**

**IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

**PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

**MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

**THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill! It will not only effect the thousands that already ow n these types of weapons but last time I checked, nobody owns assault weapons. Even the Army TM (Technical Manual) manual doesn't have the word assault weapon in it. So trying to call something an assault rifle or assault shotgun doesn't make it so. I have used an Colt AR-15 for the better part of my career in the military and in law enforcement. I have never seen the so called assault weapon ever get up and hurt anybody by it's self. I have had instances where Joe's would leave there weapons unattended and the weapons never hurt nobody. If you want to pass legislation on gun violence, pass legislation that goes after the criminal responsible! Not the Gun! Guns don't kill people! People kill people! When are you guys going to learn? So I call on you to do the right thing and not hurt the law abiding citizens or you may be out of a job you next election cycle. We dot have the same problems here in Hawaii that the Mainland has! Remember that!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This Bill is unconstitutional and is an attempt to remove legally-owned firearms from law-abiding citizens!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I have been a Adult Correctional Officer for 20 plus years, not one firearm crime convicted inmate who I spoke to over my many years acquired the weapons used in their crime through legal means. This law will only stop law abiding people from having any self defense capabilities. Criminals do not steal, or break into Police officers homes because criminals know police officers have weapons to defend themselves.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Made into law it would discriminate against disabled individuals. Giving them no access to defend themselves.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Honorable Legislators,

My name is George Bugarin. I am married and have one child, in the form of a cockatiel bird. I make my living in Honolulu as an Environmental Protection Specialist working for the government.

I oppose SB301. SB301 is unconstitutional.

Our country's Constitution (and the Hawaii State Constitution, which mirrors the National Constitution) was written to protect its citizens. The natural rights and freedoms stated in the Constitution are the main reasons our country has thrived for so long.

Submitting legislation that contradicts the Constitution can only weaken the State and Country. The Constitution clearly states, "...the right of the PEOPLE to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. That declaration is very succinct. It does not allow limits on those arms.

In closing, I appreciate your time in reviewing my testimony. I would respectfully remind all Legislators and Government Officials that when you take office and recite your Oaths of Office, you swear to uphold the Constitution.

Very Respectfully,

George Bugarin

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is an infringement on the second amendment rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a gun owner in Hawaii, I am aware of the many rules and regulations already in place. This proposed bill goes beyond any reasonable safety measure to protect the public and Unconstitutionally limits the Unalienable Rights of Americans. State or local statutes cannot over-rule the US Constitution, which supersedes any local or state ordinances. It is unconscionable that any politician or representative would violate their oath of office to preserve and protect the Constitution, and attempt to unlawfully restrict the Rights of the People they (supposedly) serve. I, and hundreds of thousands of other gun owners in Hawaii are vehemently against this bill and will fight this violation of our Constitutional Rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

We have the right to bear arms under the 2nd amendment rights. Plus Honolulu Police Department can't protect us.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am against this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The proposed law is ridiculous and knowingly unconstitutional, it effects the vast majority of all firearms produced. We already have the strictest gun laws in the US which are only obeyed and followed by honest citizens. They are the ones who are punished by trying to enact this kind of prohibition and it will not stop criminals who ignore laws.

Hawaii has a ban on private citizens from purchasing aerial fireworks and anyone living here doesnt have to look back more than 2 months to see how it is not only completely ignored and unenforced, but has created an enormous rampant black market making criminals willing to break the law very rich in the process and the amount of that contraband entering the state increase every year.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Most rifles are semi auto with detachable magazines. They are used in hunting , range practice and home defense. The results of magazine capacity ban of more than 10 rounds will just make people buy more magazines. It will not slow a shooter down a shooter by much at all. Furthermore, Any gun law only hurts the people who respect and are safe with guns. Why don't you address the social problems in the our country instead of passing gun control laws that will never deter criminals. Check all data before you even look at such a waste of time bill. I will never vote for a representative who would vote for such ludicrous bill as SB301

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because I am in the army national guard and only get 1 qualification shoot a year with the M4. I use my privately owned AR15 to practice and maintain my skill set. Additionally I have it to use for home defense in an emergency. I have and use 30 rd magazines and this bill if passed will turn me into a criminal just for possessing them.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I disagree with this bill. Please do not vote for it.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I find this bill unconstitutional to my second amendment right as a citizen of the United States.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose Bill SB301!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Oppose

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

What does this bill mean for our US Military active duty residents that PCS to Hawaii with all their guns from states that allow them to purchase them legally? Are they supposed to find a place to store them or sell them before coming to Hawaii? Puts a real unneeded strain on them. I do not support this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Hawaii has more than enough gun laws and restrictions among the most stringent in the nation. I feel this is an attack on 2nd amendment rights. What statistics can the state provide citing the injury or death as it relates to semiautomatic rifles and magazines over 10 rounds? This is ridiculous.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I do not support this bill. Hawaii already has some of the most restrictive gun laws and there is no need for more.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose SB301 because I, like a great majority of gun owners, are law-abiding citizens that do not commit crimes with our weapons, keep them stored safely, and already follow laws put forth that restrict our 2nd amendment here in Hawaii. Please do not put us in the same group as criminals. Do not punish the majority because of the few that break the law.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am a 27 year veteran (infantryman) of the Hawaii Army National Guard. Do not approve this bill, as it is an encroachment on a civilian's right to keep and bear arms.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Owning firearms is my right and should not be infringed upon at the state level

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I opposed to all the bills. Its violate the 2nd amendment.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Hello Senators,

My name is Lawton Takaesu and I am a citizen of the State of Hawaii. SB301 does nothing to further the cause of public safety in the State and will only punish law abiding gun owners such as myself. It places undue burden and hardship for those exercising their 2nd Amendment rights here in the Aloha state, individuals who are merely pursuing a hobby and/or looking to protect loved ones in these uncertain times. Semi-automatic rifles are in common use for both sporting and defensive purposes, both here in the State as well as across the United States. They already account for an extremely small percentage of overall gun and violent crime. Please focus legislative efforts on more pressing issues facing the residents of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you,

Lawton Takaesu, concerned resident.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I own a Ruger 10/22, used for target shooting and used as part of a feral pig eradication program I am in rolled in. This law would make that firearm illegal. Hawaii already has some of the strictest laws in the nation when it comes to acquiring firearms legally, and passing this bill will do nothing to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals. Go after the problem! Crime and criminals, and not law-abiding citizens.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill has zero protections for military personnel who transfer into Hawaii with private firearms. While this firearm maybe legal in home state, it fails to account for magazine or rifles brought into state. This is thousands of legal firearms, with responsible owners who suddenly become illegal.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Madam/Sirs

Do not support SB301.

This bill just bans all common feeding devices on modern firearms. What it will do is make criminals of otherwise legal citizens. The law is unenforcible and is full of litigations waiting to happen.

These are common feeding devices/magazine

found on 90% of modern fire arms.

Fire arms that are used to defend lives and now

limited. It does not deter criminals.

A home defender with only 10rds having to defend from 3 home invaders with guns and knives is at a disadvantage.

It will creat another black market that will not make a dent in firearm used in crime.

Please take this into account.

Regards. Jeffrey Juntilla

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because this in no way helps law-abiding citizens like us who like to shoot for sport and recreationally.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

this is an infringement on our second amendment right.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is a complete waste of time and taxpayers money to enact laws that have either already been ruled unconstitutional or existing court cases are pending by the Supreme Court of the US or 9th circuit court of appeals. These laws do not make anyone safer. It just makes the non-law abiding citizens, criminals, have the upper hand and the general public unsafe because of it. Please focus efforts on diversifying the economy and limiting government spending and waste.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

If we let this bill pass only the outlaws and criminals will have their hands on assault rifles and large capacity magazines while the law abiding citizens trying to hunt for food and protect their loved ones & household will be striped from our 2nd amendment right. This will not make the crime rate we have in Hawaii decrease it will only get worse and make home invasions and armed robbery's more common .

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Self preservation!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'm a law obiding citizen. Have never committed any crimes. Protect our 2nd ammendment.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I think we shouldn't be punished for other people's actions. I live in Hawaii where the gun laws are stricter than anywhere else. I think everywhere else should be just as strict as Hawaii when it comes to acquiring a firearm. The mainland doesn't have a lot of hoops to jump through like we do that's why there's a lot of shooting up there.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Jeff Ikaika Mussell, I am a 10 year Army veteran of multiple tours in Afghanistan and various locations in the Middle East; as well as a Hawaiian raised and native kanaka maoli of this state.

We are here today discussing the legislation of guns rights from the People to the State of Hawaii. The fact that this discussion today is even being held, is a disgrace to the freedoms which me and my brothers fought overseas to preserve. The fact that we are even discussing the usurpation of rights inherent to the People of this great nation, given to us by the founding fathers upon its birth, is a travesty. The fact that today the individuals within this legislation have taken it upon themselves to attempt to overturn the God given rights of the People to defend themselves is blatant hypocrisy and narcissism.

I spent much of my time overseas in Afghanistan, 4 years total, some of that as a trainer to the Afghan military as a weapons advisor. Training and equipping them with the ability to fight for and defend their own country. How hypocritical is it then, when I return to the islands after my service that my own government is attempting to make the freedoms I fought, bled and sacrificed for illegal. That with the flip of a pen making thousands of law abiding citizens criminals. The citizens mind you that are already complying with the host of other illegal gun legislation currently in place.

The right to protect and defend the freedoms and liberties given to us at the founding of this country are inherent and cannot be taken away by any man or legislative body. Ladies and Gentlemen these are chaotic times not just domestically, but globally. Violence and crime are on the rise and the last thing we need to even be considering, is how to disarm the law abiding free men and women of this country. The alleged issues with guns today is misdirected and stems primarily from the lack of education surrounding them, which ultimately leads to their misuse. This, in my opinion, needs to be the foremost focus as we move forward today. Just like I trained the Afghans overseas in weapons and defense, we as a state and as a nation need to be teaching our sons and daughters how to defend themselves with these inherent rights, rather than creating a society of victims. We need to be arming our society with knowledge and education of how to utilize these tools responsibly, rather than creating a helpless, defenseless citizenry, subject to criminals and an abusive government. Thank you.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill. Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus. Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill ,SB301 because not only will it cost the state of Hawaii millions of dollars to operate, it goes against our constitutional right to bear arms. Instead of penalizing law abiding citizens, why don't you go after criminals attacking our kapunas. Spend more dollars beefing up our law enforcement agencies. In fact, wasn't there a ruling in the Supreme Court that banning more than 10 round magazines was unconstitutional? Will you spend millions fighting law suits when this state is already bankrupt? Best for you to work on opening up the state so people can make a living once again instead of frivolous Bill's like this one. As our new president would say, c'mon man. God bless America,

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus. Furthermore, after taking firearms away from law abiding gun owners, how will they take the illegal guns away from criminals?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I OPPOSE BILL SB301.

There is NOTHING, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING in this bill that will reduce crime and violence.

This bill ONLY AFFECTS LAW ABIDING CITIZENS (CRIMINALS DON'T FOLLOW LAWS AND DON'T BUY GUNS LEGALLY).

to ban guns, ammunition and magazines BECAUSE CRIMINALS USE THEM is telling the INNOCENT law-abiding citizens that their rights and liberties depend on the conduct of the criminal. AND THAT LAW ABIDING CITIZENS HAVE NO RIGHTS.

it's a shame that you can't pass laws against CRIMINALS instead of always ATTACKING INNOCENT LAW ABIDING CITIZENS.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

.i strongly oppose this bill because it will ban every form of firearm that we currently have.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I hereby oppose SB 301.

it is a very unconstitutional act to try and disarm law abiding citizens who are responsible Firearm owners.

What would be the reason for the ban?

Hawaii already has one of the most strictest gun laws in America.

Instead of focusing on another firearm bill maybe take the time to reevaluate our current situation on how we bring revenue to the states.

It is obvious that tourism is not a solid form of income. Agriculture was once the pillar of Hawaii and maybe it should be looked at once more

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is another attempt to restrict the rights of lawful and responsible gun owners. This bill will not do anything to reduce crime and only furthers our elected officials desire to give themselves more power than our Republic was designed for them to have. VOTE NO ON THIS BILL.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Honorable Legislators,

My name is Brian Kuriyama. I am married and a father of two young children. I make my living in Honolulu as a nuclear engineer helping to keep our nation's navy fit to fight.

I oppose SB301. SB301 is unconstitutional.

Our country's Constitution (and the Hawaii State Constitution,

which mirrors the National Constitution) was written to protect it's citizens. The natural rights and freedoms stated in the Constitution are the main reasons our country has thrived for so long.

Submitting legislation that contradicts the Constitution can only weaken the State and Country. The Constitution clearly states, the right of the PEOPLE to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. That declaration is very succinct. It does not allow limits on those arms.

In closing, I appreciate your time in reviewing my testimony. I would respectfully remind all Legislators and Government Officials that when you take office and recite your Oaths of Office, you swear to uphold the Constitution.

Respectfully, Brian Kuriyama.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose SB301

This bill will only affect law abiding citizens, criminals will not follow this law.

This are already lawsuits in California for a similar law. It this bill passes, there will be lawsuits against the State of Hawaii.

How is the magazine ban supposed to be enforced? More committees? More spending on tasks force? The governments time and tax payer money should be spent on helping the citizens of our state with economic recovery, not more oppressive laws.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill, it takes away the rights of legal gun owners who have met the requirements gun ownership.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Please vote Against SB301. This is an infringement on law-abiding citizens' 2nd Amendment rights and is misguided. Instead of restricting law-abiding citizens' rights, you should increase the penalties for stealing these or possessing stolen semiautomatic weapons. Another thing to keep in mind is that your vote may be watched and taken into consideration at election time. Thank you for your time, and for upholding the way our state laws coincide with the U.S. Constitution.

Mahalo,

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it restricts the rights of law abiding gun owners while not doing anything to make the state any safer from gun violence because, as it stands, gun violence is practically none with respect to the types of firearms that are being targeted by this bill.

Additionally, this state has many problems more important facing it right now and attacking law abiding gun owners is just a distraction from the real work that our legislature should be focusing on

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

OPPOSED to this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose any law that does nothing to stop criminals and violates the rights of law abiding citizens.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'm a law abiding long gun owner for over a decade. Arbitrary rules will in no way affect criminals cause they don't follow laws, and this will only hurt us law abiding Firearms owners.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Honorable Legislators,

My name is Brandon Gideon. I am married and a father of two young children. I am a marine machinist mechanic for the department of the navy.

I oppose SB301. SB301 is unconstitutional.

Our country's Constitution (and the Hawaii State Constitution, which mirrors the National Constitution) was written to protect it's citizens. The natural rights and freedoms stated in the Constitution are the main reasons our country has thrived for so long.

Submitting legislation that contradicts the Constitution can only weaken the State and Country. The Constitution clearly states, the right of the PEOPLE to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. That declaration is very succinct. It does not allow limits on those arms.

Additionally most of the firearms purchased for home defense and sport would fall under the category of assault weapons . This would take away the ability for many families to defend their loved ones.

In closing, I appreciate your time in reviewing my testimony. I would respectfully remind all Legislators and Government Officials that when you take office and recite your Oaths of Office, you swear to uphold the constitution.

Respectfully, Brandon Gideon

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill that removes our constitutionally granted rights for us law abiding citizens. This bill vilifies only law abiding citizens. I urge all of you to understand that approving this bill and others like it is a dereliction of your constitutional duties and a violation to your oath.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Martin Humpert. I am a life long resident of the state of Hawaii, a firearms safety instructor, and one of some 300,000 gun owners living in the islands. I wish to make it known that I strongly oppose SB 301, and I hope you will oppose it too.

Hawaii already has possibly the strongest, and most anti-gun legislation on the books. Hawaii also has some of the lowest gun crime in the nation. There is clearly no urgent or overwhelming public need to consider this, or any anti-gun legislation. I urge that you kill this bill in committee or send it to the Judiciary to review its constitutionality. There are serious flaws in the logic supporting this bill. It will be extremely costly to the State of Hawaii, and ultimately it will likely be found to be unconstitutional if it is reviewed by the US Supreme Court. The hazards to litigation are many, and costly. Clearly there are multiple flaws for wanting such draconian legislation to be passed and here are just a few:

1.) This bill will impact the majority of Hawaii's 300,000 gun owners. Yet, as a demographic group, they represent the most honest, and hard working segment of Hawaii's population. The current permitting process that must be undertaken in order to buy a firearm in Hawaii excludes, convicted criminals, those under criminal indictment, those with a Temporary Restraining Order, those with a misdemeanor conviction for domestic violence, those with mental health issues, those with warning signs of mental health issues, persons addicted to drugs and alcohol, and illegal aliens. Clearly, Hawaii's gun owners represent the most honest and stable portion of our society, so why is the government trying to confiscate their property? This bill need to be killed.

2.) The threat to the public by legitimate owners of semi-auto firearms is virtually non-existent. This bill is being proposed by those with either an irrational fear of honest citizens, or a deep hatred of the principals of our founding fathers that made firearms ownership by individuals a Constitutional Right. By proposing and voting for this bill, you would be telling the Citizens the same thing King George told the American Colonists, You don't need guns when the government is here to protect you. This was clearly not the case in 1776, nor was it the case in 1936 when Hitler used the same argument to disarm 6 million Jews before they were murdered. Please do not repeat history, and support the very type of legislation favored by dictators, tyrants, and despots.

3.) Public safety will not be enhanced. This bill is designed to reduce not only firearms ownership, but the total number of firearms owners in Hawaii. This will endanger the public, especially women and

minorities! The U.S. Supreme Court has already weighed in on the issue of whether or not there is an obligation placed upon the State and Law Enforcement to Protect its citizens. Though this is a high-minded ideal, there is no such obligation. Therefore, self protection falls to the individual, not just in Hawaii but nation wide. Clearly Hawaii has its predators. Hawaii clearly has very high assault rates when it comes to domestic violence, and assaults on women. For Hawaii's women of color, the statistics for assault, rape and murder are disproportionate to the general population. For Hawaii's women and minorities, firearms ownership is a necessity in order to stay alive. Please do not victimize Hawaii's women with an anti-gun bill that strikes at an individual right of self defense.

I urge all of Hawaii's legislators that have compassion in their hearts for Hawaii's honest, hard working citizens of all colors, races, creeds and religions to OPPOSE SB301.

Thank you.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I feel that these bills are an attack on our 2nd amendment rights and our right to self defense. Having a weapon and the ability to hold more than 10 rounds and certain type of weapons enables us to protect our families and our selves from multiple attackers. Lately home invasions, robbery's and assaults have been on a rise and we the people would like to be able to sufficiently protect ourselves and loved ones! Thank you for taking the time to hear our voices.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a law abiding and decade long gun owner. I like many others that own these type of firearms don't understand what more arbitrary laws will accomplish. Criminals don't follow the law it's as simple as that. All this law will do is hinder the God given right to law abiding citizens to protect themselves with the firearms and magazines we already own.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

We live in America a land of free, if you take away our right to own semi-auto rifle it's the same as taking away our second amendment right our right to hunt, recreation and the right to defend ourselves.

I been living in Hawaii for over 20 years I don't recall any gun crime in Hawaii that semi-auto rifle was used beside criminals do not follow laws.

Please keep Hawaii as Hawaii it's not broken let's not fix it, instead let's focus on something that's really needs attention such homelessness.

Thank you!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Every American citizen has the right to keep and bare arms. There are thousands of people in this state who enjoy responsible gun ownership. There does not seem to be any logical reasoning behind this Bill. Why not focus efforts on the chemical companies poisoning the state or the mismanagement of every single state funded project instead of trying to strip citizens of their rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I feel this bill is unconstitutional and is not in the best interest of law abiding citizens.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Oppose this bill.

There are tens of thousands of rifles and shotguns, and their associated magazines, legally owned in this state. The owners of these firearms are not the problem. There are practically ZERO crimes committed by the legal owners of such firearms and magazine. However, there are TONS of instances where MULTIPLE REPEAT FELONS have committed crimes, some with ALREADY ILLEGAL firearms.

Seems the problem's root lies there, NOT legal firearms owners.

The priorities of the legislature should be on the problems of the economy and Covid, NOT making legislation that harms law abiding citizens.

No new gun laws are needed, especially right now. It will solve ZERO issues.

OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION

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Honorable Legislators,

My name is Avery Tsui. I am married and a father of three young adult children. I make my living in Honolulu as an estimator for a national electrical distribution company.

I oppose SB301. SB301 is unconstitutional.

Our country's Constitution (and the Hawaii State Constitution, which mirrors the National Constitution) was written to protect it's citizens. The natural rights and freedoms stated in the Constitution are the main reasons our country has thrived for so long.

Submitting legislation that contradicts the Constitution can only weaken the State and Country. The Constitution clearly states, the right of the PEOPLE to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. That declaration is very succinct. It does not allow limits on those arms.

In closing, I appreciate your time in reviewing my testimony. I would respectfully remind all Legislators and Government Officials that when you take office and recite your Oaths of Office, you swear to uphold the Constitution.

Respectfully, Avery Tsui

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'm an avid hunter, collector and sports shooter, also a Vet and a Native Hawaiian. And I oppose this bill as this and many other bills only affect people like me that are law abiding citizens that follow an already lengthy process in exercising a constitutional right.

I took an oath when I joined the service, and I believe it's the same oath that you all have taken to defend and protect the Constitution. I'm asking you to oppose this bill as this bill is a bad bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a taxpaying, law-abiding citizen and faithful in our Constitution, especially our 2nd amendment. I oppose SB 301.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This goes against our 2nd amendment right. As an American, I completely disagree.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is not right why are you punishing the legal gun owners, When it's the criminals that should be punished.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

There is no purpose to this Bill other than fear by those that know very little about firearms. This Bill will effectively make thousands of Hawaiian citizens œcriminals , infringes on native subsidence rights, and further reduces one's capabilities of self protection of family and property. Enough of wasting precious time - COVID, homelessness, drug use, are making crime worse. This Bill addresses none of these.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose SB301. Guns don't kill people, bad people with guns kill people. Banning guns will only take guns away from law abiding citizens not the bad people. Bad people don't follow the laws and SB301 will not prevent them from getting them, it will only take away guns from the law abiding citizens. The bad people will find a way to get them. If you do not agree with this example, just look how the fireworks ban is working out.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am opposed to this bill because it infringes on my 2nd amendment right. A firearm is just another tool like a knife or a hammer. You don't blame the knife when someone is stabbed, you don't blame the car in drunk driving accidents you blame the person responsible for the act. Why should it be any different for firearms? More laws won't stop criminals from doing wrong but they will turn law abiding citizens into criminals and making it harder/ impossible for law abiding citizens to defend themselves or put food on their table is unconstitutional. Guns don't kill people, people kill people.

As a constituent, I ask you to please oppose SB301

Countless law-abiding citizens, such as myself, own and use magazines that hold more than ten rounds of ammunition. They are standard equipment for many of the most commonly-owned firearms in use for self-defense, competition, hunting, and recreational shooting.

Please don't restrict my ability to protect myself and my loved ones. There's no reason to believe that criminals will have any more respect for new gun laws that will only restrict self-defense rights of law-abiding citizens like me. Instead of exploring more ways to take away my rights, the Legislature should be looking to reduce crime by going after criminals and their illegal activities directly. Thank you.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I suppose this bill because it is unconstitutional. Shall not be infringed.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am wholeheartedly against this bill we have no problem in this state with any of the items they want to ban and will only make law abiding citizens criminals by no fault of there own please remember we are part of the United States and we have a constitution that protects us citizens.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This takes away the constitutional rights our forefathers demanded for every citizen.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it is a direct infringement to my second amendment rights. So called assault rifles are already not allowed to be owned by citizens. This ban is attempting to make common use firearms and magazines illegal. More effort should be used to help citizens who have been adversely affected by the covid epidemic.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This law goes against our second amendment rights!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Hawaii gun rules are already prohibitive and restrictive for legal gun owners. More effort should be made to enforce existing laws.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill. It would make most popular firearms illegal in this state. This bill is unconstitutional.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I have enjoyed the sport of target shooting ever since I was a young boy and my father taught how to safely fire a rifle and a handgun. As I get older and can do fewer and fewer activities because of arthritis and old injuries, (I'm 72 now); I can enjoy the shooting sports even more now, because they are one of the few sports I can still partake in. All of my equipment was set up at great expense and many of the guns and magazines I use in friendly competition shoots, semi auto rifles and mags over 10 rounds, would be outlawed by this bill. Leave us alone to enjoy our sport and put the bad guys, who use these tools improperly, in jail and let them stay there for their full sentences. Don't destroy my one remaining hobby!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill. Banning the most popular semi-auto rifle and shotguns will not help this state recover from a pandemic and fix the problems caused from a year long lock down.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Strongly Oppose!! Really! This bill would ban almost all firearms except for revolvers and single feed guns! all proposed firearms restrictions for the public but always exempts law enforcement? Why? Law enforcement are on the news as well for breaking laws they supposed to enforce. What's good for one should be good for all! This is Constant harassment by law makers towards the 2nd Amendment! I strongly Oppose!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Why every year we have to keep fighting for this. Assault weapon is a made up word to instill fear into those that don't understand. My firearm has never assaulted anyone. So the fear mongering and listen to the people. 2nd amendment shall not be infringed. We have the lowest firearm deaths but yet you keep attacking our rights.

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### **I OPPOSE SB301.**

This legislation essentially seeks to ban all semiautomatic rifles currently in existence and do so based solely on the looks of the rifle. It also seeks to solve a problem that does not exist for the State of Hawaii.

- 1) Centerfire rifle with overall length less than 30 inches: These are already illegal in Hawaii as the minimum rifle length is with a barrel of 16, adding the bolt and butt stock will result in overall length greater than 30.
- 2) Folding/Telescoping stock: The concern is that this makes the rifle look like it is a military weapon. I look at the telescoping stock as a way to minimize the space needed for storage of my rifles.
- 3) Thumbhole stock: Again, this is banning a feature purely on looks.
- 4) Second Handgrip: Again, banning a feature purely on looks. It doesn't provide any real support/capability and is typically there for looks.
- 5) Flash suppressor: Again, banning a feature purely on looks. The purpose is to reduce the chance the shooter is blinded when shooting in low-light conditions, it is NOT to reduce the intensity of the flash to others.
- 6) Barrel shroud: All rifles have a shroud that permits the shooter to hold the firearm with the second hand. On most other rifles this shroud is made of wood or a polymer and covers the bottom portion of the barrel. A fully enclosed shroud does the same purpose.
- 7) Bayonet mount: Banning a feature purely on looks. Putting a knife at the end of rifle is same as doing it with a stick or a pike. I don't know anyone that purposefully mounts a bayonet on a rifle to go target shooting. If anything it done for the œWow factor and by collectors making accurate historical rifles.
- 8) Grenade launcher: Banning a feature purely on looks. These are essentially already banned for possession in Hawaii. Additionally, if legal would still require approval through the BATFE as an NFA firearm.
- 9) Threaded barrel: Seems to be a catchall. Many firearms have threaded barrels, not just military style rifles. Flash suppressors were already addressed, why address them again? Forward hand grip, on a barrel, that makes no sense. Silencers are already illegal in Hawaii, so this statement is redundant.

Section 3 (f) bans the transfer of these military style weapons after 8 July 21 for no other reason than just looks.

Lastly, is the limitation of magazines to ten rounds (or less). The intent is to prevent mass shootings. The reduction of magazine capability will do nothing to prevent this other than require the criminal to carry more magazines.

This bill attempts to solve a problem that doesn't appear to exist. It hinders law abiding gun owners, but does nothing to curb the use of these firearms from criminal elements. If the illegal fireworks display this last New Year's is any example, the likelihood of keeping these types of firearms out of the State after enactment will fail miserably.

Thank you for your time.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is not fair in the application of the Constitution of the United States.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I want to first say that I DO believe in regulation of firearms, and in firearm laws designed for the purpose of making our community safer.

As a certified firearms instructor, I have years of both skill and knowledge in the realm of firearms and in instructing individuals of all ages in the safe use of such tools.

With that said, I am STRONGLY against this bill as it does NOTHING to make our community safer and only moves to hamstring legal, safe, and responsible owners of firearms.

Criminals do not follow laws, as such they will continue to use whatever types of firearms they are able to acquire, and as with drugs, fireworks, human trafficking, illegal pets etc etc, one just needs to know the correct people in dark circles to obtain anything they wish.

Making it illegal for the law abiding public to obtain normally available semiautomatic rifles and shotguns does nothing but empower criminals and weaken the people of Hawaii's ability to defend themselves and exercise their constitutional rights.

Furthermore, FURTHER restriction of magazines does absolutely nothing to increase public safety, it only restricts law abiding citizens from having the ammunition they need on hand for the task in front of them.

As an instructor, I know how difficult it is for someone new to firearms to accurately hit their target. Imagine if someone needed to defend themselves within their own home and was limited to only ten rounds.... what then?

I think Hawaii already has very strict firearm laws. I believe that our licensing and permitting process is adequate, and that the laws currently in place do more than enough to keep our communities safe from firearm related violence.

Look at the crimes committed recently, were they committed with LEGAL firearms? We're they committed by LEGAL firearm owners? No, every shooting, every crime involving firearms in Hawaii has been committed by CRIMINALS who are not permitted to own firearms but still have them.

These laws that are trying to be passed do NOTHING to make the community safer, criminals do not follow laws.

I am vehemently against this bill, and hope that the state of Hawaii will do more to empower the people of this state with more means to defend themselves from a changing world instead of stifling what little means we do have now.

Please, please find it within yourselves to get educated in the actual use and function of firearms; take a class, speak to the firearm community in person, please do not pass this bill into law.

Respectfully,

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

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Please stop wasting time on gun laws that only affect law Abiding citizens. The ninth circuit has already overturned magazine bands in California. This suggested law and the old law on handguns is unconstitutional by the ninth circuit. Unless you want to lose money in lawyers fees. We don't have the money to spend when you already know it's unconstitutional.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha. My name is Sheryl Cubangbang and I am a homeowner who resides with my family in the Big Island of Hawaii. I am here to provide my testimony on why I am opposed of this bill. I, along with my boyfriend have 2 young children at the age of 9 years old and 22 months old. Before, i never thought i would ever want to own a gun until last year when it all changed. When I had my first child, I always used to tell my bf of how I would get so scared when he went to work and it would just be my son and I in the house. I was always afraid of our safety because my neighbors were getting robbed. So finally last year after I had my second child, I knew I had to do something. I went to an NRA class to learn the safety and how to use a handgun. After learning how to safely use a handgun/ rifle, I now feel that I could protect my family if ever I had an intruder come to our house even without my bf home. However my biggest fear about this bill is that if all semi auto rifles/guns were banned and magazines over 10 rounds were banned, this would make me go back to feeling anxious and scared for the safety and protection for my family. I can't imagine how it would be if our house was robbed by more than 10 people but you only have 10 rounds on your magazine. Before I could probably protect my family against those 10+ intruders in our house, I wouldn't have enough time to reload because those intruders could have possibly hurt all of us by then.

In conclusion, I am here to oppose this bill for the safety and peace of mind for my family. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This Bill is a violation of the 2nd Amendment.

IN COMMON USE: Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

PENDING LAWSUITS: Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'll let the writers of our Constitution and Bill of Rights state in their own words why these proposed bills are unconstitutional. One personal note, these framers were referring to ALL modern firearms OF THEIR DAY! The constitution still applies to all modern firearms OF OUR DAY! If you disagree, then please explain why the 2A is different from the 1A! Does our right to FREEDOM OF THE PRESS only apply to printed documents that existed in America at the time of the signing? If so, when did it change and why! Does our right to RELIGIOUS FREEDOM only apply to denominations that existed in America at the time of the signing? If so, when did it change and why! Does our right to PEACEABLE ASSEMBLY have limitations now that were not included in the original constitution? If so, when did it change and how and why did it change! PLEASE INFORM ALL CITIZENS OF HAWAII YOUR ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS. Now, as to the intent of the words from our FOUNDING FATHERS regarding the 2A: "To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them. "Richard Henry Lee" American Statesman, 1788

"The great object is that every man be armed. and "Everyone who is able may have a gun. "Patrick Henry" American Patriot

"Are we at last brought to such humiliating and debasing degradation, that we cannot be trusted with arms for our defense? Where is the difference between having our arms in possession and under our direction and having them under the management of Congress? If our defense be the real object of having those arms, in whose hands can they be trusted with more propriety, or equal safety to us, as in our own hands? "Patrick Henry.

"The constitutions of most of our States assert that all power is inherent in the people; that it is their right and duty to be at all times armed; "Thomas Jefferson" letter to Justice John Cartwright, June 5, 1824. ME 16:45.

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"The greatest danger to American freedom is a government that ignores the Constitution. "Thomas Jefferson" Third President of the United States.

"There are men in all ages who mean to govern well, but they mean to govern. They promise to be good masters, but they mean to be masters. "Noah Webster" American Lexicographer.

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œWhat country can preserve its liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance. Let them take arms. “Thomas Jefferson” to James Madison.

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AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST: œWhenever governments mean to invade the rights and liberties of the people, they always attempt to destroy the militia, in order to raise an army upon their ruins. Rep. Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts, spoken during floor debate over the Second Amendment, I Annals of Congress at 750, August 17, 1789.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

There should be no reason to take property from law abiding gun owners.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill as it stands. The Firearms you seek to ban are owned by in the tens of thousands by honest citizens here in Hawaii. People use them for sport, hunting, mementos and investments. Were they so dangerous the streets would be like Camden, Detroit or Chicago.

Yet politicians in their wisdom and firearms expertise would seek to make these items bought with honest dollars in legal commerce by law abiding Hawaii citizens illegal? Citizens who have complied with the onerous and unconstitutional obstacles to gun ownership here in Hawaii will now be told, æsorry, now they're illegal, not to worry, but we'll still keep ours. We the people can't defend ourselves with the most common and effective types of firearms because a politician who works in a building protected by publicly financed Security and Police personnel says so.

Apparently you don't trust or are afraid of Hawaii's citizens because the vast majority of States in the US have no problem with their citizens owning standard capacity semi-automatic weapons. Prosecute and imprison criminals possessing illegal firearms. Don't create criminals out of honest citizens.

This bill is an embarrassment and should be stopped.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This proposed Bill is unconstitutional. We cannot place our trust and safety in Hawaii's police or politicians. Corruption abounds in police and politicians.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

My Name is Francis Rochon, I'm strongly apposed to bill SB301 and any other bill or measure that would restrict our 2nd amendment

right in any way shape or form. We have laws that deal with gun crime already on the books all you have to

do is enforce them.

Despite Constitutional protections of that right to own one under the  
2nd Amendment of the US Constitution.

On October 1, 2017, Stephen Paddock of Mesquite, Nevada opened fire on a crowd of concertgoers at the Route 91 Harvest music festival, leaving 58 people dead and 851 more injured. Paddock fired more than 1,100 rounds from his suite on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Hotel.

My sister and family members from ALASKA were there that day, at this concert. My sister's co-worker, who had been standing 3 feet from her was 1 of the 58 killed .

SB301 Keeps lawful citizens from defending against crimes like this.

SB301 is a bill to DISARM LEGAL GUN OWNERS AND CITIZENS.

Keeping us from owning and bearing arms against TERRORISM

whether being foreign OR domestic is a violation to MY 2nd amendment right.

I'm guaranteed this from my 2nd amendment rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As Federally licensed C&R Collector this bill would make it so I could no longer collect firearms that the Federal Government has given me permission through the ATF. This also goes against the constitution and breaks the oath you took when sworn into office.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this Bill.

I'm a lifetime resident and this bill would make my entire hard earned collection negated and me a criminal. I'm a law abiding citizen and this bill violates my 2/A rights. It is unrealistic to enforce and does NOTHING to stop crime. Only makes citizens criminals when before they were not.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Oppose. This bill will only hurt law abiding citizens that contribute to the economy of this State. Focus should be put on illegal gun ownership that does not contribute to our state in taxes and the safety of our people.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I testify against this bill because it's against the 2nd AMENDMENT.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

My name is Harold Pang, lifetime resident of the state of Hawai'i. I am a responsible gun owner and have been for many years. I adamantly oppose SB 301. I believe this bill infringes on my constitutional right to bare arms in the protection of my life, the life of my family, the protection of my property and further violates my civil rights and liberties. There is a pending case in Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (ABBOTT vs Connors) that has the potential of costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill and ask you to please vote it down. None of the additional features listed make a firearm more dangerous. What possible harm is a bayonet lug in 2021? The reason you struggle so to define an assault weapon is that this is a completely made up term. The AR15 is the most popular sporting rifle in the US and very, very few are used in crimes. I am particularly concerned about the provision regarding thumbhole stocks since, these are present on many rifles which are not AR15 style rifles. The language regarding a cover over the barrel to protect ones hand from heat is very distressing since almost all rifles, even those with wooden stocks, have such.

The magazine ban essentially requires me to destroy my property without compensation and limits my ability to defend my family. Please do not do this! It has been proven that magazine bans do not reduce crime.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

My name is Taylor Warn and I live at 1926 Fern ST Honolulu and I am employed by the City and County of Honolulu.

I am in opposition to this bill not only due to it violating USA Citizen's Second Amendment rights; but also from a logical standpoint when you consider the State of Hawaii is one of the most geographically isolated places on the face of this planet.

When we are only one natural disaster away from being truly 'on our own' for an unforeseen amount of time, it would seem extremely unwise to limit what types of tools can be available to law abiding citizens for survival and self defense purposes.

In the end, measures such as this proposed bill only serve to make life harder for law abiding, productive members of society; while making it easier for criminals and agents of chaos to harm and take advantage them.

Aloha and Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I do not support this bill.

In the opening passage of the bill, The legislature finds that the State has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation, and in 2016 Hawai'i received an A-minus rating from the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Additionally, Hawai'i had the lowest number of gun deaths per capita among the states in 2017, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

If we already have the lowest number of deaths per capita according to the CDC, why do we need to enact more legislation to ban guns? All this bill will do is make criminals out of legal gun owners.

Additionally, the murders that happen here are often committed with illegally possessed handguns, not assault rifles or assault shotguns.

Please do not pass legislation to solve a problem that does not exist - especially if it means creating a new criminal class of people who did nothing wrong, except own a rifle that is legal throughout most of the United States.

Sincerely,

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this unconstitutional bill. This would make criminals out of law abiding citizens. You took a oath of office to protect our rights. Not destroy them.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha

I oppose this bill.

Please do the same and protect our Second Amendment Rights.

Thank you

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

History has shown why firearms are removed from the populace, not for the protection of the public, but to empower the government imposing their will...look at any communist country, from their infancy to now. I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic;

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly OPPOSE SB301.

I am a retired Deputy Sheriff with the State of Hawaii and after 32 years of fateful service to the people of Hawaii one thing is abundantly clear, the law abiding citizens of the State cannot depend on the Government to protect them. In the best of times when second count, the Police are minutes away. The recent events of the rioting in many cities have shown that with the demonization of Law Enforcement and the overwhelming acts of violence in those cities, the Police did not respond and the law abiding citizens were left to fend for themselves. The mindset of this is Hawaii and that will never happen here, is similar to the mindset of on December 6th, 1941, the day before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The firearms that are targeted in this misguided bill are in common usage and the AR15 is often called the modern sporting rifle due to its eminence popularity. When you consider the tens of thousands of Semi Automatic rifles and shotguns and the hundreds of thousand of magazines for those firearms in the possession of tens of thousands of law abiding citizens, and yet the use of those firearms in crimes are practically nonexistent. In fact the only shooting in the state I can remember that involved a AR type rifle was at Pearl Harbor where a Naval serviceman on guard duty used a government issued M-16 Assault rifle to murder 3 people.

This bill if passed will cause untold financial hardship due the law abiding citizens of the State will ban the selling of their personal property in time of Financial hardships or pass them on to their family upon their death.

Bans on firearms in common usage were found to be unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States and the magazine ban has been found unconstitutional by the United States 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

I again Strongly OPPOSE this bill and pray the Legislature side with the Law Abiding Citizens of the state and kill this draconian bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Please VOTE FOR THIS BAN. We need sensible gun control laws and guns like this do not belong in public circulation. I am tired of mass shootings and do not want military grade weapons on public streets anymore.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Hawaii statistics do not support the need for further restrictions on the 2nd Amendment. Furthermore, there is no such thing as an assault weapon. A pencil could be an assault weapon so please stop arbitrarily classifying inanimate objects. I will support any bill that focuses on actually reducing crime and this is not it! Please vote in opposition of this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am writing in opposition of SB301. All this bill serves to do is deprive law abiding citizens of their right to keep and bear arms. Just because these weapons are banned does not mean that those have criminal intentions would not be able to purchase them and have them through other nefarious means. Also this ban only serves to financially burden people who already own such firearms - by forcibly taking it from them without equal and just compensation.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Hawaii already has one of the most strictest gun laws in the nation and we don't need anymore restrictions. We have the least amount of gun related crimes compared to other states and therefore we don't need anymore restrictions for the law abiding citizens.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am appears to this bill. It would make it difficult to practice drills needed for competition and would also give criminals who would not comply an unfair advantage if self defense of me or my family is necessary.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Hawaii is small enough that you have a great opportunity to structure your rules and training of your citizens to follow a required training course in citizenship and arms training at the summers of their high school years or on entering the state on a permanent basis. Guns are not the problem. Having guns in untrained and unlicensed hands are the problem.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill. Here are some general concerns of mine.

**IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

**PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

**MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

**THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is not right honest citizens are the ones always being punished not the criminals

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

We need to have the ability to protect ourselves. From people who do not follow the law all this will do is remove the ability for law abiding citizens to protect themselves and give the criminals the upper hand as they won't be following this law.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am a professional hunter and a recreational shooter. I oppose this bill because it would punish only law abiding citizens who use their guns for

shooting at the rifle range and hunting in the U.S. and other countries. Criminals do not abide by laws, so it will have no effect on them.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Why are you focusing on LEGAL gun owners, who use them for competitive sports or hunting large game. Enforce the laws that are in place, and take action on those who are violating current laws.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a veteran I oppose this bill people are the cause not the weapon more laws for the good and we still can't defend ourselves.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a concerned citizen, I strongly oppose SB301.

This bill would implement a cosmetics test that outlaws guns based on features that have nothing to do with how the weapon functions.

Popular and widely-owned rifles that are regularly used for hunting, sport, and home defense would become illegal under this bill.

This would not only be a disaster for gun owners in America but also a massive infringement on Second Amendment rights.

This unjustifiable bill must be stopped at all costs.

A few key points listed below.

**IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

**PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the taxpayers of the State?

**MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law-abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

**THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on SB301.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Hi, my name is Jason.

I strongly oppose Bill SB301. By banning, taxing, re-classifying, limiting, or trying to impose more control on Law-Abiding citizens who own guns will either have No Affect or an Adverse impact on keeping our children, workplaces, and/or community safe. It will only empower and aid criminals in being better at what they do, while weakening our ability to defend ourselves, possible innocent bystanders, and our community. Criminals will never follow any laws and will not give up any firearms.

An AR is just a platform. It can be used in many different calibers such as .22, .223, 5.56, .308, 30-06, or even a pellet gun. Regardless the caliber size the AR is like any other semi-auto rifle, they only shoot one round at a time (unless illegally modified) regardless of how much rounds it possesses or its magazine capacity. When people think of an AR platform they visualize a military weapon but they are not the same. One is a semi-auto and the other can be used in a full auto mode. It's like looking at a Honda Civic with tint, rims, a nice paint job with graphics, and an aftermarket exhaust but it has a stock engine. It may look and sound fast but it really ain't. Looks can be intimidating but is it really a problem? People are looking at an AR as a bad semi-auto firearm and want to classify all other semi-auto firearms as a bad firearm as well when in fact it's not the gun or the magazine capacity at all but it's the user 100%. And this goes for ANY firearm. Would you consider banning all cars since so many people are killed from drunk drivers? Is it the cars fault?

Criminals have no limit and no boundaries. They will find any means or methods to carry out their crimes.

Further restrictions on guns will only make instant felons out of Law-Abiding citizens, further jeopardize people's safety and their (2nd Amendment) Constitutional Right to Bear Arms and defend themselves. Gun control paralyzes citizens who do listen and not criminals who already don't.

I support mental health interventions, better background checks, and most of all disarming criminals, but if you cannot take the criminals guns from them then why would you want to take away guns (of any type) from all the Law-Abiding citizens who have the right to defend themselves.

Once again I strongly oppose Bill SB301 and also Bill SB307. It's not the firearm or it's ammunition capacity!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The gun laws in Hawai'i are already stringent enough. This bill goes too far, is absolutely unconstitutional and will alienate law abiding gun owners like me who always vote Dem in our elections.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

SB 301 not only goes against the 2nd Amendment, it creates more problems than it solves, plain and simple.

œ...being necessary to the security of a free Stste, the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

It's an American citizen's RIGHT to own firearms. Not our privilege, our right. Our forefathers made sure of this because they knew that 100% of all governments that have ever existed eventually turned on their own citizens. If the citizens are armed, it's a pretty big deterrent for the government to become corrupt and try to subdue its citizens. These bans infringe on our rights, period, and are nothing but a stepping stone for a universal ban, registry and confiscation.

These same bans and tactics have been used before in different countries, most notably are Nazi Germany and the USSR. Both of these governments issued bans on firearms œfor the safety of the people. Soon, a registry was compiled, with names and locations of the owners. Then, confiscation of all guns. Finally, the citizens were ruled over with an iron fist, unable to protect themselves from their own military. In Germany's case, this led to one of the darkest and sinister events in history; the holocaust.

It's a slippery slope. These events were terrible and are responsible for MILLIONS of deaths. Our right to bear arms and protect ourselves from our own government is paramount to our survival as Americans. Chipping away at that right does nothing but invite the devil to our doorstep, and once he gets his foot in the door, it's over. And don't believe for a minute œwe're different. That would never happen to us. That's exactly what the Jews and Russian citizens said before their guns were taken.

We get it, gun violence is bad. I doubt anyone would dispute that. This bill, however, fixes absolutely NONE of the problems related to gun violence. If we're using œdeaths as a metric, over 80% of ALL gun deaths (not just œAssault Weapons ) are SELF INFLICTED. I've even had a family member be a part of this statistic. He used a handgun. Why? Because, according to his letter, he'd planned out every method of taking his life from poison, to blades, drowning, hanging... the gun was just œmore humane. It wouldn't even have mattered if it was there. It was just a tool.

As far as œAssault Weapons are concerned, they are responsible for less than 10% of gun casualties. And THIS is where we want to start our fight against gun violence? Let's face it, most people are naturally fearful against uncertainty and intimidation. So by slapping the name œAssault Weapon on

certain guns because they might look scary, or because of their resemblance to their military counterparts, you're not solving any problems. All that's being done is media using mass generalizations and comforting people that might not know as much as others into believing they're safer from the bad guys, when not only is that factually incorrect, you've actually CREATED MORE CRIMINALS out of otherwise law-abiding citizens. It's a veritable breeding ground for hysteria. Quite frankly, if this effort were instead used towards firearm education and safety instead of fear-mongering, much like driver's education, people would WANT to be safer and ACTUALLY KNOW HOW.

Finally, even though I feel it's a stretch, having citizens armed is a deterrent for invasion. We are alone out here in Hawaii. We need to be able to protect our home.

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Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Absolutely oppose!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is un-constitutional and makes thousands of law abiding voters into criminals.

Criminals will not pay attention to this law.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

First of all it's unconstitutional. Second opn what grounds do you have to pass such laws. How many legal gun owners have committed crimes using the firearms or devices that are mentioned in this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose bill SB301. This bill is unjust and would only affect lawful gun owners because criminals don't care about laws. I've been a law abiding citizen of this state for all my life and I feel that this bill would weaken the lawful and embolden the lawless.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

After living in a free state and understanding how things worked magazine wise I don't know why having a capacity ban is a thing, I never seen any gun violence while living there. There are many ways to go around a capacity ban.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a gun owner and good citizen I strongly object to this proposed bill which may be admirable in intent but off the mark.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This Bill aims to make a commonly owned item, illegal, and make criminals out of ordinary people. This bill is an affront to rights PROTECTED by the Constitution, and the intent of it's creation.

By establishing limitations on a protected right, bills like these also lay the groundwork for establishing limits on Religion, Free speech, and other rights.

Furthermore, the very fact that these bills are proposed, when limitations are placed on testimonies and public discourse is deceitful and improper. Submitting this bill, when the problem of the State's economy and welfare hasn't been addressed is non-sensical.

I expect nothing less than to not push this bill any further.

Sincerely,

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am against the proposed bill SB301 for the following reasons, as highlighted by the Hawaii Firearms Coalition:

**IN COMMON USE:** Semi-auto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gun-owners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

**PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

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**THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

**CONCLUSION:** I am against SB301 for the reasons stated above.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony against SB301,

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am an NRA certified Range Safety Officer. I oppose this bill. All firearms can kill as well as kitchen knives and motor vehicles. Restricting certain types of firearms and limiting certain types of magazines will only confuse the issue and potentially cause some law abiding citizens to become criminals for just possessing the wrong type of firearm. It is people who employ the use of firearms, knives and motor vehicles that do the killing. If the true intent of this law is to make our lives safer, then put your money where your mouth is and increase funding for safety education. The emphasis should be on safety not banning certain implements that may kill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill.

We would like to be able to defend our family and our home against the ever increasing intrusions and thefts that are creeping in to our communities. With all the changes and the new dangers we now face in our Society, We ask you to please not leave us defenseless, and to give us the ability to defend those that we love. One father against multiple perpetrators is a scary thought. Please don't leave us defenseless

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

It's our constitutional right to bare arms!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill, i am a United States Army Veteran, and believe in defending my family, i only have training with semi-auto rifles, so that is what i use for defensive purposes, do not limit my capacity when it comes to my families protection. Do not mess with the function of the rifle either as it makes safe handling harder and more dangerous. Please reach out to a firearms expert before making un-informed changes. All this looks like to me is that you really dont care about my capacity to defend my family, myself.

thank you.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The usage of any firearm is the responsibility of the owner to be a law abiding gun owner. The irresponsible and unlawful use of any firearm is not everyone else's responsibility. Therefore any restriction on everyone is unfair and unlawful.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is a complete infringement on our constitutional rights

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Oppose

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is unconstitutional. There is no need to regulate guns for the general public. The only people you will affect are those who don't already commit crimes.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

OPPOSE

Re: ASSAULT RIFLES, ASSAULT SHOTGUNS AND SHOTGUNS WITH A REVOLVING CYLINDER “ Based upon the loose and vague descriptions given in the revised definitions, this bill would effectively ban almost every semi-automatic rifle within the state. This bill would also ban commonly used shotguns such as the Remington 870DM, NORINCO SAS 12 and Black Aces Pro Series M.

Re: MAGAZINES - This bill would continue to punish law abiding citizens of the State of Hawaii and infringe upon their right to defend themselves in a manner which they deem acceptable. Magazines that have capacities larger than 10 rounds were designed that way by the manufacturer for an explicit reason; to give the user the ability to defend oneself against bad actors with equality. To deviate from that would be redesigning the firearm from its initial and desired design. There have been numerous incidents where the defender has had to use more than 10 rounds to defend themselves. This includes Law Enforcement. The private citizen should have the same capabilities to defend themselves as LEO as law enforcement is not readily available when victims need their assistance.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary  
HEARING: February 12, 2021 at 9:15am  
RE: SB301 Relating to Firearms

**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it is violating our 2nd Amendment rights!!!!

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Senate Committee on Judiciary  
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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Hello,

The way you have worded this bill makes just about every semi-auto-rifle in the market classified as an assault rifle as you call them. I don't agree with this bill as such and ask that you stop pushing it especially considering these assault rifles as you call them are hardly used to assault people in the first place within Hawai'i. This aint da mainland so stop basing your gun bills on the mainland's problems since we already have safer laws to begin with.

Mahalo,

Chris

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

There is no such thing as an assault rifle or assault shotgun. please stop making up terms. Just because it has a detachable magazine of 10 rounds or greater does not make it an assault weapon. Firearms are used for hunting and defensive purposes. Limiting the amount of rounds in a magazine only hurts law-abiding citizens. If someone were to use firearms in an illegal way, they would not use a 10 round magazine and would use something greater.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose sb301

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This legislation infringes on our second amendment rights. I oppose this bill.

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I OPPOSE THIS BILL.

IN COMMON USE: Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gun owner's hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

PENDING LAWSUITS: Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill infringes on our second amendment rights. The firearms described in this unconstitutional bill are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

I am against this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it will turn almost every firearm owning citizen in Hawaii into criminals overnight. Crime is increasing, many local stores & restaurants are closed for good, and people are struggling to make a living. Why would spending time and taxpayer money in this current climate be a good idea?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Please stop creating legislation that targets law abiding citizens. This bill will do nothing to stop criminals from breaking the law. Passing laws that stop someone from breaking another law is ridiculous and will only lead to further laws down the road when these don't work. The only people hurt are the law abiding people of Hawaii.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

You must not take away or redefine our 2nd  
Amendment right per the Constitution right!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I think like many proposed laws about firearms this one is fundamentally flawed. I own three AR rifles I am a law abiding citizen obviously never committed a crime as I own them. Many of us that own AR's or firearms in general are regular people. We enjoy target shooting, competitions some use it to hunt and literally put food on the table. The individuals that are usually caught with firearms are not lawfully permitted to own them in the first place, they are sometimes stolen from a lawful owner via burglaries or obtained in other ways. With Covid many criminals are now going crazy knowing they will get a slap on the wrist or get little to no jail time at all. I implore you to think rationally is punishing lawful owners right? Those that are responsible took the required classes to own one? This will also hurt many gun shops that are all ready struggling and ultimately hurt the State if they end up closing losing tax revenue as well as employees.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

US citizens' ownership if these guns and magazines is legal; as reflected in the SCOTUS Heller decision.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose SB301.

As the bill says, the State already has the strictest gun laws in the nation as well as the lowest gun deaths. We do not need more nonsense laws that have no scientific or logical evidence that will prevent the last tiny bit of gun violence. While its great that Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence likes to give their input, we as a State need to focus on ALL violence. The non-gun violence seen here vastly outweighs the gun violence and should be focused on. Seeing that firearms in the right hands can prevent violence, we would be moving in the wrong direction with this bill.

The majority of the people affected by the proposed bill will be many honest citizens. And as there are many, it is deemed to be in common use and will conflict with Supreme Court rulings.

Please consider opposing this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Gun owners in Hawaii have been checked, verified, approved and found to be responsible adults who rarely if ever find ourselves on the wrong side of the law. This bill is insulting. You are giving criminals more rights and a distinct advantage over us. Does anyone honestly believe this is going to make Hawaii safer? Maybe if you think you can control the police or afford your own private security force, but the vast majority of us do not have such luxuries.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The right to bare arms shall not be infringed. The bill is disgusting

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'm a law bidding citizen I strongly oppose this bill

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is not only constitutionally wrong but absolutely absurd in the fact that we have practically no violent crimes in Hawaii related to these so called assault weapons and large capacity magazines. You are slowly and systematically trying to break down our will as citizens with their own freedoms and liberties to a state where we have to ask permission to purchase weapons, farm, access water, live as many more. I do not support this attempt or any attempts to strip away mine or my children's or families god given rights as a free republic and democracy. Also have you ever asked yourself what is the actual point to passing these bills? There is none, not one person can provide a legitimate reason to why these bills need to be passed.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

i oppose this bill,because it takes away our 2A privileges,and it will not stop any criminal from getting a gun with more than 10rds

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This law is stupid because u punishing the good law abiding citizens over the corrupt ones and at least you can keep tract of the weapons by how the laws is now and if you changed it I am sure just like how people acquire illegal fireworks the will find a way to acquire firearms

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill SB301. Everyone is so quick to say that we should ban all assault rifles and firearms. What we a normal civilians own are sporting rifles. If you want to classify what we can own in Hawaii and compare it to the military than you need to let us own fully automatic firearms, Short barreled rifles, and Silencers. Due to covid the rise of firearm acquisitions has gone through the roof that the police department have wait lists to apply for a permit and register a firearm. With the amount of firearms that are in the hands of civilians today we aren't over run with shooting, murders, etc. There isn't a problem here to fix. Instead the politicians need to focus on bigger things than gun bills. Or trying to spend 30 million dollars for fix a capital pond. Were are in a pandemic where business are on the brink of closing and don't know if we can get our economy back going again. We still have people receiving no money for unemployment after months and months of trying to get help and no one there can help them. No response. I ask that the politicians look forward to setting up a system that if we do face another pandemic that we aren't blindsided by it and have a better way of responding to it. Because if covid turns out to be like the flu and become seasonal, then we will be facing a pandemic quite often and hope we can deal with things better. And in closing if you were to make assault rifles illegal, the bad people who commit these heinous crimes with a firearm would not of acquired that firearm legally in the first place. It will come into the islands the same way that all these illegal aerial fireworks make it into the state. Every Fourth of July and New Years Eve there is a blatant show of illegal fireworks yet the police arrest maybe 2 people? Why have a law that is not enforced? Instead tax it, make income for the state, to fund our rail and our economy. Make a state tax stamp that allows people to own sbr, full auto rifles, silencers. Federal makes money from this tax, make it legal and have a state tax added to it. Make it expensive hawaii can benefit from it. Just like how other states are generating so much income from marijuana. We dont have to be behind on the times. We need hawaii to thrive.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

SB301

I oppose this bill on several fronts... the first that I agree with the points made by the Hawaii Firearms Coalition and reiterate them here. WHY DOES HIFICO OPPOSE THIS BILL?

IN COMMON USE: Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Second, while many of us have firearms capable of a lot of things, it is not the firearm that is the problem. Hawaii has more than adequate gun laws on the books as it is. We have more than adequate background checks and this has proved to be more than sufficient to make sure that firearms remain in proper hands here in Hawaii. There are no logical reasons to expand further the requirements nor restrictions on lawful gun owners, and there is certainly no additional merit in this proposed legislation towards our citizens. Hawaii with all of our guns is probably one of the safest places on the planet. It certainly is in the USA.

Thank you.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

S.B. No. 301, Jan 22 2021, Firearms

I, Justin Lee Solomon, resident of Moiliili/McCully, oppose this bill, for many reasons.

œThe right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. - United States Constitution

Your jobs, as our elected representatives, are to uphold the Constitution of these United States, not defile it. Your jobs, as our elected representatives, is to protect, and uphold the rights of your constituents, not infringe on them. The Constitution clearly states that this bill should not be passed. I should not have to fight to keep the civil rights that my Constitution already guarantees me, the same Constitution that you swore an oath to uphold. This bill never should've made it this far. The fact that it has, should embarrass all of you.

Section 134-4 (a) " Transfer of weapons to minors.

The reason minors tend to have deadly accidents with weapons, is because they were never taught about weapons. They were never taught weapon safety. They are only taught œDon't touch guns, come tell an adult. Well, that obviously doesn't work. When you tell a child, œDon't push the red button. The child will always push the red button. œDon't touch a gun. doesn't work, for the same reason. This section of the bill would prevent me, and other parents from teaching our children proper gun safety. It would make us felons, for teaching our children how to actually be safe, and not curious about a weapon, if they were to find one. This section of the bill also stops youth gun sports. Yes, youth gun sports are a thing. There are youth teams, who out shoot some of the best adult teams, and there's no reason whatsoever, for you, our elected representatives, to deprive our children of a freedom, which has never hurt, or infringed on anyone else, in any way. There are also youth hunters. It may surprise you to learn that people still hunt, but it's true. I spent my youth hunting, and helping to put food on my family's table; there is absolutely nothing wrong with a sixteen year old boy learning how to provide natural protein for his family, while also learning the discipline, and maturity, safety knowledge that hunting provides. Youths are sometimes victims of violent crime, and as such, should have the right to protect themselves. A twelve year old girl shot a home intruder in south east Oklahoma in October of 2012, with a semi-automatic, large capacity, .50cal shotgun. A fourteen year old girl used a semi-automatic pistol with a detachable large capacity magazine, to stop two home intruders, who were after her younger sisters, In August of 2019, in Lawrence West Virginia. Your jobs, as our elected representatives, is to protect our rights to life, and liberty, even those of us under the magical age of 18.

œThe right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. - United States Constitution. This section of the bill, is an affront to our civil liberties, and needs to be removed.

#### Section 134-4 (b) Possession of firearms owned by another

If I go to the firing range with some friends, and my friend wants to shoot my gun at a piece of paper, and I'm standing there watching him, there is no reason that he should not be able to. If I go to the firing range, and I want to rent one of the range's weapons, to see if I like the weapon before I buy it, I should be able to. If I want to go to one of the establishments on this island, who's sole service, is renting weapons that you can shoot on their range, I should be able to, but this section of the bill, would make those establishments illegal. While this section of the bill says that you would need a permit from the Chief of Police, we all know, (including you) that police chiefs are chosen specifically due to their anti-gun stance, and none of them would ever grant a permit. This section of the bill would make perfectly safe activities illegal, for no reason other than the tyrannical theft of our civil rights. œThe right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. - United States Constitution. Your jobs are to stop this sort of theft, not propagate it. This section of the bill needs to be removed.

#### Section 134-4 (e) Assault Pistols

At least 80% of the pistols in this state, are what you call œassault pistols . These pistols were legally obtained, and legally kept. This section not only violates our second amendment rights, but also our fourth amendment rights. This section would immediately make nearly all of this state's gun owners felons. This part of the bill is nothing short of tyrannical theft of our civil liberties, and rights which were granted to us with the signing of the Constitution.

#### Section 134-4 (f) Assault Rifles

Thousands of your constituents own what you call assault rifles. More than half of the population of Oahu alone, are either current military, or former military. Many thousands more above that, are proficient with firearms, and what you call assault weapons, in their own right. We make a formidable militia. Hawaii, of all the states, needs a strong militia. Our forefathers knew that we would need a strong militia. The need for a strong militia, is main reason for the second amendment, in the first place. If the US were to be attacked by any country from our west, Hawaii would be the first target. Look no further than Pearl Harbor, if you need evidence of this fact. I myself have seven combat tours with the Marine Corps. I've spent twelve years of my life with an actual assault rifle (not what you politicians ignorantly call an assault rifle) slung across my chest. I, as well as many thousands of others, would be a formidable foe, for any would-be invaders. The other part of this scenario, is that we would need to protect our families from these invaders. We know that invaders don't leave the citizens unharmed, and they never have. You should not take my God given right to protect my family away from me, especially without a jury of my peers having first convicted me of a violent, felonious crime. I've owned what you call assault rifles, and pistols, in this state, for years. This section of the bill would not only violate my second amendment, but also my fourth. œA well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. œThe right of the people to be secure in their<sup>1</sup> effects<sup>1</sup> shall not be violated. - United States Constitution.

#### Section 4 subsection 134-8 1



I'm not sure what your problem with shorter barreled rifles could possibly be; rifles are still cumbersome, and next to impossible to conceal on your body. A shorter barrel length means that the bullet has less velocity, and therefore is less likely to hurt an unintended bystander, on the other side of a wall. A shorter barrel length means that a rifle would be better suited to indoor home defense, and not long distance shooting (which isn't usually needed on a small island anyway, short distance shooting is usually all we can do here.) I think this is yet another example of politicians letting their ignorance fuel their hate.

I'm not sure what your problem with shotguns with a revolving cylinder would be; a revolving cylinder is slower than a regular semi-automatic shotgun. I think this is yet another example of politicians letting their ignorance fuel their hatred.

I'm not sure what your problem with mufflers &amp; silencers could be; These devices don't render a weapon silent. They merely deaden the sound enough that it doesn't cause hearing loss to the shooter (as long as the shooter is wearing additional hearing protection), and it keeps gun ranges from being obnoxiously noisy for the people in the surrounding countryside. I think this is yet another example of politicians letting their ignorance fuel their hatred.

#### Section 4 subsection 134-8 2 Large capacity magazines for rifles

The main purpose of the second amendment, is to allow the militias (all able bodied adults) to defend the homeland, the home, and the family. If Hawaii were to be invaded, this part of the bill would render our militias useless. There are hundreds of thousands of what you call "high capacity magazines" but everyone else calls "standard capacity magazines" in homes throughout our state. This section of the bill violates my second, and fourth amendments. This section of the bill is a tyrannical theft of my civil liberties, and my legally obtained/owned effects. Your jobs are to protect our civil liberties, rights, and freedoms, not to infringe on them, steal them. "The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. "The right of the people to be secure in their "effects" shall not be violated. - United States Constitution.

This bill is an illegal attempt to steal our constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties, rights, and freedoms. Approving this bill, would be nothing short of an act of tyranny.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary  
HEARING: February 12, 2021 at 9:15am  
RE: SB301 Relating to Firearms

**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha my name is Ethan Kerfoot.

I oppose bill SB301. This bill takes away from law abiding citizens, like myself, that contribute to society. This bill takes property that I already own, and have every right to own. This bill only tells me what you're taking away from me and other legal owners that poses magazines that hold more than 10 rounds, but doesn't tell me how you will enforce this towards criminals that obtain this or already have these magazines. The fact that you're willing to take these magazines away from abiding citizens without thinking about us first, it saddens me that you truly believe this is a benefit to society. Before submitting this bill, with all the robberies and acts of violence that are being committed today, done in groups of 2+ people. Could you tell me what happens if they can out gun me with a magazine with 10+ rounds? And if that's not the case, is your intention to give law enforcement an edge over criminals that have more than 10 round magazines? Because criminals don't obey by the law. They are criminals. All this is, is an infringement on my rights as an American citizen.

Also the term assault in front of pistol or any kind of firearm (rifle for example) is such a poor adjective. Police officer's firearms are called service weapons. If you own the same pistol as a police officer, why are their firearms called service weapons, and mine is labeled an assault pistol. I'm offended that just because I don't serve in the police department, and because my firearm is for home defense, my firearm is labeled an assault pistol. Banning pistols with detachable magazines just because they can detach is just foolish. This bill in no way benefits it's citizens of the state of Hawaii.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

It is my right to own any pistol or rifle of my choosing.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I adamantly oppose this bill due to the simple fact that the term assault rifle is generally attributed to Adolf Hitler, who, for propaganda purposes, used the German word Sturmgewehr (which translates to assault rifle) as the new name for the MP43, subsequently known as the Sturmgewehr 44. However, other sources dispute that Hitler had much to do with coining the new name besides signing the production order. The StG-44 is generally considered the first selective fire military rifle to popularize the assault rifle concept. Today, the term assault rifle is used to define firearms sharing the same basic characteristics as the StG-44. This being said, AR-15 does not mean ASSAULT RIFLE. It means ArmaLite Rifle. The Second Amendment, which states, A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed., is the ONLY amendment that has the phrase SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED

With the way things are going in the State of Hawaii, with property crimes, violent crimes, etc on the rise, I would hope that my elected officials would be more aligned with the people and want them to better protect themselves from harm. YOU as elected officials, utilize firearms in the form of Law Enforcement that is constantly there to protect you at a moments notice. I had a homeless male break into my property (All access points to my property were locked && secured) with the intent to do god knows what. When I confronted him WHILE HE WAS ON MY PROPERTY, he presented a bat and proceeded to walk towards me in a threatening manner.

When faced with that same type of threat, someone who clearly has no regard for life, no regard for his actions, or the consequences of his actions, what am I supposed to do? You passing this bill will only further limit my ability to protect my life and the lives of my family. On my property, I have a 89 year old grandmother, a 59 year old mother, and my 29 year old fiancÃ©. My father, being a pilot based in San Francisco, is hardly home. Why is it ok for you to be protected by men and women with guns (WHO DON'T HAVE A MAGAZINE CAPACTIY RESTRICTION AND HAVE ACCESS TO ASSAULT RIFLES), but it's not ok for me when it comes to protecting my family, going hunting, or recreational shooting?

To close out this testimony, I would like to make a reference: Telling my which guns I can and/or cannot own is like me telling you that you cannot buy/own a specific TYPE of car, i.e. an SUV or a Minivan. The question, why do you need guns like that? is countered by the question, why do you need to drive a coupe? a sedan? an SUV? a Minivan?

STOP INFRINGING ON THE RIGHTS OF LAW ABIDING CITIZENS! THE CRIMINALS DON'T GIVE TWO SHITS ABOUT YOUR LAWS...

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The only reason government ( public servants) want to take away our second amendment is because they want to do whatever the hell they want. Continue to serve themselves and not the people they swore an oath to serve.

Servants work for the people. Guns should be taken away from government instead.

I oppose this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am a law abiding citizen who see's first hand the damage from fire arms within our state of Hawaii. And they are always from known criminals who obtained their guns illegally. Please do not take away our ability to protect ourselves.

Thank you

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill. Is the author of bill not awhile of a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of

Tax payers dollars. Also a no grandfathering of magazines already own, is the state going to composite owners or make us all law abiding citizens criminals

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

From: Christopher Caldwell

Submitted: February 2021

Testimony in opposition of HB301.

Aloha, I am Christopher Caldwell, life-long resident of the state of Hawaii and registered voter. I am here to write you in strong opposition of SB301. I oppose this bill on the grounds of its unconstitutionality, as it would affect those firearms undoubtedly considered in common use and protected by the 2008 Heller decision.

The magazine ban portion of this bill would also likely fall under those same common use protections and the pending 9th Circuit court case *Abbott vs Connors* which seeks to overturn an existing California magazine ban for magazines that hold more than 10 rounds.

Furthermore, this proposed ban will no doubt cause many financial hardship to both business and gun owner, and deprive law abiding citizens of their legally obtained property during a time when the economy is at a historic low and its representation should be more concerned with its repair.

While this proposed bill provides some grandfathering, one can sight from many examples of how this will just add more slip to the slope towards future confiscation, and a violation of our constitutional rights and freedoms. I strongly oppose SB301. Thank you very much for your time.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill as it would infringe on my right to enjoy target shooting activities with my family and would limit my options significantly. I've already passed significant background checks to legally purchase these guns.

Sincerely,

Scott

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill based on a number of reasons, primary of which is it is an oppressive over reaction to the legal ownership of millions of weapons that are already safely and legally used by law abiding citizens.

Criminals do not care about the laws you pass and will not abide by this.

This bill simply gives criminals more power and law abiding citizens less power.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This will not solve the problems of gun related crimes. It will only take the personal protection from law biding citizens

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose SB301 because these firearms as well as these magazines are in common use & is pending lawsuits which cost millions of dollars from tax payers of our State, misplaced priorities & resources should concentrate & be more focused towards the COVID19 crisis, and there's no promises/guaranties in the future of not confiscating anything related to safe-responsible-legal firearm ownership...

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This bill is unconstitutional. Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision. Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it take aways our rights as Americans

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'm the owner of ROSAS ARMS LLC, a retail gun shop on the Island of kauai. Monthly Handgun Safety Trainer of the General Public, Judges, Prosecutors and many other Professionals. I have served as President of Kauai Raceway Park, March of Dimes, Kawaihau Little League as well as Cub Scout Leader for 21 years, Director for over 30 years of three Catholic Churches on Kauai. I have served the people of Kauai for over 40 years and want to thank you for being the representatives of the people although by your actions within this bill have not done your homework by seeking knowledge from professionals in the field. Have you taken it upon yourself to meet with those of us that deal with firearms everyday of our lives thus have knowledge of how to make the community of Hawaii a safer place. Not one legislature had contacted me with regards of firearms issues and through my years of experience I have much knowledge to share, enabling the legislature's to present bills that would actually be an asset to the Hawaii People. I can be contacted at (808)651-2853 is the legislature would like to be educated in reality of firearms in the State of Hawaii otherwise you can just continue miss representing the very people that are depending on you to make the best choices for their safety and welfare. As a representative of the people in many different capacities I would educate myself before making choices for them. Please TABLE this bill and all others for a time to get educated on firearm facts in Hawaii from the professionals. Thank You, James (Jim) Rosa

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Law abiding citizens who qualify to have a firearm should be allowed access to all quantities or types of firearms/ accessories because of our 2nd amendment right to defend our land and protect our families if need be.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I Oppose this bill.

Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

The 2nd (second amendment) states A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

I'd like to highlight the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

There is no justification for creating excessively stringent gun control laws as a means to remove lawfully obtained property from law-abiding citizens, especially when it is in direct opposition to the spirit of the 2nd Constitutional Amendment. As a law-abiding and responsible gun owner, I feel like this is a personal and punitive attack on my right to bear arms. Our local government should be focusing on issues that are actually affecting our state, such as the economic crisis (made infinitely worse by the pandemic) that has led to a host of other major problems; unemployment, closure of local businesses, and homelessness/lack of affordable housing. In comparison with other states, Hawaii has not had an issue with mass shootings, etc, so why is our local government wasting precious resources on a non-relevant issue instead of allocating the time and money where it could be more beneficial for our community? I absolutely disagree with this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This a blatant attack to our constitutional rights. As stated in the second amendment: œA well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because I believe it infringes on our 2nd Amendment right as citizens of the USA. I follow all gun laws and regulations as defined by the state of Hawaii happily and without complaint. This bill unfairly targets law abiding citizens by taking away their right to a type of firearm in use by a large number, if not the majority, of gun owners in this state. I am adamantly opposed to this bill. Mahalo and aloha

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The right to bear arms shall not be infringed. So you punish the laws abiding citizens and take away their rights. What about the criminals!, does not affect them at all. You may not like Guns, that is right. You may not believe in god, that is your choice. But if someone breaks into your home, the first two things you are going to do is....

- 1.) CALL SOMEONE WITH A GUN TO SAVE YOU.
- 2.) PRAY THEY GET THERE IN TIME.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Taking away people's rights to own a semi auto firearm and high capacity mags will not lower crime rates

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill. I am a law abiding citizen. You need to realize purging our society of violence and murder cannot be done by gun control legislation.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is unconstitutional. Owning a gun of any caliber with any magazine size is legal and should remain legal. Guns don't kill people, people kill people. Citizens were allowed weapons in the beginning for a reason, to stop a corrupt government. Kind of makes you wonder why the government doesn't want people to have guns anymore doesn't it?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Opposed

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This opposes our 2nd amendment right to bear arms. These weapons are not assault weapons they are only used according to owner or possessor.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it is fundamentally naive and reflects poor insight and a dangerously low level of intellectual power and logic.

Making a weapon illegal will NOT prevent criminals or those with dangerous intentions from obtaining such items.

Example of illegal substances commonly obtained: Crystal Meth, Heroin, Cocaine, Molly etc.

Making an 'action' illegal also does not appear to stop the insane or unlawful individual.

Examples of illegal 'actions' unstopped: Rape, murder, use of gun (of any sort) to rob, rape or murder, threatening with a gun, shooting persons not in defense of personal safety, human trafficking, prostitution, bomb making etc.

Therefore to make such items (assault rifle, high capacity magazines or any such item) illegal is a fundamentally flawed idea proposed by a person using childlike logic and poor understanding of human behavior and reality

Second, this bill is constitutionally dangerous and threatens the civil liberties of only lawful citizens as criminally motivated persons will always find ways to obtain guns (gun type irrelevant, see above).

The second amendment is incredibly important (Thus the 2nd Amendment not 34th amendment). I cannot express how strongly I oppose such bills as it only threatens the constitutional rights of law abiding citizens. Criminals always seem to obtain guns like drug addicts always find drugs. Why are you threatening the constitutional rights of the lawful citizen? Shouldn't you be protecting us?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am strongly against any of these ridiculous attempts to take away our rights. Guns aren't the problem, this corrupt government is. I only heard about this opportunity last minute to be able to speak out against these proposed bills and I know a lot of people personally that would also be against this.

Think of it this way, If you try to take away guns from the law abiding citizens in any of the tricky ways or with any of this sly reasoning , criminals will still have them. Not sure how hard that is to see, but I'm sure you do.

This country won't take anymore, people won't take anymore.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Restricting law abiding firearm owners with magazine capacity limits does not prevent any crimes from being committed.

Magazines or firearms do not cause issues; a wayward individual does.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am opposed to this bill, assault weapon is a made up term, assault is an action and weapon is anything you can use to commit an assault. Taking away the most popular rifle in America does nothing to prevent violent crime, but it does prevent law abiding citizens from protecting themselves against criminals. And restricting 30 round magazines does not do anything, as most police officers know that ten round magazine isn't sufficient to protect themselves. We need to use the laws that we have and start punishing criminals to the full extent of the law. Punishing law abiding citizens does not make criminals nicer. Thank you for your time. Vote no on bill sb301

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose SB301. Semi- automatic rifles and shotguns have been the most popular firearms and most widely purchases in America. 2019 Murder rates were 19.3% higher when the Federal ban was in effect. It has already proven that an assault weapons ban and large capacity magazine ban will not do anything to help reduce murders.

Large Capacity magazines are standard and do not incite violence.

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Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gun owners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision. Likewise, magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing millions of dollars to the taxpayers of the State?

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law-abiding gun owners, like myself, the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Please oppose SB301

The reach of this bill is too broad and effects almost all shotguns and rifles in common use. Additionally, as determined by the FBI, the last federal ban on assault weapons had no effect on reducing crime. With the extent to which these firearms are commonly owned, this ban is likely unconstitutional per the ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Heller vs. DC*.

Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (*ABBOTT vs Connors*) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State and be overturned?

The ban on transferring magazines is not enforceable and ridiculous.

This whole bill should be scrapped and more energy should be dedicated to providing real relief to businesses and individuals impacted by the pandemic, and no energy should be spent depriving law-abiding citizens of their constitutional rights.

Oppose SB301

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I totally oppose this law I will never support a candidate that agrees with this law it needs to be stopped.  
NOW. gun control is unconstitutional and against my beliefs.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a gun owner and home owner, it is not my privilege, but my inalienable right under the 2nd Amendment to own a firearm. I purchased my firearms and my magazines here, and they are in the home that I own here in Kapolei.

When most states or countries began weapons bans, they start off with the best of intentions, usually following some emotional catastrophe where a madman attacked innocent people. Instead of blaming the man, they blame the tool he used, as if there was not another tool capable of dispensing evil and creating bloodshed. If it's a matter of numbers, by the FBI's own statistics, more people are killed with baseball bats than rifles every year.

Despite those irrefutable facts, that's not what is happening here. You want to take my property by making it illegal. This is not being done in an emotional moment of panic after a shooting, this is just another swipe at liberty and property, to repeal our rights, year in and year out. This time for no other reason because you think you can, and you fear your voters. If you fear that your constituents will use firearms against you, it's because you're planning on doing something worthy of it. These are the actions of the very tyrants you claim not to be, yet here we are. You cowering in fear, us angry at being demonized for being God-fearing, freedom-loving, law-abiding citizens.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it is a violation of our constitutional rights. Our rights to bear arms shall not be infringed upon. The right in part is to ensure a tyrannical government does not take hold. Tyrannical government is already in power and the power grabs need to stop.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it directly limits and restricts the law abiding citizens from protecting themselves and their family against criminals and outside threats. It also is infringes on the constitutional 2nd amendment.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this matter of so call assault rifles. They are sporting rifles that I use only in competition!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because, as a resident and registered voter of the State of Hawaii, we must look to our State Constitution:

Article 1, Bill of Rights, Section 17...and I quote A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. As our State Constitution was ratified in 1950, as I read section 17 had some legal updates as late as 1978. Almost 43 years ago and our former legislators knew the importance of the right to bear arms, just as the framers of the US Constitution knew as well. I am not a lawyer by trade; however I am a sworn law enforcement officer and also a 20 plus year member of the Hawaii Army National Guard. I know first hand the use and effects of many classes of firearms. This proposed bill, simply lumps in firearms with specific characteristics into a generic class of assault weapons which in my 20 plus year career of law enforcement and military have never heard any of our weapons described as assault weapons. This is a term used to describe how a firearm simply looks, as opposed to its capabilities. The National Firearms Act (NFA) already covers specific firearms and specific components (automatic weapons, short barreled rifles, suppressors) to name (3)--none of which are currently legal under State of Hawaii law. Hawaii currently has very strict firearms regulations in the form of permits to acquire, registration of all firearms, and magazine limits that do not exceed 10 rounds--as short barreled rifles are not legal in Hawaii--hence a limit on magazines has already been achieved. In my law enforcement career I can state that the recent span of firearms related crimes were not committed by lawful gun owners. Those that get the proper permit and complete registration. In the end a complete banning of assault weapons will only leave the LEGAL GUN OWNER with no means of defense. Criminals, crooks, and the nefarious do not follow gun laws. Thank you for reading my testimony.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Our founding fathers have stated that our 2nd amendment shall not be infringed. This bill infringes the very core beliefs and ideals of a free nation. I am in opposition to this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Why do you crack down on the law abiding citizens first? Maybe you should get tougher on the ones that are already breaking the law. We don't need more gun control. What we need is the courts to enforce the laws already on the books.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill, due to its infringement on my rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Unconstitutional and incorrect wording on items mentioned above. Why do law abiding citizens have to find this by word of mouth and whoever had put these bills in here did not posted it in any news paper or mentioned this in any media outlet to show œThe People what the legislative bodies are proposing.. such illegal acts are a disgrace to our country to take away our 2nd amendment rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I firmly oppose bill SB301. It is a violation of our U.S. Constitution and an infringement of my fundamental right to keep and bear arms. It is my inalienable right of self defense. It is our basic liberty as Americans. We are law abiding citizens. We have a right to protect our lives and property. More and more we are becoming victims of criminals who do not follow the law.

May I remind you that the government's job is to protect our rights, not deem what is appropriate for us.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it makes the community unsafe and puts minorities at risk of violence from police.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Oppose to SB301. It's unconstitutional and an infringement to the 2nd amendment.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The independent clause of the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution says: ...the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The dependent clause cannot change or alter the meaning of the independent clause. It can only offer additional explanation why the independent clause was written. Technicalities and legalese cannot be used to nullify the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The purpose of the 2nd Amendment is to prevent tyranny in the U.S. When the people fear their government, there is tyranny. When the government fears the people, there is freedom.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am against this bill because it doesn't only target criminals it also targets law abiding citizens such as myself. This bill infringes on my 2nd amendment right as a law abiding citizen.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Why are the elected officials trying to ban us from our 2nd amendment rights again. NO stop this insane ban that puts us law abiding citizens behind the curve when it comes to self protection. The police are not going to be their for me when an armed robber attacks me or my girls. IM totally against this bans and all bans that take away our rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Semi auto rifles, shotguns and magazines which hold over 10 rounds of ammunition are in common use in Hawaii. To ban them, the government of Hawaii would violate Hawaiian citizen's 2nd Amendment rights. The Second Amendment is our inalienable right. SB301 should not be passed.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'm against SB301!!!! First of all it's UNCONSTITUTIONAL! This is clearly an INFRINGEMENT of the second amendment. This would make LAW abiding citizens criminals over night. I hope when the vote comes, our ELECTED PUBLIC servants remember the OATH to defend and protect the CONSTITUTION they took.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I appose such a ban beside the words alone Assault which defines a gun to be able to be fully automatic which is already illegal in our state. Also, as a competitor I use more than 10 rounds currently in my chosen sport.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Constitution of United States of America 1789 (rev. 1992)

Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

At the time of the writing of the Constitution of The United States of America, every American household had the RIGHT to keep and bear the most advanced military firearm of the times. The most advanced ammunition was also possessed by RIGHT. There was no infringement then and there should be no infringement now.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Our elders fought there lives away so we could be free. Not so one day people could march in and declare changes amongst the American way. Witch is freedom and to be protected by our constitution as Americans. ALL AMENDMENTS

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Sounds good.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose Bill SB 301 because it violates my constitutional rights for the 2nd amendment.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am a law abiding citizen who believes that we should all have the right to bear arms. Why should law abiding citizen be treated like registered sex offenders?! What you're going to allow public will allow all the non abiding citizen to know what is in our homes and where. If you allow this to pass this will turn into a gateway for taking away our other freedoms.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a law abiding citizen who enjoys going to the gun range with my friends and family, I strongly oppose SB301.

These bills if put into effect will essentially make me and a number of other law abiding Hawaii citizens into felons through no fault of our own.

I do not see how this will make us safer as criminals will not turn in their guns. However, it can make it more dangerous for me and my family as I may not have the ability to defend my home in the event of an armed intrusion.

Hawaii already has one of the lowest gun violence rates in the nation with some of the most strictest gun laws, so why punish those of us who has been diligently following the letter of the law with regard to our firearms.

Although I am not a Democrat, I am registered as an independent with liberal leanings. If this bill passes then I will become a republican and do my best to get those responsible for this bill to be voted out of office.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is an infringement on the United States Constitution...second amendment.

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RE: SB301 Relating to Firearms

**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I STRONGLY oppose SB301 as it simply tries to infringe on the unalienable rights of law-abiding gun owners of Hawaii. By using trigger words such as assault weapons, these bills are fear-mongering and misleading. A 10-round magazine is not a high-capacity magazine; standard issue magazines provided to the military are 30 rounds, if not greater, so the 10 round limit is just an arbitrarily determined number. Therefore, I believe SB301 is nothing more than a political tool meant to undermine and disarm the rightful gun owners of Hawaii, and I STRONGLY oppose this infringement.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am a law abiding citizen. Passing this law is encroaching on my 2nd amendment rights, you would be taking a form of protection from a law abiding citizen then only the criminals would have them. I enjoy going to the range and practicing and having safe fun with my guns. I think passing this law is a big mistake and I don't support it.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Please oppose any and all legislation that seeks to ban or infringe on America's right to keep and bear arms for two very sound reasons.

1) It is a very well known fact that strict gun control does not stem gun violence. If that were the case, Chicago and Washington D.C. would be the safest places in the country as their gun laws are the most onerous in the country. On the contrary, both cities have the highest rates of gun crime found anywhere. As Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1764, Laws that forbid the carrying of arms . . . disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes . . . Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man.

--Thomas Jefferson, quoting Cesare Beccaria in On Crimes and Punishment (1764).

2) Upon assuming office, you took a solemn oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States. The Second Amendment is a vital part of that Constitution you swore to uphold and is a primary guarantor of our unalienable rights, rights granted by our Creator that can never be surrendered to or granted by any government for any reason. Consequently you can never separate the sanctity of the unalienable right from the guarantor of that right without incurring the certain loss of both.

You are therefore obligated by the Constitution and your solemn oath of office to oppose any and all infringements on Americans' right to keep and bear arms and I expect you to abide by that obligation in every way.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill infringes constitutional rights... 2nd amendment.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This would be going against all what our constitution stands for we should band state and city taxes instead that would reduce stress and crime.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is a blatant attack of second amendment. I disapprove completely.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this SB301 because it punishes the vast majority of law-abiding gun owners in Hawaii. 99% of crimes in Hawaii are not committed by criminals armed with the firearms or magazines targeted by SB301.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am writing this because I strongly disagree with this proposed ban. I am a law abiding citizen who enjoys shooting legally with my rifles. There are literally millions of these rifles in the hands of legal law abiding citizens.

I understand that these weapons look scary to a non firearm enthusiasts but to me I look at my AR platform as a sports car looks flashy drives fast but at the end of the day it is just a rifle like any other rifle. The ability to add individual parts to make it unique to me.

Please don't approve this bill. Please spend your efforts on ways to keep individuals with criminal intentions away from the availability of a weapon that could do harm to anyone.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose SB 301

When I first purchased my rifles over 8 years ago, 20 round magazines were standard and the least expensive for my rifles. These rifles function optimally using the 20 round magazines (standard capacity). It will be difficult, if not impossible, to modify the plastic magazines (the least expensive) in the future. Over the years I have purchased many these magazines, at considerable expense. The current bill will force me to dispose of property that I purchased legally or face felony charges. I will have to buy new magazines. I am not sure if 10 round magazines are available for my rifles and whether they will function properly with the smaller magazines. This bill will not eliminate the availability of 20 and 30 round magazines in Hawaii. Twenty and 30 round magazines are standard issue throughout the military. Those who wish to, will be able to obtain these standard capacity magazines through contact with active duty or reserve military personnel. There is currently a court case in Federal Court awaiting a decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. Shouldn't the State of Hawaii wait for this ruling, before opening its self up to large class action suit.

Semiautomatic rifles and shotguns are in common use and are protected from ban under the 2008 Heller Decision by the Supreme Court of the United States. Is this bill even constitutional?

Once again, these gun control measures will only affect law abiding citizens of Hawaii, such as myself, under the threat of criminal prosecution. This bill is a further encroachment upon my constitutional rights under the 2nd Amendment.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I fully oppose SB301 in its attempt to ban semi-automatic firearms and magazines of over 10 round capacity. Defining semi-automatic firearms as assault rifles and shotguns is a clear attempt by legislators to demonize the idea of semi-automatic firearms. A firearm is a tool, just the same as a shovel or hammer. Nobody owns assault shovels or hammers, but just the same, these tools could be used to commit a crime. Shall we ban them too? This bill aims to take away law abiding citizens rights protect their home and family with the firearm or their own choosing.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

To say that this is an assault on our 2nd Amendment rights is obvious. First of all, there is no such thing as an Assault weapon other than what the military has and those are already severely restricted in this country.

There is little reason to ban rounds of more than 10 rounds. If YOU were the victim of 3 criminals during a home invasion, I bet you'd want a weapon that could shoot more than 10 rounds.

Banning shotguns? Hunters use those in Hawaii all the time to hunt game birds! Shotguns are also a favorite weapon of self defense for women in the home.

I strongly urge you, as a registered voter, and one who votes regularly, to kill this bill where it stands at this moment.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I fully oppose this bill. This bill does nothing but hurt law abiding gun owners. We have done everything the state asks of us so we can legally and responsibly enjoy our constitutional rights. The 2nd amendment states for those of you that have forgotten, that our rights to bear arms shall NOT be infringed upon. Focus on the real issues, such as homelessness and drugs..not us law abiding and responsible gun owners. Aloha Paul Asato

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because the language in the bill is written in a way that's left to interpretation and meant to be used as a blanket statement to ban all rifles and shotguns. The way this bill is written would ban owning essentially every type of modern day rifle and shotgun which we use to protect ourselves and our families; also to legally hunt. It's a part of our livelihood, protected by the second amendment and unconstitutional to impose this type of ban.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Law makers need to focus their attention on the free falling economy and the massive loss of job and income for the average family in hawaii and stop wasting their time and our tax dollars on ridiculous gun bans, magazine bans and ammo bans! Do your job and help the struggling people with policies that will assist these struggling families not waste their tax dollars on these useless gun laws

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill. I have hunted with a semi automatic shotgun my whole life. I leant from my father and I plan on developing a relationship with my son by doing the same. It isn't the weapon that kills innocent people. It is the person. Rather than attack law abiding citizens who have owned and hunted for generations maybe communities should focus on the children and educating people. It's those people that haven't had that upbringing that are quick to criticize the gun owner. Maybe instead they should restrict regulate or terminate the production of violent movies and extremely violent video games as well as music that promotes violent actions all of which desensitizes people from those violent actions. Those areas are the problems. those Hollywood movie stars, writers and producers are the ones who are entering the minds of people and placing evil ideas into our communities. The family that spends time together hunting and owning a firearm is not the problem. They are actually the solution teaching generations about the respect of life and living off the land. True sustainability.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose bill SB301 , it unconstitutional to strip the rights of LAW ABIDING citizens.. some of us use them not only for protection but mainly as a tool to gather food.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is just plain not right. Little by little you are taking away more and more from the people soon we won't have anything to protect us from corruption in the government and corrupt people on the streets. Stop these bills of nonsense please and thank you

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a law abiding citizen who uses semi auto rifle for sport competition and home defense. This sort of law was stuck down in the U.S. Supreme Court 2008 heller case that this law is unconstitutional since these are commonly used fire arms. Please oppose this bill.

Thank you

Jason t Wolford.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Where is the JUSTIFICATION TO INFRINGE ON OUR Freedoms? Where in the Constitution does it say our Rights can be Limited?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill it will infringe my 2nd amendment rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I do not agree with this bill and oppose. Illegal and taking away my god given rights as an American.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

I oppose SB301.

The semi-auto rifles, shotguns, and magazines described in this bill are arguably the most popular used by hundreds of thousands of law-abiding citizens in Hawaii and millions throughout our nation. To call for their outright ban is unnecessary, unreasonable, and unrealistic.

The enforcement of such a ban would be a logistical nightmare for our already overworked and understaffed police departments that have been stretched to their limits dealing with enforcement during the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic, which has been the subject of numerous reports.

Hawaii already has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the United States. These existing laws combined with our unique Island culture have enabled Hawaii to consistently rank among the state's with the lowest gun violence. The passing of new even more draconian gun laws here will have no impact on public safety.

The Legislature should instead direct its limited and rapidly dwindling resources to tackling very real and more pressing issues facing our state, such as redeveloping Hawaii's devastated economy and dealing with increased economic fallout from the pandemic for which there is no end in sight. Failure to do so will have immediate and long-term consequences, both fiscally and in the voting booths.

I urge you to vote against SB301.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

VIOLATION of the 2nd Amendment-

will result in COSTLY LAWSUITS

do your jobs and concentrate on the economy instead of further violating our RIGHTS

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha, I would just like to say, that law abiding citizens are not the ones that need their guns taken away. It's all the people that illegally obtain a gun(of any kind) that need their guns taken away and they will be the ones causing harm to others. It's the law abiding citizens(any American that doesn't have prior felonies) right to own a firearm. As the the 2nd amendment says, œ shall not be infringed . The Government has no right to limit or say what a free American can have or buy as far as firearms and accessories. Just in case you all don't know, but semi auto knives kill people and semi auto cigarette smokers and semi auto alcohol drinkers kill themselves and others around them much more than gun violence every year. And yet the Government continues to allow cigarettes and alcohol to be wide spread and able to buy with no restrictions other than age. Seems like our tax payer dollars should go to people in œoffice with more knowledge and wisdom!!! Also, Americans pay the governments salary and then they tell us what we can and can't do, that's called COMMUNISM! America is supposed to be free especially in Hawaii since our Hawaiian rights were stripped long ago!

Mahalo for hearing this message, and God Bless!!!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is unconstitutional , I oppose this bill because it will ban the rifles I use for self-defense.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill SB301 due to the fact that it will hurt the small local firearms businesses which creates jobs and also helps to stimulate the economy of their state. Additionally this just goes against our 2nd amendment rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is unconstitutional and I oppose this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am against this 100% as a hunter to provide for my family.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am opposed SB 301. This bill places an undue burden on legal firearms owners. I am greatly concerned on the efforts the State is taking to limit firearms owners rights. This amount of effort should be directed toward fighting crime. Semiautomatic firearms are of the most ubiquitous types available as a result advancement of technology over time. To limit access is irresponsible. I am also concerned over the limited language regarding what is being grandfathered as it could easily lead to confiscation later.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am a firefighter with HFD and have been involved with firearms in Hawaii since 1993. Growing up in Hawaii I thought guns were bad. After doing research for a college class since Hawaii was thinking of banning handgun. I learned the process that it took to acquire a firearm. I soon learned how the gun store were not full of crazy people and were model citizens. I was force to make a decision to become a gun owner ready or not or lose my opportunity to legally own a pistol. The decision was made by then State Senate Rey Graulty who said he would pass the bill. Hawaii is very lucky House Rep Terrance Tom stopped it in the House.

My wife is only 4'10 in height and we have two daughters (11 & 3 yrs old). Not sure if any of you at the cCapital has ever fired a firearm. It is not like the movies. For my wife, a shotgun would be too much recoil (kick). A pistol takes constant practice. Currently ammo is very expensive if you can find it. An AR platform type of firearm is ideal due to the control of recoil and muzzle direction.

Your ban will affect only the law abiding citizens. Your ban will only allow criminals to own. Just like illegal fireworks. You will create a black market. Imaging what the secret service were thinking everytime Obama was in Kailua for New Year's with all the illegal aerial fireworks and explosions?

Statistics show what happens with stricter firearms laws. Increase in crime. Please do not compare Hawaii with Europe without including all violent crimes. They may not have as many firearms, but they surpass the U.S. with overall violent crimes (blunt objects and sharp instruments). If you compare Hawaii with Japan you don't understand how different Japan is. How different the people of Japan are in general.

If we ban any type of firearms to save lives. Then we should do something about the deaths caused by vehicles. How easy is it to speed, drink and drive, road rage, and etc... You may say vehicles and firearms are totally different. You are right. Because one is a Constitutional Right and the other is a privilege. If you disagree, that is your right. The truth is people are dying from vehicles more than firearm. If you are really trying to save lives. Then start where there is the most deaths first.

Just to let you understand. Everytime politicians consider any firearm restrictions. You cause a panic buying. You increase more gun purchases and gun owners. Thank you for your time.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This law is unconstitutional which goes against the 2nd Amendment. The state government is infringing on my God given rights as a citizen of the United States of America. How will I defend myself and my family, if it takes more than 10 rounds to subdue a criminal?

Criminals do not follow gun laws, what makes the State Government think that they will follow a 10 round capacity law?

Criminals don't follow the law. Why are you punishing law abiding citizens?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Hello, SB301 is unconstitutional because it infringes my right to keep and bear arms, it puts limitations on my right to defend myself against threats both foreign and domestic. I oppose SB301

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill makes no sense at all, this is a direct infringement on our constitutional rights. The second amendment clearly states shall not be infringed and to put this into perspective as the majority who make these ridiculous proposals have little to no firearm experience, lets say there was a bill to restrict media to pen and parchment, and it can only be spread through the means of mail carrier or traditional methods. Wouldnt make no sense right? To end this testimony, the constitution is a living document to adapt to the innovations of modern era and this includes firearms.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha,

This goes against the privileges of the 2 Amendment of the United States of America. It is my right as a citizen to purchase and own a gun. Wether it be a hunting rifle, pistol or semi-automatic. This is infringement to the 2nd Amendment. Our forefathers fought for this right to remain and not be abolished. The importance of keeping this comes down to freedom, liberty and justice for all. Limiting freedom, is killing freedom altogether.

Thank you for hearing my voice.

Mahalo for listening.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

My right to bare arms shall not be infringed!!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'm a veteran. I know firearms well. The problem is not guns the problem is our governing bodies not looking out for the people in poverty and the mental health of all that is the root of the issue of violence these days. Placing these bans and restrictions only hurt the law abiding citizens not the criminals. Criminals will still find means to get or make weapons while your law abiding citizens will be left helpless because you restricted them. Also, I did not serve this country just to see the second amendment treated this way! This law would be an infringement on the second amendment and it bans many popular firearms that are used for hunting that people depend on to put food on the table to prevent spending a fortune in the store and eating healthy meats.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill due to my 2nd amendment right to bare arms! Semi-automatic shotguns are a useful hunting tool. There is a large fowl hunting community here on the Big Island that uses these rifles for food gathering purposes. Guns are my tools to feed my family. There's nothing scary about them. There's no need to regulate magazine sizes on any Semi-automatic Rifle. Stop punishing tax paying law abiding citizens and start working for people! Politicians are elected by the people and you work for the people and We the People have rights as Americans! Stop taking away our rights and start making America the free state it's supposed to be!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

They are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill and others like it do nothing to curb firearms related violence by criminals and instead hinders the rights of law abiding citizens like myself. Moneys used to enforce this law would be better used educating the law abiding public about the safe use of firearms as well as enforcing existing laws that actually protect the public and punish criminals who commit violent crimes.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is further infringement on Law Abiding Citizens' Rights. It will not have any effect on criminals as they don't follow laws. It will only create hardship and cost taxpayers. Why doesn't the Legislature help all the small businesses that have been affected by COVID-19? So many are closing because they can't make ends meet.

Do something good instead of violating the Constitution, æShall not be infringed . Follow your oath and the Constitution Senators

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill for the reason of the fact that these laws go against law biding citizens and that no criminal will follow these laws no matter what. I love to bird and mammal hunt, these laws are making it harder for people that are legal to do what they have always done.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha, I've been a Hunter since I was 10 yrs old, until now and I highly respected all weapons.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The 1994 federal AWB had no effect on gun crime, It will have no effect on state level now. As well as the fact the so called assault weapons are in wide circulation.

Such a ban would be both unreasonable and have no effect.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is another in a long line of infringements on our Second Amendment. The overwhelming majority of rifles and magazines are NOT used to commit crimes.

We know you politicians are doing this to control the population and will not stand idly by while you take our rights away one by one.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I come from a family of hunters and have been providing families and friends with food. 10 rounds is very effective in the magazine for eradicating.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'd like to oppose passing bill SB301. We use these types of rifles & shotguns for hunting. Banning the rifle/ shotgun with these magazines will not stop the criminals from having them. You are just punishing the law abiding citizens who do have these types of guns.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Its our own protection and we only use them for firing.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because there is no justifiable reason for it. Our legislature's oath of office is to protect and defend the constitution. Bills such as this is an attempt to collectively suppress law abiding citizens who exercise their 2nd Amendment right, right to bear arms and their right to self-defense. A law that collectively suppresses its citizens because of an individuals act, is oppressive and ridiculous. Hold people accountable who break the law, and to the fullest extent.

Here is an example of a law meant to reduce the risk of injury or death from an automobile because automobiles are known to employed by people (drunk drivers, terrorists, criminals, etc) to kill and injure other people. We will govern the speed of ALL automobiles to 10mph to reduce the risk of injury or deaths by car accidents or malicious intentions. Not realistic or practical, right?

1. Hawaii has had over 100 traffic fatalities each year for the last 4 years.
2. In 2017, Hawaii recorded 39 murders, of which 4 was related to firearms. The remainder of the murders were from knives or other cutting instruments, other weapons, hands, fists, feet, etc.

Sources: FBI.gov, Hawaii DOT

Please, our legislature needs to focus on COVID, getting our keiki back in school, and restoring our economy. Vote No.

Mahalo!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because The Constitution give's ALL AMERICANS the right to protect them self from a tyranical Government.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This makes no sense at all. Imposing this on us law abiding citizens won't do a damn thing.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am not a criminal. I am a law abiding citizen and responsible gun owner so why am I going to get punished. More laws and restrictions will not deter criminals but will only hurt and affect us law abiding citizens.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The ownership of guns is lawful and constitutional. I feel safer from criminals in my home knowing that we have the ability to protect ourselves if need be.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose the SB301 bill being presented as it would further infringe on my 2nd Amendment rights as a law abiding registered firearm owner. I feel that our taxpayers money could be better spent during these hard economic times due to the Coronavirus outbreak rather than going after the law abiding 2A community.

Thank you,

Sean J DeMello

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill will only cripple law abiding citizens, and deny us from our rights to defend ourselves! Criminals will never follow the rules, so why do you continue to put the burden on law abiding citizens?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'm against this bill and any further bills of this nature.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This endangers the authority and safety of Hawaii's law enforcement agencies state wide. Not many law-abiding citizens are going to be compliant in surrendering their freedom and personal self defense firearms.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This gun ban is illegal & highly unconstitutional according to the 2nd Amendment of the US CONSTITUTION. I am against any infringement upon this God given Right.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I spent over 50,000 on my guns and ammo, if you pay me for what I spent on them I'll give them up.  
Otherwise take a hike.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Our rights are at stake. The second amendment doesn't need to be hindered.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

At a time when this issue is currently in litigation, it seems misguided at best to be adding legislation to the matter until it is settled in court. This bill needs to be struck down immediately and have a public forum preface any further attempts at restricting freedoms within the state.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As legislators continue to test the water regarding more gun control, I must continue to oppose. Our elected representatives should already be well versed in the popular arguments, so it is an inefficient use of time to recapitulate those ideas. What I will point out is that as more of the Hawai'i tax base is alienated by anti-firearm sentiment, more will continue to leave and be replaced by new residents that think kindly of this type of legislation. This type of new resident holds plenty of responsibility for the current conditions of Washington, Oregon, California, and New York. As you push to mimic their legislative efforts, you will mimic their failures. Productive residents are getting tired of this mindset and will relocate in higher numbers to leave you with an increasingly unproductive tax base. Please stop turning Hawai'i into Los Angeles, California. Please stop proposing new ways to limit our Constitutional rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am against this bill because it doesn't only target criminals it also targets law abiding citizens such as myself. This bill infringes on my 2nd amendment right as a law abiding citizen.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it is my right as an American citizen to have possession of assault rifles. Trying to tell me or my family that we are not allowed to have assault rifles is unconstitutional and very concerning!

Leave our constitution alone! It was put in place for a good reason!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because I believe that it's not the size of magazine that make a fire arm a so called assault rifle it is the person that has the possession of the firearm. I have rifles that I only hunt with that would fall under this so called assault rifle category just because it has the capability to use a detachable 10+ round magazine.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

According to the second amendment we have the right to bear arms so we may defend ourselves and our families against enemies foreign and domestic. We see throughout history countries trying to take other countries and if we are to be free we need effective weapons. What if for example China wanted to invade, if every citizen had a line of defense we could preserve what we love and avoid destruction. It is essential to our future we preserve the second amendment and our constitutional rights and keep effective weapons. Mahalo for your time and attention.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I unequivocally oppose SB301. This bill is unconstitutional as it infringes on the individual's right to keep and bear arms.

Gun ownership does not equate to high violent crime rates. Owning an AR or pistol or shotgun does not make a person a danger to society. And banning guns does not make a community safer. It does just the opposite.

This bill, if passed, would drive people out of the state. People are already leaving because of the high cost of living, this would make the move so much more welcome. It's not worth remaining in a state that does not care to protect the rights of all its people.

I respectfully ask that you vote no to bill SB301.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This infringes on my second ammendment right and my right to defend my home and protect my family.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

We are law abiding citizens that follow rules there is no need for these laws it's our constitutional rights, you law makers need to make stricter penalties for criminals not law abiding citizens. Alcohol & tobacco kills more than fire arms why aren't you law makers putting a ban on those items or focusing on illegal drugs that are destroying ( car theft, theft in general, broken families etc) our community like crystal meth & heroin?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Banning semi automatic rifles with a magazine does not make sense, most pistols are semiautomatic and magazine fed. Should we ban pistols then? No, the state should not ban these good tools.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is unconstitutional and infringes on law abiding citizens right to defend themselves. Focus efforts on criminals not law abiding hun owners.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill sb301. Reason beating it is not constitutional and it's an infringement to the 2nd amendment!!!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill SB301 that is not constitutional.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

We don't need this and it isn't necessary in the place we are in now. People of hawaii hunt to put food on the table for their families, especially in the hard times we are living in currently. We hunt using semi auto rifles and shotguns. Ranchers use semi auto rifles and shotguns to protect their farmlands. A magazine of only 10 rounds is not adequate enough for some situations. The crime rate in hawaii relating to semi auto guns and shotguns are bare to none. There are a lot more important subjects that need tending to. This is not one of um. This would be a direct blow to the 2nd amendment and the people before us. This shall not stand.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a law abiding citizen, I oppose this bill. This is a violation of our second amendment rights as U.S. citizens. The second amendment clearly states A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because its is unconstitutional and this bill would ban the rifles I use for for self-defense. Also many citizens purchased many magazines and which studies have found hi capacity magazines are not the problem.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This proposal will result in the forfeiture of ownership to thousands of Hawaii residents of firearms commonly used for the purpose of defense and hunting. This would also disadvantage law abiding people in the event of involvement in a firefight against criminals who undoubtedly would not follow any restriction. It would also turn law abiding citizens into criminals overnight for doing nothing wrong. In a just society we do not take rights away from good people. And lastly the attitude within the gun community as a whole toward such bans has changed since the last AWB in 94. There is currently a tangible attitude of resistance nationwide in regards to such proposals which I personally fear could lead to unnecessary confrontations between law abiding gun owners and law enforcement based on misunderstanding or non compliance/civil disobedience. These things in the end only serve to punish good and responsible gun owners, and do nothing to stop the criminals who won't follow them anyway. I ask that you not push through with this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill. It is my second amendment right to own a firearm. It is necessary for a well armed militia to be allies to own the same arms that a government can. Also a law such as this would instantly make thousands of law abiding citizens into criminals. It is unfair for a small portion of town people to dictate what country people can do.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The introduction of this bill is a severe overreach by the introducers and supporters of this bill. The firearms on question are already in common use with millions of units already owned across the nation, and many already within the state itself.

With the rise in popularity of these firearms there is a disproportionately low incidence of crimes committed with firearms. The firearms are not the problem, they never have been. Time can be much better spent to help the people of Hawaii by authoring and passing legislation that directly help those that were hurt the most due to covid restrictions.

It's alarming to see the priorities of those authoring bills, which will have no benefit to public safety.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill as it is unconstitutional and infringes upon my rights to own and use firearms for sporting and hunting.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Restrictive gun laws on law-abiding citizens does not make for a safer society. If law-abiding citizens were allowed to protect themselves the society would be safer. Sentence criminals to prison rather than probation

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The US Constitution grants me the right to bear arms. This is meant to allow me to protect myself from an overreaching government as our forefathers did. This is even more important today given both major political party's insatiable appetite for power. I need to be able to have powerful weapons to fight against any and all overreaching government agents who are already equipped with the most advanced weaponry in the world.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'm a gun collector and this bill will hurt me and others that appreciate guns. Law abiding citizens are the only ones you folks would be punishing in this bill. Criminals will always get illegal items off the black market. Look at the statistics how many gun crimes were done by the actual LEGAL gun owner...

Thank you for your time!!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a citizen of The state of Hawaii I oppose this bill as it goes against our Second Amendment;  
the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha, I am writing to the courts in regards to the firearm ban proposal.

This ban is in direct violation of the second amendment and should not pass, upon passing would turn law abiding citizens of Hawaii into criminals overnight. Majority of sporting rifles are semi auto. Most of us own a magazine that is over 10 rounds and most standard size magazines are over 10 rounds.

Hawaii is part of the United States and is obligated to follow the federal laws.

If this law is passed you will only be handing more power to criminals and further taking away the ability for law abiding citizens to protect themselves and their families.

The problem in America that makes these laws look appealing is a mental health problem, not a policy problem.

If a criminal wants to hurt people no amount of legislation will stop them.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I have the right to bear arms & its my 2nd amendment right. Its for my protection & the protection of my family. There's too many things going on with the world not to feel safe for our family. The way hawaii has it to going about on how to purchase should go for everyone else.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I feel this bill will hurt the law abiding citizens in hawaii such as myself. I strongly oppose this bill as it infringes on the 2nd amendment rights of all people of Hawaii. Semi auto weapons also are used for hunting and food providing here. Banning them would hurt more people then good.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

MISPLACED PRIORITIES: Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill that restricts our constitutional right to bear arms.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I Strongly OPPOSE this bill. Infringes on our 2nd Amendment Rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Senators,

I am opposed to SB301 which would ban assault weapons and detachable magazines. Many of the firearms that would be banned in this bill are commonly used in many legitimate sporting events. Additionally, other firearms in these categories are commonly used in law enforcement and by military personnel--if exemptions are made for these citizens then you will be in effect creating a class system in the United States (the haves and the have nots so to speak) which I believe is unconstitutional.

Please do not support this bill, thank you.

Jon Chung

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose Senate Bill #301. As an avid sportsman and registered voter, I want to encourage you to work against the passage of legislation that threatens to infringe upon every American's constitutionally acknowledged right to keep & amp; bear arms.

This bill prohibits the possession of legally acquired detachable magazines in excess of ten rounds. I am concerned that this bill denies the due process of law which is fundamental, constitutional guarantee that all legal proceedings will be fair and that one will be given notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard before the government acts to take away one's life, liberty, or property.

Rather than further limiting the types of firearms and magazines that honest, responsible, law-abiding citizens have the right to possess; I encourage you to focus your energies on increasing the consequences for those who illegally use firearms in the commission of violent crimes.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha I served in the Hawaii Army National Guard and I oppose this bill. The constitution did not specify what guns we could not possess. The framers knew that times like this would go against what they had put into the 2 nd amendment. Our right to bear arms is our constitutional right.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Strongly oppose the bill

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Not sure what this is an issue. This is for recreation and hunting. We shouldn't have to keep fighting for our rights. We just submitted the 10rd magazine ban a few months ago. It's unconstitutional, 2nd amendment hasn't changed since then so why start? You're affecting law abiding citizens and any criminals that use these types of firearms will get them. It's super obvious.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The language of this bill would effectively ban the sale or transfer of any semi-automatic rifle and shotgun within the state. These are in common use today and as such are protected by the SCOTUS 2008 Decision.

Furthermore, the language of Prohibits anyone from bringing or causing to be brought into the State an assault rifle or assault shotgun negatively affects our members of the Military who receive transfer orders here from bringing their firearms with them.

Finally, the prohibition of 10+ magazines without even a grandfathering clause will turn individuals who possess them into criminals overnight.

This type of legislation will lead to individuals losing their jobs, contributing to the already high unemployment numbers in the state and further shrinks the states tax base. All this during a major pandemic.

I implore you to understand that firearm owners in Hawaii already face some of the strictest laws on firearms ownership in the country. The passage of this bill would only further burden firearm owners, and it will put a burden on the State itself.

Thank you for your time.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. that's plain as it gets. I've served in Hawaii national guard and I believe its my right as an American citizen to be able to obtain a Assault riffle to protect my family.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am just an ordinary law abiding citizen who follows all the firearms rules or law in our beautiful state of hawaii. I'm gonna be honest, I am one of those new gun owners who literally just registered for owning a firearm. I must say my fiance was against firearms her whole life, but ever since back in 2020 when Covid-19 broke out all that changed due to all the chaos going on across the country including Hawaii...Kids going missing, elderly people getting attacked in parking lots, people braking in homes/properties, at the same time with Covid-19 etc. My fiance feared for her life especially for our two children, my fiance realized we needed some home protection to sleep better and feel safer at night. But seeing all this Bill's trying to band guns magazine etc. is just unfair putting a lot of law abiding citizen back to fear and depression! We the people have the right to bear arms, to keep our rights of owning firearms that are SEMI AUTO and are NOT FULLY AUTO along with a standard 30 round capacity magazines! Criminals will be criminals...We the people, law abiding citizen dont wanna suffer from criminals who will always have a gun in their possession! We are the people.... We are the majority....We have the right to bear arms that was given by our creator, We have enough gun laws and therefore shall not be infringed!!! Thank you!!!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I whole hearty OPPOSE SB 301. This bill effects only law abiding firearms owners. It does nothing to curtail the criminals who can get them illegally.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is my right as the people to keep and bear arms, without infringement. There are no grey areas to what is and what it is not. Because what it is, has been here since Day 1. It is my right to keep and bear arms.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it is unconstitutional. 2nd amendment.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill goes against my second amendment rights as a US citizen! I have the RIGHT to bare arms! Telling me which firearms are acceptable, how many rounds I can hold in the firearm, and banning previously acquired magazines that hold over 10rds that were legal at time of purchase...are all unconstitutional and an embarrassment to our Nation! What do we have left if the ones we look to for shelter and security, tarnish their legally bonded word to us as citizens? At a time where we all need each other a little extra in the world today, its especially significant here for us to join hands and stand Proud as United States Citizens....instead of feeling as if we the citizens become the ones who are hopeless without the Honor and Dignity we've upheld as a Nation all these years.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Please Sir/Madam law makers, this law only applies to us the Law Abiding citizens. How about the criminals that have the so called Assault Weapons; Assault Pistols; Detachable Magazine too? The criminals will always be exempt from any/all of these gun laws. We the Law Abiding citizens, sadly, are always the one to get hurt first.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it goes against our second amendment.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is unrealistic because of how many sporting activities would be restricted thanks to more pointless laws. 99.9 percent of gun owners are responsible and want to help so why do you create laws that hurt law adding citizens? We need to work on the laws we have before adding more that don't do anything but hurt good people.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I wish to keep my freedoms to enjoy firearms for sport and home defense.

This bill is an infringement on the peoples rights of gun ownership and is not the American way.

We need to advocate for gun safety and education rather than gun bans and restrictions.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha, I am an american citizen.

It is unconstitutional to have all these weapons bans and ammo bans and such heavy regulation for something we have always had.

Criminals will always have guns so why make it harder for the good guys to have one?

I hunt sheep and pigs and goats here on big island and a rifle is what we need for that too.

Focus on the people having guns not taking them away from us and our ammo

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Don't take away our rights!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill! I have a right to bare arms. Government needs to stop.. I am a responsible gun owner and I can tell you it is not the gun that kills people it is the person behind the gun. There will always have illegal and dangerous moments but why punish those who follow the law?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a law abiding citizens I oppose SB301. Semiauto rifles and shotguns are protected from ban under landmark Supreme Court of the United States (2008 Heller Decision) I strongly oppose SB301

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose SB301 and also believe in the constitution rights of this country. The bill does not consider the good and upright citizens that have no arrests or priors and are being discriminated against by this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I OPPOSE this bill as it is unconstitutional, and would be a detriment to the self preservation of everyday citizens.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it will only remove semi-automatic firearms and standard capacity magazines from good, law-abiding citizens. Shooting is an investment and a harmless hobby. SB301 is a direct violation of our second amendment rights, and will do nothing to curb gun violence in Hawai'i. Criminals will not obey this law, because they are criminals. SB301 will turn hundreds of thousands of residents into potential felons for no good reason. There will still be thousands and thousands of ACTUAL criminals still in possession of unregistered or otherwise illegally-acquired firearms, regardless of what overreaching, tyrannical laws you vote to pass.

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HEARING: February 12, 2021 at 9:15am  
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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill.

This is not the time to be expending your resources on ANY bills like this that have no legal merit as there are other LEGAL PROCEEDINGS that are pending in FEDERAL COURT and or are being heard in other STATE courts, many of which would make this bill invalid and obsolete.

Please refocus on our current COVID pandemic and all the issues relating to this crisis. Please bring back and make SURGE testing available for all, free of charge. My recent infection could have been prevented with more readily available FREE SURGE testing.

Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Thank you,

Jason Moore

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This Bill is unconstitutional and directly goes against our countries governing laws. It attacks the owners of lawfully owned firearms and impacts their ability to properly protect their loved ones from unlawful harm. There is no viable reason to propose this bill. We dont have severe gun violence on the islands, committing to further regulation is only a cost on the people of the state for no benefit.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because I think it is an unnecessary restriction that does not need to be made.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary  
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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Please oppose SB301 & all anti gun bills. These types of laws will just put more restrictions on law abiding gun owners. Will these laws stop criminals from getting weapons? I don't think so. Criminals don't care about laws, they will do what they want. They will find a way to get them. Some drugs are illegal but people still can get them . So the criminals will have the guns & law abiding citizens will be defenseless against them.

Out of all the violent crimes in the U.S., how many were gun related vs knives, bats, pipes, etc.? Of the gun related crimes, how many were legally owned guns? How many were rifles, how many were handguns? How many were suicides, accidental discharge, murders?

Crime in Hawaii is getting worse. How will people defend themselves, home & property? Banning high capacity (most manufacturers STANDARD magazines hold 30 rounds) magazines will make it hard to defend against an attacker. During a home invasion, what is the average response time for the police to get there to help? 7 - 10 minutes? A lot can happen in that time. Even if the homeowner has a gun. With the stress of the situation most people won't hit their target on the first shot. Plus if the person is on some kind of drug they may not go down with multiple hits. As we have seen from some police cameras .

It's not all about self defense. Also these guns are used for hunting & sport shooting . It also could just be a hobby.

The AR in AR15 does not stand for assault rifle or automatic rifles it's Armalite Rifle .(company name). Assault rifle is defined as a rapid-fire, magazine-fed automatic rifle designed for infantry use.

As far as I know automatic weapons are illegal and banned in Hawaii already.

It is our constitutional right to own guns. Guns don't kill people, people kill people.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

SB301 is an awful bill that will solve nothing and cause problems and chaos among law-abiding gun owners who have committed no violent crime and threatened no one. Many firearms on the proposed ban list are in common usage. No scientific evidence proves that these firearms or magazines cause crime. Laws similar to SB301 have been challenged in courts with pending lawsuits at the appellate level. SB301, if passed into law will be declared unconstitutional. It would be a complete waste of the taxpayer's dollars to pass and implement this law, and defend it in court, only to have it struck down by a higher court. Items on the ban list have been acquired legally by many people in the State of Hawai'i. No one has the right to take these items, which are used legally. SB301 is a wicked infringement on our constitutional rights and has no place in the law books of a free society. Vote NO on SB301.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I don't not support this bill!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose SB301. It is unconstitutional. Stop taking away our freedoms. We need more firearms education and training, not gun control. Gun control only makes the law-abiding citizen future victims and strengthens criminals. Stop giving criminals more power. Give the law-abiding citizen a chance to defend ourselves.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I believe they should focus on helping the economy right now not trying to restrict the magazine laws on law abiding gun owners. They need to remember if they disarm or restrict the good guy's the bad guy's will still have these no matter what. Please think about it and don't waste money. Stop trying to disarm the good guys.

Thank you ʻōʻē™ ʻōʻē ¼

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a resident of Ocean View on Big Island our police force is small and response is slow to nil...we need to be able to defend ourselves within ALL FEDERAL Guidelines. Large capacity magazines do not create more crime and should not be banned. Semi-auto firearms should be the standard for citizen self-defense and should not be infringed.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it will only make things harder for law abiding citizens to defend themselves, while making it easier for criminals to prey on those who follow these unconstitutional laws.

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RE: SB301 Relating to Firearms

**I OPPOSE SB301.**

**WHY DO I OPPOSE THIS BILL?**

**IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

**PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

**MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

**THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

**2ND AMENDMENT:** This bill would result in government committing a clear violation of the limitations placed on it by the US Constitution's 2nd Amendment guaranteeing that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill on these merits.

**IN COMMON USE:** Semi-auto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

**PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise, magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

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**THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

I oppose this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

WHY DO I OPPOSE THIS BILL?

**2ND AMENDMENT:** It would result in a clear violation of the limitations on government regarding the peoples' right to keep and bear arms

**IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I OPPOSE THIS BILL BECAUSE IT'S STUPID. YOU KEEP MAKING BILLS AGAINST US REGISTERD GUN OWNERS, WHO DO EVERYTHING LEGALLY, BUT YOU DON'T MAKE ANY BILLS THAT MAKES IT HARDER ON CRIMINALS THAT USE GUNS IN A CRIME. MAKE THEM DO HARD TIME! MAKE THEIR SENTENCES LONGER. ATTACK THEM! NOT US!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose to this bill. This is going against our rights it's in the second amendment and the right to protect ourselves and families if need be .

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The State legislatures continued preoccupation with citizens who legally own firearms that represent no threat to society is repugnant. Instead of continued fear mongering it would be a pleasant change if our legislators would concentrate on encouraging our court system to hold criminals accountable instead of these continued exercises aimed at restricting law abiding citizens rights to exercise the Second Amendment. Statistics do not support the level of interest or fear of legally owned firearms currently displayed by our representatives. Bill after bill designed to infringe citizens rights that are in direct violation of the U.S. Constitution only detracts from worthwhile work that the legislature should be doing and they know full well these bills will end up in court defeated. Many of these onerous bills are already seeing defeat on the mainland as they work through the court system. Quit wasting our time and money and get back to the business of We the People instead of showboating for political purposes. I would encourage supporters of this bill to take the time to read both the Second Amendment and the Federalist Papers that clarify its' meaning and purpose.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

all you are doing is taking protection of our families from law abiding citizens..

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its real simple unarm citizens the criminals run free. if everybody was armed there would be a lot less crime..

you are supporting criminal activity. you plea bargain with criminals to get a high conviction rate they get free room and board and released sooner to commit more crimes..

your not governing for the people you are governing for yourself you should be ashamed, your a disgrace to our constitution

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The second amendment shall not be infringed.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because I am an assault weapons owner an assault pistol owner and do not feel we should be stripped of our rights to own or buy these weapons. That is against our second amendment rights as American citizens

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

It is unconstitutional

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Our Second Amendment says it all.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Politicians please keep your nose out of my right to bear arms and concentrate on helping the citizens of the United States with the Covid epidemic

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Dear Madam and Sirs,

During these uncertain times of protests, riots, pandemic on top of a new president in office, I am writing you asking you to honor your oath. Protect the Constitution. Oppose any and new gun restriction proposals. Support, stand and protect the 2nd amendment rights of the people, not infringe and restrict. Rights that weren't given by you and should not be restricted by you. Hawai'i has and already is one of the most strictest states in the nation regarding gun laws and ownership. Passing any more will not make any change, but turn many law abiding citizens into criminals. You'll have thousands overnight. Laws will not stop the acts of a madman. Assault is an action, it could be done with bats, sticks, knives, hammers, vehicles and even empty handed, I don't see you go after those. Inanimate objects are harmless without the intentions behind it. On the flip side they can be used for good. Tools to build, fix and repair, sport, family time and protection. Please oppose ANY gun control measures, they will not stop shootings, they will only harm law abiding citizens as myself.

Sincerely,

Daniel Yoro Sr.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

What are legislators thinking, why not build more prisons? Stop the focus on the law abiding citizens and concentrate on offenders, why? Because laws don't stop the drug addicts, the drunks, or the mentally ill from committing crimes. Why don't you fix those societal problems!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'm opposed to this bill, it is a knee jerk reaction to address mass shootings. There is a much deeper issue is society in regard to mental health that is not easy to fix. This will not stop evil people, instead it will make criminals out of law abiding citizens, and is an infringement on the right to protection (2nd Amendment)

Thank you for your time

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This gun and magazine ban would do nothing to stop violent crime but would make law abiding citizens defenseless. This would give the drug dealers and sex traffickers another illegal product to sell to violent criminals. Statistics prove the states and cities with the most restrictive gun laws, have the most violent crime rates. This is also unconstitutional.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

An infringement on anyone's rights is an infringement on mine. I will not stand for it.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill. The right to bear arms shall not be infringed.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a veteran of the USAF Security Forces I can attest that even the (in)famous AR-15 is not a military grade weapon and yet the government infringements on our rights RECOGNIZED (not granted) by the constitution in spite of the LIMITATIONS the constitution places on the government seek to remove not only the civilian grade defense rifle, but tools that are antiques in comparison.

We are told the police cannot be trusted to defend us, especially among minority communities. We are told extremism is on the rise. We are told this as the government seeks to violate our right to defend ourselves.

All the while the rich and powerful will of course be excepted with hired security or the ability to pay the advanced fees or requirements. These restrictions harm the most vulnerable and disadvantaged among us.

So then, who are these restrictions intended to help?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill .BIG NO NO This bill is beyond unconstitutional and infringement on rights would make every gun owning law biding citizen's in to criminals.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Please respect our rights to defend our families and hunt for food. Banning these weapons will leave us defenseless to criminals that don't care about our laws anyways. Thank you for your time.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because the 2nd amendment clearly states the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. Even though Hawaii was illegally annexed it should still follow us laws/constitution. Why are you wanting to ban these weapons when shootings are very rare in Hawaii? Hawaii has one of the lowest murder rates so what is this really about? More control? Hawaiians/Americans should have the same rights as other Americans so stop acting like tyrants and defend the constitution. Remember the oath you took.

10 U.S. Code § 246 - Militia: composition and classes

(a)The militia of the United States consists of all able-bodied males at least 17 years of age and, except as provided in section 313 of title 32, under 45 years of age who are, or who have made a declaration of intention to become, citizens of the United States and of female citizens of the United States who are members of the National Guard.

(b)The classes of the militia are”

(1)the organized militia, which consists of the National Guard and the Naval Militia; and

(2)the unorganized militia, which consists of the members of the militia who are not members of the National Guard or the Naval Militia.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill. Shotguns and long rifles are the most commonly used firearms for sporting and hunting and are protected under the SCOTUS 2008 Heller decision.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'm deeply opposed to this egregious bill as it does nothing to prevent hawaii's good law abiding citizens the right to defend themselves from bodily harm or death from an attack from violent criminals in their homes. As we know illicit drugs such as crystal meth is illegal to possess and consume in hawaii yet it is so pervasive in hawaii, poisoning our families, communities and our islands yet your laws do very little at stopping criminals from spreading it and consuming it and not to mention stealing and robbing from the good law abiding citizens of hawaii for money to purchase more crystal meth. Don't put hawaii's families at greater risk of bodily harm or death of a violent crime in their homes because of a good intentioned. When it only takes mere seconds to begin and end a violent crime with a edged or blunt weapon the police is only MINUTES away AFTER they have connected with the 911 dispatch and AFTER they tell them their location. Many gun owning law abiding men, women and elderly lives are at stake. Violent criminals care not what gun laws that you write, but life loving firearms owning life defending hawaii citizens do.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I appose SB301. This bill infringes on our second amendment to keep and bear arms.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Bottom line is you can stop all LAW ABIDING CITIZENS from possessing these types of weapons for hunting, sport, or self defense purposes but what's stopping criminals and bad people from obtaining these items regardless? The advocating and promotion of how useless these items are, are completely ridiculous. Instead of the constant push of how deadly firearms are why can't we have a discussion of how many countless times these items have protected life, limb, and property.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

OPPOSE SB301

Owning a thing is not a real crime, regardless of what that thing is. Criminalizing the ownership of firearms of any kind is a violent threat against peaceful people who have not harmed or threatened anyone. Hawaii already has too many of these kinds of laws. Turning peaceful people into criminals will do nothing to reduce violent crime. Arbitrary restrictions on magazine size do nothing to reduce violent crime.

Instead of persecuting responsible, peaceful people, work on opening up the economy so that people don't continue to lose their homes and livelihoods. You can do it!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

It is the right of the law abiding citizens to own firearms to protect themselves from threats foreign and domestic.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Banning assault rifles will create a massive amount of increase crime rates, livestock owners will have a much more harder time with pest control. Second thing is law enforcement and elites should not be the only one to access assault rifles

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill goes against my second amendment rights as a US citizen! I have the RIGHT to bare arms! Telling me which firearms are acceptable, how many rounds I can hold in the firearm, and banning previously acquired magazines that hold over 10rds that were legal at time of purchase...are all unconstitutional and an embarrassment to our Nation! What do we have left if the ones we look to for shelter and security, tarnish their legally bonded word to us as citizens? At a time where we all need each other a little extra in the world today, its especially significant here for us to join hands and stand Proud as United States Citizens....instead of feeling as if we the citizens become the ones who are hopeless without the Honor and Dignity we've upheld as a Nation all these years.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As A Hunter and an American that exercises his 2nd Amendment Right, I oppose this bill as it will directly affect me and the firearms I Legally have in my Possession.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I Strongly Oppose SB301

The overwhelming majority of owners of these firearms are LAW ABIDING CITIZENS of the State of Hawaii.

This bill will not deter or stop criminals from obtaining these firearms

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I oppose this because there are already laws on the books that keeps us safe. Why are we introducing new laws when there was not any issues under current laws. This bill would result in the loss of personal finances and investments I've made.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it will infringe on my rights to own a gun that will protect myself and my family.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because we are law abiding citizens

this will restrict my ability to defend my home and property and give us a disadvantage

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Stop taking firearms and accessories away from We The People who want to exercise their 2nd amendment rights. Don't you realize criminals will be the only ones left with firearms if you pass all these anti 2A laws?!!!! AUWE!!!!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am opposed to this bill as it is an illegal infringement of our constitutional rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill.

Legal owners of these types of firearms are LAW ABIDING CITIZENS

This bill will not stop criminals from obtaining these types of firearms

Firearms affected by this legislation are commonly used by majority of gun owners and is protected under the SCOTUS 2008 HELLER Decision. Portions of this bill are illegal. Pending law suits on 10 round magazines are currently in the 9th circuit court. Legislators should be attempting to spend taxpayer time and money on helping us rebuild our economy and helping those who need assistance recovering from the

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is extremely unconstitutional, and entraps many law-abiding, working class Americans who love firearms and own these products the bill seeks to ban.

The bill would essentially make hundreds of thousands of Americans felons overnight, and we must acknowledge and oppose ANY legislation stripping our constitutional rights to possess and use firearms.

We must do our very best as Americans to uphold, and preserve these rights granted by the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, the soil on. As true Americans, we all must recognize that WE have absolute FREEDOM many before us have fought and died for.

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These firearms are common, including magazines over 10 rounds. Some people have had firearms in this category handed down to them from many generations. They do not deserve to become criminals overnight, because people æthink this is the right thing to do. The law abiding citizens whom this bill effects exclusively do don't deserve their rights being taken away. Period.

I'll strongly oppose this bill

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha.

I oppose this bill

Please do the same and protect and uphold our 2nd amendment rights.

Thank you

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill to the ban of these firearms and the limitations of such magazines. They violate the right to bear arms and infringement of such. The right to self protection is a RIGHT from birth. Firearms allow the normal individual to protect themselves and family against violence. Without firearms normal people are at the disposal of criminals. Not everyone is youthful and fight capable, thus the need and requirement for firearms. Police response is just that, a response, the normal response time for police patrol is 7min depending on locale.

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Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the in common use and are protected from ban under the Supreme Court of the United States 2008 Heller Decision.

Similarly magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use and legislation banning them:

1. Is currently awaiting a decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds in 9th Circuit.
2. There is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors).

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill for it does nothing to keep criminals from illegally obtaining and using guns. Instead, you are trying to trample on my rights to keep and bear arms. Aren't you tired of harassing law abiding gun owners? Why don't you require mandatory prison sentences for criminals with guns?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'm going to start off with this... Guns don't harm or kill people, People kill people. There's no need to band these type of firearms or any Firearms and magazines. More efforts need to be done focusing on criminals and mentally ill people with guns. All us law abiding gun owners are paying the price for criminals using Firearms to commit crimes and banning them aint gonna keep it out of criminal hands. Don't penalize responsible gun owners because of reckless criminals. Guns don't kill people, people kill people.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose SB301. I do not believe it is right or fair to turn myself and many other gun owners into felons penalizing us for owning a piece of property. This bill is a blanket ban in attack on common in use firearms and magazines.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am a law abiding citizen, born and raised on Maui, (Hawaii). I strongly oppose this bill.

I can understand why our government wants to ban the list of things here, but, I don't see this doing anything good for the community. Isn't there a monorail that still needs funding to complete? Doing this ban will definitely cost time and money to enforce. And why do you need to take away more of our freedom from us?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose the following proposed bill: SB301 Assault Weapons/Magazine Ban. Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision. Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners and obstructing constitutional rights of citizens, the legislature needs to put its resources to helping the citizens by keeping criminals off the streets, implementing a better strategy to mitigate COVID-19 without crippling our economy, and finding better ways of educating our keiki.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am against bill SB301

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I believe in my right to protect myself, my family, and my property. This is America still. I'm a law abiding citizen. You are going to create more problems if you limit my choices in firearms and accessories.

I think that you have bigger issues than gun issues in Hawaii. Spend your time and effort on better things like Covid-19 and the economy.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Stop this unconstitutional bill..

This bill will make average citizens into felons overnight.....

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose bill SB301. Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill as it takes rights away from law-abiding citizens. If this bill passes, I will shut my business down and move away from Hawaii to a more gun friendly state. I think you should be focusing on how to control the COVID issue rather than looking for more ways to cause additional stress to those of us who support you with our tax dollars.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill SB301 because I/we are extremely responsible firearm owners and do not want our 2nd Amendment rights infringed upon, in anyway, shape or form ... the current laws related to firearms are more than enough, and just needs enforcement regarding the criminal element . Thank you so very much for this opportunity to submit this testimony !!! Harry Shigeura, Hilo, Hawaii ...

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

In regards to semiauto firearms with a detachable magazine. Some and most semiauto firearms were factory built for Hunting and sold with a 10 round magazine. The magazine that was supplied with the firearm should be the one used in it. For the purpose of Hunting, target shooting, and plinking. The option to purchase larger capacity magazines were already on the market for a very long time.

I think it is the availability of ammunition that should be a factor. Ammunition is what fills a larger capacity magazine. People can buy as much as they want. I don't think Semiauto firearms should be banned or condemned. There are a lot of law abiding citizens who use semiauto firearms. Mostly for Hunting and target shooting.

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Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Please repeal this useleas bill. Instead of more restrictions and regulations on firearms focus on helping law abiding citizens.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I highly oppose this bill. It seeks to have commonly used weapons classified as assault weapons. All weapons currently legal in the state of Hawaii that will be affected by this bill have never been used by the military for the purposes of wars. These weapons are for civilian use and only and are not and will never be used by any military personnel. Law abiding citizens use these guns as a means to protect themselves as well as to hunt. AR15 rifles are commonly used in hunting as they are light and easy to handle. I urge you to reconsider and focus resources on enforcing current laws and taking the guns out of the hands of criminals. Thank you.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Hello,

I strongly oppose SB301 because semi-auto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gun owners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds.

Our legislature should be focusing on the citizens in this state that do not have job due to the corona virus. This is by far the biggest issue the state is facing and thus should be getting the most attention. The legislature should be focusing their energy on solving our increased criminal problem instead of trying to infringe the rights of law abiding citizens.

Thank you,

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

**IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

**PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

**MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

**THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary  
HEARING: February 12, 2021 at 9:15am  
RE: SB301 Relating to Firearms

**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose any bill that attempts to regulate, dictate or push stipulations on Americans constitutional rights to own and bear arms. I find it ridiculous that the government is trying to take away people rights, including guns, free speech, etc.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill goes against my constitutional right to bear arms. Please don't waste tax payers money by focusing on this unconstitutional bill that violate my unalienable rights.

Mahalo

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I OPPOSE this bill. This bill infringes on my right to bear arms under the 2nd amendment of the U.S. Constitution. It does not apply to criminals but only to law abiding citizens. Hawaii already has the most stringent gun laws in place, and it's been working fine. Please focus on the Hawaii economy and Hawaii citizens' needs due to covid19, which are more important and a priority. Also, Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I AM AGAINST SB301

I AM AN ADVOCATE FOR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY NOT UNNECESSARY && UNEDUCATED OVER REGULATION. (Any firearm is safe in the hands of a responsible person - even a section of pipe is unsafe in the hands of a criminal).

I TEACH SAFETY, RESPONSIBILITY && CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

1. BOTH GUN AND MAGAZINE RESTRICTIONS ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL (Recent 9th Circuit Court Ruling)

2. THERE IS NOT A GUN VIOLENCE ISSUE IN HAWAII (List Statistics) 2010 listed 5 gun related murders for 1,389,000 Citizens. None were AW, no 12g, no HCM were an issuer.

3. RESTRICTING LAW ABIDING CITIZENS DOES NOTHING TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY. (Clinton's AW && HCM law had little to no effect on crime) AS LAW ABIDING CITIZEN WE DON'T COMMIT THE CRIMES. WHY INFRINGE OUR RIGHTS?!

4. DEFINING CERTAIN FIREARMS/AMMUNITION AS EVIL OR MORE DANGEROUS IS DISHONEST AND DECEITFUL MARKETING FOR POLITICAL ATTENTION AND GAIN. (I don't like abortion. IMO it is the taking of a human life. However I DO believe in the right of an individual to make that choice for themselves. Because someone does not like guns does not give them the right to make that choice for me.)

LISTING A 12g IN THE SAME BILL AS A .50cal IS UNEDUCATED && RIDICULOUS. (A 12g is a short distance smooth bore firearm designed for multiple projectiles (bird shot). A .50 cal has a rifled barrel designed for a single long distance projectile). IT IS COMPARABLE TO PUTTING ROCKET FUEL IN YOUR HYBRID AND CALLING IT A MISSILE.

NOTE: While a 12g and .50 cal both have 1/2 bore diameter... A 12g has a chamber pressure of around 10,000 psi... a .50 cal is 20,000 psi. Even if you could put a .50 in a 12g you would potentially destroy the firearm, yourself and the ballistics of the .50 cal. The .50 round traveling down a smooth bore would have no stability and would tumble bleeding off energy. Velocity, accuracy, distance and penetration would decrease radically.



INCORRECTLY CLASSIFYING FIREARMS AS AW DENIES ME THE RIGHT TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP.  
(Shooting is a family activity. Some families restore classic vehicles or golf... we shoot. Imagine, upon your death for example, your classic vehicle or gold clubs being confiscated and destroyed. THAT IS CRIMINAL).

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill. I believe it to be an infringement on our second amendment rights. Do not penalize the good law abiding firearms owners of Hawaii. We all have the Right to Bear Arms. It shall not be infringed period. Uphold these Rights we have all been given, it is your duty to the Constitution, and the free people of Hawaii.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Hello,

I strongly oppose bill SB301. I think this is a ridiculous waste of tax payer and legal resources. This will make innocent law abiding citizens felons overnight. There is little to no strong evidence that gun laws as strict as this will lessen gun violence. Laws like this make true criminals stronger and give them more advantages over law abiding citizens. I hope that the Hawaii legislation can spend their time on bills that will benefit everyone in the community over these overly suppressive laws that prevent families and individuals from protecting themselves. As a registered voter, I urge our representatives to speak on our behalf and reject this bill.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary  
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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill cause it directly infringes on my 2nd amendment which clearly states. SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED!!!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill SB301 and any other bill that infringe's upon our 2nd Amendment rights!!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this because it doesn't help the gun owners and criminal will not follow the laws ,make more crime laws no gun bill that hurt everybody.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose the bill because I believe in the right to bear arms, my brother put his life on the line to serve this country who is suppose to protect and uphold the laws and ammendments, ammendment, right to bear arms shall not be infringed especially from a bunch of people who sit at a desk all day and do nothing but make life in hawaii impossible for us hawaiians, Hawaiians, listen to the people not the voices in your heads cause in reality its called GREED

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a Disabled Veteran, a Father and a sport shooter i don't agree with this bill SB301.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill, it is too broad. The state would be wasting its time and money trying to reverse the supreme court decision in DC v. Heller

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am opposed to SB301 (Assault Weapons/magazine Ban) because it bans the sale/ownership/transfer of many firearms that are currently used for hunting, marksmanship competition, and recreational shooting.

It further defines an assault rifle or shotgun as one capable of semi-auto operation. An assumption of this definition of assault weapon puts many of the firearms used in competition, hunting and recreational use in a prohibited category.

I urge that SB301 be tabled.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose the bill to ban semiautomatic firearms. Hawaii needs good citizens to have the tools necessary to defend against threats from hostile countries. Our military alone may not be effective in all situations, and may become vulnerable in a targeted attack such as a missile hitting a base. Having weapons in law abiding citizens hands distributed throughout the state means peace of mind against a danger we hope to never face.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill!! This bill is an infringement upon the 2nd amendment therefore it is against the law!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill. Not only is it unconstitutional but it will not stop criminals in anyway. This will only hurt law abiding citizens that want to protect their families and their property.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

These tools are in common use and are protected from ban under Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Stop wasting Hawaii tax payer money and stop infringing on the second amendment.

We need these tools to keep our family's safe from all the drugged and crazy lawbreakers.

This Bill will only punish the lawful citizens of Hawaii.

Do not pass this Bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Its sad that yearly we do this. I oppose this bill due to the fact that it has not been studied, its introduced by the same set of anti gun legislatures and it lacks a definitive reason why. Tourist come to hawaii caring covid but we saw banning them (lockdowns) did nothing good. Lets focus on rebuilding hawaii not tryind to devide it further with meaningless un enforceable laws. There are thousands of firearms this would ban. If your afraid of the constitution and what was passed dont pass lame legislation

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill will instantly turn law abiding citizens into criminals while taking away a effective means of self defense and recreation for many, so I oppose this bill

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I OPPOSE THIS BILL.

Semi-auto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gun owners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone.

In addition, there are pending court cases that could end up costing the taxpayers of this state millions of dollars.

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill be used I am a hunter and it is my choice of hunting firearm is the semi auto magic rifle. I use this type of rifle that I call sporting rifle. I have invested lots of money in these type of rifle because of it compact feature. It provides easy movement in the heavy brushes that we hunt. Limitations on the magazine capacity will be the deciding factor if I come with food to provide for me and my family

Thank You

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

To whom it may concern,

I highly oppose this bill like all others because it pushes an issue that is not a problem and it unnecessarily puts unneeded burden on many people that own these common-use firearms as stated in the DC v. Heller case. This bill is not priority compared to other relevant public issues such as helping business during this pandemic. As such, I oppose this bill to the fullest extent as it only pours salt in the wound of already hurting people in this state.

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I oppose SB301...it goes against my 2nd Amendment right and will NOT vote for and Legislator who supports this bill!!!!!!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

If you're looking to DISARM LAW ABIDING CITIZENS then say because that is exactly what you are doing.

CRIMINALS do not care about gun restrictions. They'll get there hands on guns any way possible. It does not matter to them.

By saying we need to ban guns to stop shootings then you need to ban KNIVES from stabbing people. Ban CARS to stop car accidents. Ban rope to stop people from hanging themselves. Does all what I stated above make sense? No it does not, just like banning guns.

If you want to keep law abiding citizens safe, let us BEAR ARMS like it says in the SECOND AMENDMENT of the BILL OF RIGHTS in the CONSTITUTION written by the FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

i oppose this ban as it infringes on my rights as an American. Why should law bidding citizens be punished for the actions of criminals? Stop black market and illegal gun sales. Stop criminals whom are repeat offenders. Why did you let criminals out of Jail happily but strip the rights of self defense from LAW OBEDIENT CITIZENS? So you let out prisoners and mix them with their would be victims...BUT YOU DONT WANT SELF DEFENCE?

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**THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Shame on you who took an oath to protect the law abiding citizen and mainly the constitution, every law abiding citizen need to be protected by the law from any criminal act, i oppose this bill as it violates my 2nd amendment right.

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Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am one of thousands of legal Hawaii gun owners. I use my AR-15 for hunting and home protection. Your aggression against legal gun owners with this bill cannot be justified by criminal statistics. When you make these laws you then make legal gun owners criminal over night. Is that how you intend to create the criminal statistics to charge us with crimes for holding what we acquired legally so you can say see, look at all the gun crimes we have? Why attack legal gun owners rights when the statistics just do not support your aggression?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

We pay our taxes and we follow the law, the government should focus on other important problems instead of taking our property.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am opposed to this bill because it will be banning most commonly used firearms used for home defense and sporting.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill. This bill makes no sense. The manufacturer designed all firearms to function the way they designed it. This analogy: Why would you ban a Lexus from having air conditioning and trunk space? There are no gun violence with any of these firearms and by placing these bans makes no sense and just wasting valuable time and money that could've been used to fix our state that is so badly affected by COVID. Need to stop introducing all future bills banning firearm and address the inadequate mental health support in our state. Yearly vehicles kill more people than guns but law makers are so focused on banning guns?! Where's the public service priorities?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I wish to voice my opposition to SB301. Having relocated to HI from CA, I have seen first hand how bans of this sort are ineffective. I have been a responsible Firearms enthusiast for 40 years. It is the responsibility of the owner to exercise proper restraint and be responsible for their gun ownership. I believe that it is beyond the scope of the law to force regulation of this sort on responsible gun owners and violates the 2nd amendment right held by the legal citizens of the USA.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

These are commonly use weapons that are already in existence today. These types of weapons does not increase crime. People are responsible for criminal acts with firearms.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am a resident of Hawaii, and strongly oppose SB 301. I also ask you to please oppose this bill. The use of semiautomatic firearms have been in common use for over a century, this bill will make the majority of all firearms possessed here in Hawaii illegal to own effectively making otherwise law abiding citizens criminals overnight. Most STANDARD capacity magazines produced for firearms are commonly designed to carry more than 10 rounds, this bill would also out law the majority of firearm magazines possessed by law abiding citizens in the state of Hawaii.

The 9th Circuit court has already ruled laws like this as unconstitutional and will most likely uphold this decision during the appeal process. Creating a law that will be deemed unconstitutional is a waste of time and resources. This bill infringes on the rights of citizens and goes against both the state and federal constitution. I ask you once again to please uphold your oath of office and oppose SB301.

Thank you very much,

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill due to the fact that it's going against my 2 Amendment right. I believe this bill won't do anything good for law abiding citizens it will only put us in a disadvantage against intruders that might want to hurt our family.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

It's our right and it should not be infringed

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill as it, if I understand correctly, would make 2 of my rifles which are legally registered and have been for at least 20+ years, illegal....

One is my .22 cal Remington semi automatic rifle, used for shooting pest on my farm, and the other is my .223 Ruger semi automatic rifle, which I last used about 7-8 years ago to some pig hunting on MaunaKea..... Please don't turn me into a criminal at this stage of life, as I'm 81, I am a Veteran, an ex local Police Officer, an ex Private Investigator, and a retired local business owner, born in the Territory of Hawaii and I will pass in this state..... During my lifetime, I have received one traffic citation (for not having a front license plate on the vehicle I was driving), have never been arrested and consider myself a good citizen..... Thank you.....

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

We live in a state with one of the most restrictive firearm laws in the nation. We don't need to be the most restrictive. I am a law abiding citizen. As a law abiding citizen, how do you see it as ok to punish me, when I have done nothing wrong, follow all current laws, and contribute to our community. This proposed law, is punishment, as if I am a criminal. I follow our gun laws, criminals don't. Criminals never will. The proposed gun laws will do nothing to stop criminals. It's criminals who commit crimes, not law abiding citizens. Guns don't kill people, people kill people. Just like cars don't kill people, drunk drivers kill people. Thank you for your time

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I do not support this bill because of a few items I legally own today could make me a felon at a later time. Seems like this bill is entirely misplaced

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I Strongly Oppose this bill as this will make many Law Abiding Citizens unable to defend themselves from any hostile threat. As a Citizen who PAYS your salary, you should be ashamed of yourselves for even considering these types of laws.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I strongly oppose this bill for its infringement of the 2nd Amendment. Hawaii residents are suffering economically due to the pandemic; with our state having the highest unemployment rate in the nation.

This bill does nothing to help struggling working class and only serves to disarm law abiding citizens as crime rates continue to rise.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Hi,

I urge all Hawaii legislators to oppose this bad legislation. Bans against commonly owned firearms will do nothing to improve Hawaii already very low homicide rate, and negatively impact local business and military personnel moving to Hawaii. If passed, this legislation has a very high chance of being overturned by the US Supreme Court at high cost to local taxpayers. With COVID ongoing there are far bigger priorities than this bill.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary  
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RE: SB301 Relating to Firearms

**I OPPOSE SB301.**

As a law abiding citizens I oppose SB301. Semi auto rifles and shotguns are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (2008 Heller Decision)

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

The 2nd amendment was put in place to protect the people against corrupt government. These laws that allow government to have superior firepower over the people takes that right away from the people.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill will strip the common citizen from the right to defend himself and his loved ones

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am a law abiding citizen living in Hawaii. I enjoy being a member of the Hawaii Rifle Association for the purpose of gaining education on the safe use and handling of firearms and working and collaborating with other gun enthusiasts to offer gun safety classes to others who are interested in learning. This bill is an unconstitutional attack on our 2nd Amendment rights. I oppose this bill. Please consider those citizens who are law abiding and value their 2nd Amendment rights. Mahalo.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill does nothing to stop crime and punishes law abiding people who legally bought and own such items

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is a clear violation of the 2nd Amendment of the United States constitution and would ban the most common arms in use today, rendering thousands of citizens felons. Highly Opposed.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill as it an infringement on 2nd amendment rights guaranteed under the US Constitution. I am and have always been a law abiding citizen. I am a retired combat veteran and retired law enforcement. The legislature has much bigger fish to fry than wasting its time on bills which are in conflict with 2A rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I am writing to oppose SB301. I am a firearms owner and have owned firearms safely and responsibly for over 40 years.

I believe it is my constitutional right under the 2nd amendment to own firearms and believe that SB301 will do nothing to reduce gun crime.

I would like to suggest that more time and effort go into solving the problems of mental illness in our society. The firearms are not a threat to society while in the possession of a responsible law-abiding citizen.

I believe many others like myself who are responsible firearm owners and law-abiding citizens feel that mental illness in society is what leads to gun violence. Lets channel our efforts and resources to the source of the problem.

Firearms are just tools. On it's own it cannot and will not harm or kill anyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony.

Regards,

Galen J. Pao

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill. Due to I use my rifle and shot gun for competition and sporting purpose.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose bill SB301 because it violates my 2nd amendment right to keep and bear arms for self defense.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This bill is a blatantly infringes on my right to defend myself and severely restricts my family's options to defend themselves. It also infringes on the 2nd amendment.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is an infringement of our constitutional rights. This proposed law has done nothing to curb crime in other states.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill as it's unconstitutional. It's also 1 step away from confiscation of all firearms, also unconstitutional.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this because semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is unconstitutional on every level and impedes on ever persons rights constitutionally given.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this bill because it is unconstitutional. It infringes on our 2nd amendment rights period.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I, a citizen of the United States of America and resident of the state of Hawaii urge my representatives to oppose this bill. Standard capacity magazines are in the possession and widespread common use of law abiding citizens and this bill will instantly rule these many law abiding citizens as criminals. By doing this will favor the real criminals who will have an upper hand against law abiding citizens and law enforcement, who law enforcement too will be restricted by this bill to restrict magazine capacity and the ability to detach the magazine. This bill is a threat to our 2nd amendment rights.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This Bill is unfair to the law abiding citizens who have followed and complied with all gun laws up until now. Law abiding citizens are not criminals. Law abiding citizens follow the gun laws and controls that are in place. Criminals acquire weapons illegally to practice their crimes. This ban would not stop the criminals from continuing their use of such weapons this bill seeks to ban. If we are not passing this bill in order to address the criminal use of these weapons, then what is this Bill's intended purpose???

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I'm opposed to the State to over step and abuse their power. Law abiding citizens should not be restricted to own any firearm. Laws of this type only hinders law abiding citizen and do absolutely nothing to criminal activity, due to the fact that criminals do not follow any laws!

9th circuit court has already decided that to restrict law abiding citizen from these type of guns for 2nd Amendment purposes is Un-Constitutional!

2nd Amendment has nothing to do with hunting! It has the do with Government overreach like violating the Constitution that you as elected officials are sworn to protect! Please Honor your oath of office and stop interpreting it to fit the Liberal Agenda!

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Nearly 100% of all legal firearm owners are law-abiding citizens and have never had an issue.. over 90% of all firearms sold today are semi-automatic with detachable magazines.. every time you see something of a mass shooting it is somebody with issues or an illegal weapon.. there is absolutely no reason to take away firearms from people who are just trying to protect their families and themselves.. it is absolutely ridiculous that people think these are assault weapons or weapons of war.. they are semi-automatic rifles nothing more.. what people need to do is focus on allowing people to protect themselves.. Cuz that is the only way to stop these criminals.. taking away our firearms and our rights only gives them the advantage.. please do not take away our rights destroy the second amendment..

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Aloha this bill will hurt a lot of Hawaii residents ,I use my rifles for hunting and home protection both ,in these trying times are well needed , with the pandemic increased crime in Hawaii ,also it's against the 2Nd amendment we have the right to bear arms similar to what our military has to defend ourselves if needed.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

Please oppose this bill. it will make Hawaii a much worse please. And nothing good will come from this kind of bills.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This is a breach of rights as American citizen and goes against the second amendment.

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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

I oppose this Bill

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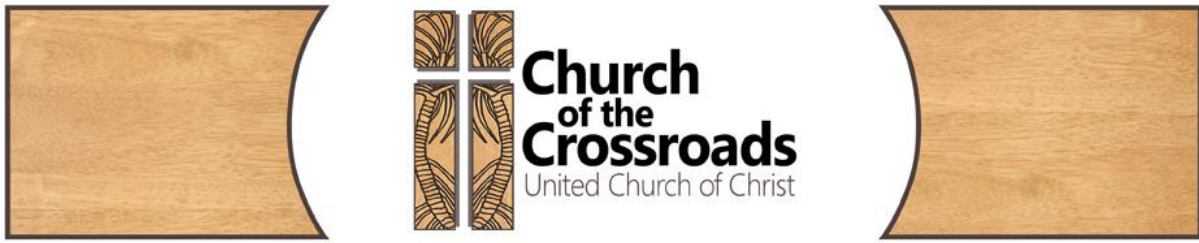


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**I OPPOSE SB301.**

This violates my 1st and 2nd amendment. One I dont have a freedom of choice. 2 the loss of the 1st violates my right to hunt and defend myself period.

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***A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation***

Testimony of the Church of the Crossroads IN SUPPORT OF SB 301  
 To the Senate Committee on Judiciary  
 Hearing Date: February 12, 2021, Via Videoconference

The Church of the Crossroads was founded in 1922 as Hawaii’s first intentionally multiethnic church. We are a Just Peace Church with about 190 members. **We have voted unanimously to ban assault weapons and large capacity magazines (LCMs, more than 10 rounds) for civilian firearms.**

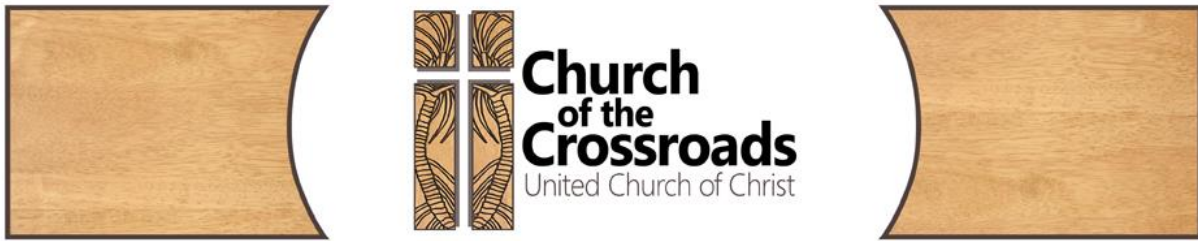
Hawai’i is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns and LCMs for those weapons. In 1991, Hawaii banned assault pistols/revolvers and detachable LCMs for those weapons, but allowed the proliferation of assault rifles and LCMs for rifles.

U.S. assault weapons bans by jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Status	- By make/ model	Semiauto rifles	Semiauto pistols	Shotguns	Features test	Magazine capacity
California	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Connecticut	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
District of Columbia	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Hawaii	In force			X		X	10 (pistols)
Maryland	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Massachusetts	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
New Jersey	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
New York	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10

Wikipedia, Assault Weapons Legislation in the United States (2021)





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An assault weapons ban that fails to ban assault rifles and LCMs makes no sense and creates needless risk of mass violence. Banning all assault weapons and LCMs is important because these weapons are designed to be capable of mass violence; their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. SB 301 would finally ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and LCMs for all firearms.

The federal Ban prohibited assault rifles and LCMs for them, and resulted in fewer mass shootings. Sadly, that Ban expired in 2004 and Congress failed to re-enact it. The US now has more mass shootings each year than there are days in the year. Hawai'i has not been immune. Hawai'i can and should expand our own assault weapons law to fill this void, before it is too late.

Thoughts and prayers are not enough to combat gun violence. Action is needed. The legislature must do its part by enacting safer gun laws that can reduce future risks of gun violence. We need your help to prevent another mass shooting here. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of LCMs and assault weapons in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Godbey Carson, for the Church of the Crossroads  
February 9, 2021

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:25:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jerry Yuen	Testifying for Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301. This bill violates the second amendment of the US Constitution and will make thousands of legal gun owners instant criminals. Rifles with detachable magazines are presently the most popular type of rifle in the US today. Shotguns with magazines that hold 10 or more rounds are less common, but still widely owned. Making such illegal with no grandfathering will produce a massive logistical nightmare for HPD and will not be realistically enforceable taking into account the aerial fireworks ban on the books now. The third and fourth order effect will be the increase in violent crime on a less armed populace of victims and increased danger for law enforcement.

Go after the criminals, not the legal citizens.

Jerry Yuen

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 11:24:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Devin Sasai	Testifying for Bushido Arms and Ammunition LLC	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

My name is Devin Sasai, and I am a NRA Certified Firearms Instructor. I am also the owner of Bushido Arms and Ammunition LLC, a Type 07 Federal Firearms Licensee, licensed in the manufacturing of firearms and ammunition. I am writing you in regards to my opposition of Senate Bill 301 (SB301).

SB301 attempts to ban so called “assault rifles” and “assault shotguns”, as well as “high capacity magazines”. As with many of the like, firearms bans do little to nothing to curb actual gun violence. According to FBI/DOJ data, measures like the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, aka Clinton Assault Weapons Ban, had no effect on violent gun crime in the 10 years it was in place. Just as in 1994, this proposed ban on Modern Sporting Rifles will do nothing to impact gun violence, as it is only a feel good measure that targets specific features of a firearm, and not the actual function, nor lethality of the firearms in question. In fact, by banning certain firearms, based on these features, you are making the use of firearms drastically more dangerous to use, and discriminatory towards the disabled.

As proposed, SB301 attempts to amend HRS134-1 to include definitions of “Assault Rifle” and “Assault Shotgun”. The features that are used to classify said firearms as Assault Weapons serve a specific and necessary purpose in the safe handling of firearms by all firearms enthusiast. SB301 lists 11 features that would be used to determine whether or not a firearm falls into the category of “Assault Rifle” or “Assault Shotgun”, needing only one feature to be prohibitive. Allow me to explain how and why each of these “features” are necessary for the safety of all firearms owners and the public:

"Assault rifle" means a semiautomatic rifle that accepts a detachable magazine and has one or more of the following characteristics:

- (1) A centerfire rifle with an overall length less than thirty inches;

**This item is completely unnecessary in that no standard rifle has an overall length less than 30". As an example, my AR15, with a fully collapsed stock, and 14.5" barrel with a permanently attached muzzle device, has an overall length of 32", the shortest legal configuration allowed in Hawaii. Anything shorter, and my rifle would be considered a Short Barreled Rifle (SBR), and subject to the provisions of the National Firearms Act of 1934 (NFA). Since Hawaii is a non-NFA Class 1 state, it would already be illegal. As a second example, a side folding AK-47 with a 16" barrel would have an overall length of 25.5" and also be classified as a SBR, making it illegal in Hawaii as well. The addition of this feature is completely unnecessary as it stands.**

- (2) A folding or telescoping stock;

**Not all shooters are made the same. Contrary to propaganda, a collapsable stock is not for making a rifle concealable. It is to adjust to the proper length for each individual shooter. Having a properly fitted stock is essential for the shooter to have the proper shooting position. An improper shooting position can result in injury to the shooter, as well as a loss of control of the firearm, possibly resulting in an accident. I am 5'8" tall. My wife is 4'11". We do not use the same length stock. It is unsafe for my wife to use a rifle with an incorrectly fitting stock. Having an adjustable stock ensures the proper fit and an enhanced level of safety.**

- (3) A thumbhole stock;

**Thumbhole stocks and pistol grips serve a purpose in that it allows the shooter's hand to fully encompass the grip of the rifle. It also allows the placing of the gripping hand of the shooter in a more vertical position. This gives the shooter the maximum ability to control the explosive recoil of the firearm. As such, it makes it safer to operate than traditional stocks with extreme angled stocks. As friend of mine lost his arm in an electrical accident. A rifle with a thumbhole stock or pistol grip allows him to have the requisite control of the firearm needed for him to safely hunt for food to support his family. Banning firearms with this feature unfairly leaves him in an unsafe position to operate a firearm. As this is the only way for him to do so, it would be discriminatory to ban such a firearm.**

- (4) A second handgrip or protruding grip that can be held by the non-trigger hand;

**The support hand of a shooter is vital to operating a rifle in a safe manner. As mentioned above, a more vertical grip gives the shooter more control of a firearm's recoil when firing. The more control a shooter can exert on a rifle, the safer the operation will be. A protruding grip does not give the user a tactical advantage. Nor does it make the firearm more lethal. Outlawing features such as this only diminishes the ability of the user to operate it safely.**

(5) A flash suppressor;

**Flash suppressors and other muzzle devices reduce the blinding flash produced by burning gun powder as it exits the barrel. Muzzle devices also reduce the recoil impulse and force felt by the shooter, which can painfully impact the user's shoulder, leading to injury. Other types of devices can redirect the explosive gasses upward in a way so that the muzzle of the rifle rises a minimal amount. That means that the chances of the muzzle of the gun rising up in an improper direction is drastically lessened. Flash hiders and other muzzle devices play a vital role in the overall safety of a firearm.**

(6) A shroud that is attached to or partially or completely encircles the barrel and permits the shooter to hold the firearm with the second hand without being burned;

**As stated in #4, the position and control of the non-firing support hand is critical in the safe operation of a rifle. Nearly all modern rifles have a handguard or shroud that encircles the barrel, allowing for accessories to be placed in ergonomic positions, as well as to protect the hands of the shooter from getting burned. In no way does this make the firearm any more lethal. Only safer.**

(7) A bayonet mount;

**99.99% of all firearms don't have a bayonet mount. Bayonet mounts are used on military rifles. As such, the addition of this feature to this list is a moot point. Even so, the feature is a necessary part of period correct militaria used for re-enactments and collectors. And a bayonet lug or mount has no advantage to its user without the bayonet itself.**

(8) A grenade launcher; or

**This feature is ridiculous in that this item violates both the NFA and HRS134-8. Since we are a non-NFA Class 1 state, these items are already prohibited.**

(9) A threaded barrel capable of accepting a barrel extender, flash suppressor, forward hand grip, or silencer.

**As mentioned in #5, muzzle devices are a necessary and integral part of a rifle. As such, you cannot have a muzzle device without a threaded barrel. And again, having a threaded barrel in no way makes the rifle more effective or lethal. This**

**item does nothing to reduce gun violence, but does reduce the ability to make the rifle function better and safer.**

"Assault shotgun" means a semiautomatic shotgun that has one or more of the following characteristics:

(1) Accepts a detachable magazine; or

**Having a detachable magazine in a shotgun neither increases capacity, nor makes it more effective. Most traditional shotguns with magazine tube hold as many rounds. In addition, detachable magazine shotguns are widely used in competitive shooting. This ban would put our locally based athletes at a disadvantage to their mainland counterparts.**

(2) Has a revolving cylinder."

**This item is a moot point since shotguns with rotating cylinders, like the Striker 12 Street Sweeper, have already been reclassified by the BATFE as a destructive device governed by the NFA, making them illegal in Hawaii.**

In addition to the proposed ban on firearms with these particular features, there is also an attempt to ban rifle magazines, with capacities in excess of 10 rounds. The amendment to HRS134-8c is unenforceable in that there are an estimated 200,000+ rifle magazines residing in the state of Hawaii. Placing a ban on these lawfully acquired magazines put the law abiding owners in the unenviable position to either forfeit their legal property, alter them to be in compliance at a great personal cost, or become felons. For many hit hard by the economic downturn during the pandemic, option 2 of altering the magazines is not possible. This leaves forfeiture or criminality. Is the state going to justly compensate the owner for their lawfully acquired property? Are you going to subsidize the alteration of these hundreds of thousands of magazines, so that they are now compliant with the amended statute? If it is forfeiture or confiscation without just compensation, I would remind everyone that that would be a violation of the 5th Amendment of the Bill of Rights. Since there are no provisions in the proposed bill for subsidized funds, just compensation, or a grandfather clause, I view this portion of the bill as unconstitutional.

As you can see, SB301, while well intended with the safety of the public in mind, does not address the issue of gun violence. It does not make firearms less lethal and more safe. In fact, it makes them less safe for the operator and the public. Banning these features makes firearms more difficult for the disabled and women or men of small stature to handle safely and effectively. It is only a burden on the law abiding citizen and has no effect on the criminal element. The intent of this bill is to ban firearms

features that have no effect on the overall function of the gun. But yet reduces the ability of the user to operate it in a safe, proficient manner. It targets certain rifles and shotguns, not by its function or lethality, but by its look. Because to some, it looks scary. That, in and of itself, it no justification for making an already potentially dangerous tool, more dangerous and unsafe. For these many reasons, I humbly ask that you defer this bill indefinitely, and work with the gun community in addressing real issues that will make both the gun community and public at large safer. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Devin Sasai

NRA Certified Instructor

Owner, Bushido Arms and Ammunition LLC

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:16:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kainoa Kaku	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I vehemently oppose SB301. Every firearm and accessory this bill seeks to ban are all in common use, required for the defense of self and country and are protected by the Constitution. The only thing anti-gun legislation accomplishes is punishing law abiding citizens without doing anything to curb the abhorrent behavior of criminals.

A 2013 CDC gun violence study completed at the behest of President Barack Obama had the following conclusions.

**1. Armed citizens are less likely to be injured by an attacker.**

"Studies that directly assessed the effect of actual defensive uses of guns (i.e., incidents in which a gun was 'used' by the crime victim in the sense of attacking or threatening an offender) have found consistently lower injury rates among gun-using crime victims compared with victims who used other self-protective strategies."

While I hope that our esteemed law makers would take the well being of victims more importantly than the well being of criminals, the fact that every criminal involved in a violent story on the news seems to be a repeat offender leads us to believe the opposite is true.

**2. Defensive uses of guns are common.**

"Almost all national survey estimates indicate that *defensive gun uses by victims are at least as common as offensive uses by criminals*, with estimates of annual uses ranging from about 500,000 to more than 3 million per year... in the context of about 300,000 violent crimes involving firearms in 2008."

The claim that lawful gun owners and moral self defenders are "looking for a fight" is simply untrue. In the overwhelming majority of defensive firearms use, the defensive firearm isn't fired.

**3. Mass shootings and accidental firearm deaths account for a small fraction of gun-related deaths, and both are declining:**



"The number of public mass shootings of the type that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary School accounted for a very small fraction of all firearm-related deaths. Since 1983 there have been 78 events in which 4 or more individuals were killed by a single perpetrator in 1 day in the United States, resulting in 547 victims and 476 injured persons." The report also notes, "Unintentional firearm-related deaths have steadily declined during the past century. The number of unintentional deaths due to firearm-related incidents accounted for less than 1 percent of all unintentional fatalities in 2010."

There are no laws that anyone can implement that will prevent mass casualty events, this is the sad truth. Despite France being a gun free zone there were multiple terrorist events with mass casualties. In 2015 the Islamic State of Iraq implemented a series of coordinated attacks using illegal rifles and explosives to kill 130 people and injure 416 others. In 2016 an Islamic extremist used a 19 ton cargo truck to run over and kill 86. Evil people will always find the means to exact their evil deeds. Taking guns away from good people will only endanger us.

#### **4. "Interventions" (i.e, gun control) such as background checks, so-called assault rifle bans and gun-free zones produce "mixed" results:**

"Whether gun restrictions reduce firearm-related violence is an unresolved issue." The report could not conclude whether "passage of right-to-carry laws decrease or increase violence crime."

#### **5. Gun buyback/turn-in programs are "ineffective" in reducing crime:**

"There is empirical evidence that gun turn in programs are ineffective, as noted in the 2005 NRC study *Firearms and Violence: A Critical Review*. For example, in 2009, an estimated 310 million guns were available to civilians in the United States (Krouse, 2012), but gun buy-back programs typically recover less than 1,000 guns (NRC, 2005). On the local level, buy-backs may increase awareness of firearm violence. However, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for example, guns recovered in the buy-back were not the same guns as those most often used in homicides and suicides (Kuhn et al., 2002)."

#### **6. Stolen guns and retail/gun show purchases account for very little crime:**

"More recent prisoner surveys suggest that stolen guns account for only a small percentage of guns used by convicted criminals. According to a 1997 survey of inmates, approximately 70 percent of the guns used or possess by criminals at the time of their arrest came from family or friends, drug dealers, street purchases, or the underground market."

#### **7. The vast majority of gun-related deaths are not homicides, but suicides:**

"Between the years 2000-2010 firearm-related suicides significantly outnumbered homicides for all age groups, annually accounting for 61 percent of the more than 335,600 people who died from firearms related violence in the United States."

We have a mental health and drug crisis masquerading as a gun crisis in this country.

All that being said, we still haven't discussed the ramification of gun confiscation that this bill would infer. The government has no right to seize our property and any good American will fight to keep what is theirs. Guns are not the problem. Moral gun owners aren't the problem. Rampant criminality and the apologetic attitude towards career criminals is the problem.

On behalf of the thousands of members of the Hawaii Rifle Association, every gun owner in Hawaii and future gun owners in Hawaii I implore you to vote no on SB301

Kainoa Kaku

President, Hawaii Rifle Association

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February 11, 2021

The Honorable Karl Rhoads  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Rhoads:

On behalf of the members of the National Rifle Association in Hawaii, I would like to communicate our strong opposition to Senate Bill 301 (SB 301).

SB 301 would make serious changes to Hawaii's firearm laws – banning thousands of constitutionally protected firearms and magazines owned by law-abiding gun owners who have no association with crime. These changes would happen quickly with great individual costs to many gun owners and no public notice.

This bill has two major components. The first would create a definition for “assault rifles” and “assault shotguns” expanding upon the current prohibition of “assault pistols.” The second component would ban lawfully owned magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds.

The definitions includes thousands of semiautomatic rifles and shotguns that are now in production -- or that have been produced. These are common firearms that are owned by thousands of law-abiding individuals for self-defense, hunting, sport shooting, collecting and other lawful purposes. This is not about crime control – it's a blatant attack on lawful gun owners.

By banning what amounts to thousands of lawfully owned firearms, SB 301 plainly conflicts with the Second Amendment. As the U.S. Supreme Court noted, arms “typically possessed by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes” or those “in common use” are protected. *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. at 624-25. Should SB 301 be enacted, it would result in immediate litigation against the state to prevent enforcement of what amounts to a de facto ban on a massive number of lawfully-owned firearms that have no association with crime.

The second major component of this legislation would prohibit possession of magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds, expanding upon the current restrictions on magazines “designed for or capable of use with a pistol.” Gun control advocates like to label these magazines as “large” or “high capacity”. However, they are in fact standard equipment for commonly-owned firearms that many Americans legally and effectively use for an entire range of legitimate purposes, such as self-defense or competition. The ten round limitation is simply an arbitrary

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SB 301 would require gun owners to surrender or modify the impacted ammunition feeding devices/magazines or face criminal penalties and the confiscation of their property. Many individuals would not be aware of the passage of this legislation and would be unaware that the ammunition feeding devices/magazines that they possess have been made illegal. Those once-law-abiding persons would be entangled in criminal prosecution, not because they committed a violent crime against another person, but because they were unaware of new legal restrictions on a once lawful item.

Magazines with a capacity higher than 10 rounds are in common use and have a clear self-defense purpose, and therefore are covered under the standard defined by the U.S. Supreme Court in *District of Columbia vs. Heller*. In 2019, in the 9th Circuit case of *Duncan v. Becerra*, a judge ruled that California's magazine ban violated the Second Amendment and amounted to an unconstitutional taking without compensation. If SB 301 were to become law, it would suffer a similar fate.

For the foregoing reasons and many more we request your opposition to SB 301

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Reid".

Daniel Reid  
Western Regional Director  
NRA-ILA

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:52:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill.

There are current magazine limit lawsuits pending which could either cancel this out, or have the state spend more money against another lawsuit to overturn this bill. I'm sure voters will be happy during COVID budget short falls.

Duncan v. Becerra in the 9th circuit awaiting ruling

Abbott v. Ballard awaiting ruling for above

Also I can guarantee if HI passes this bill, there will be a lawsuit and a civil one for all the members that voted for the bill. Sovereign liability would not protect any members due to the nature of the bill. So each individual can be held liable.

Each rifle owner in HI has many magazines that exceed 10 rounds. This bill has zero compensation or grandfathering. This would mean each owner will have to spend more money to repalce their magazines. Again during COVID this is an unecessary thing to have to spend money on and voters will not be happy.

No other state bans semi auto rifles like how this bill would. The reason is because it would violate the 2nd amendment. Refer to above lawsuit that would result.

Per the CDC/FBI statistics the average annual murders caused by all rifles (semi auto matic, single shot bolt action,etc...) are about 300 for the entire nation. So to ban semi auto rifles makes zero sense if it's being done for "safety" reasons. See below FBI link.

<https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2018/crime-in-the-u.s.-2018/tables/expanded-homicide-data-table-8.xls>

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Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:26:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dan Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is in direct conflict with District of Columbia v. Heller decision by the US Supreme court where it states: "common use for lawful purposes like self-defense." The rifles and shot guns in this bill are firearms that are in common use and therefore this bill is in direct conflict with DC v. Heller decision.

In District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), the U.S. Supreme Court weighed in on gun control, ruling that the U.S. Constitution protects an individual's right to possess a firearm for personal, lawful use.

**I purchase all these firearms and did everything Hawaii lawmakers required, back ground checks, 10 day waiting period, Rap back, mental health check and now you are saying I cannot own these firearms and or pass them on to my next of kin. Now you are saying I cannot buy or posses these even after I went thru everything you required me to do????**

Please vote no on this bill.

Thank you,

Dan Goo, Judy Goo, Elisha Goo, Sean Goo, Kathering Goo

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 12:48:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Elliott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Once again I find myself submitting testimony viamently **OPPOSED** to SB301. I thought last year we made it perfectly clear to the Senate committee, but Karl Rhodes persists on these endless attacks on the the 2nd Amendment and the personal freedoms of American citizens.

As a veteran, father, husband and now small business owner I am everyday America. I believe in our COnstitution and the principles of our nations founding. One of those key tenents is that RIGHTS are not granted by the government nor can they be infringed upon. The Bill of Rights protects citizens from the government. I'm beyond tired when it comes to the inability of Hawaii state legislators to understand fundamental principles that they swore to uphold. If you can't then resign now.

Let's talk about the fallacy of Assault Weapons. Democrats made up this term and tried to bastardize the English language. There is no such thing as an Assault Weapon so based on this simple fact your bill is invalid.

Here is a good read, take the time. Also, it has already been ruled that guns in "common use" cannot be banned. <https://www.harvard-jlpp.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2020/03/Smith-FINAL.pdf>

Let's talk about magazine capacity. You have no logic in your random number of rounds for a magazine. You intend to make everyone a felon with your ridiculous ban. Magazine bans have already been overturned in California, also a 9th Circuit location as is Hawaii. <https://www.npr.org/2020/08/14/902676422/federal-appeals-court-throws-out-california-ban-on-large-capacity-gun-magazines>

Stop trying to pass laws that are against the Constitution are a fundamental assault (word used correctly) on law abiding gun owners and citizens. You work for us. We the People are your employer and if we tell you to STOP, take heed and listen. It is our government and you have the temporary privilege of representing us.

Your endless inability to address the root cause of crime, ask for ACTUAL enforcment of existing law or demand prosecution with proper punishment is your true failure.





**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:52:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ruben Betts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen of the state senate.

I am submitting testimony in opposition to this bill, which bans assault rifles and so-called assault shotguns. Bans do not work, many states have put in bans and regulations but still gun violence continues to rise. Criminal organizations still find a way to get around the Bans and get their hands on even more dangerous weapons. If we ban such weapons how will people have the ability to defend themselves in such a dangerous situation. take so-called assault rifles out of the hands of responsible citizens they will go into the hands of the wrong people. Let's take a look at mass shootings. Many people think that the AR-15 semi-automatic rifle is to blame for all mass shootings. But it is not. most mass shootings about 80% of them have actually been committed with handguns. Most AR-15 bans are just because of the AR-15's military appearance. let me just reiterate that the AR-15 is not a military rifle. The US military uses the M4 rifle, which is not available for civilian use. Most hunting rifles which are legal in many states have the same capacity of the AR-15, and he was much more dangerous calibers of ammunition. Let's take the AR-15 and the M1 garand. the M1 garand is a world war II rifle and it's not covered by any bands because it doesn't look really that dangerous, but the AR-15 is covered by a ban because it looks military style. In actuality though the M1 garand is way more dangerous than the AR-15. The M1 garand uses 30-06. 30-06 is a lot more dangerous then the 223 cartridge at the AR-15 uses. Also there are handguns that are a lot more dangerous than the AR-15. Some of these handguns include the desert eagle, and the Smith & Wesson 500 Magnum. Why are we targeting certain rifles just because they look like a military style rifle. It is just a normal semi-automatic rifle meant for civilian use. Many people have an AR-15 for hunting, because it is so versatile and accurate. Also they use it for sporting as well. banning semi-automatic weapons that take a magazine don't make sense, as most guns are semi-automatic and take a magazine. The solution is not a ban but educating people about these weapons, and teaching them the importance of gun safety. I ask the senate to reconsider this bill. Thank you

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:46:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eric Ako DVM	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Honorable Chair and Committee Members,

Please do not pass SB301.

As a competitor in the shooting sports in this state as well as on the national/international level,magazine bans greatly hinder my ability to buy and use a wider variety of magazines of my choice.

With all due respect,this action will not make Hawaii any safer and furthermore, also complicates my self defense in these horrible times.

thank you

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:24:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin Lee Solomon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

S.B. No. 301, Jan 22 2021, Firearms

I, Justin Lee Solomon, resident of Moiliili/McCully, oppose this bill, for many reasons.

“The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” - United States Constitution

Your jobs, as our elected representatives, are to uphold the Constitution of these United States, not defile it. Your jobs, as our elected representatives, is to protect, and uphold the rights of your constituents, not infringe on them. The Constitution clearly states that this bill should not be passed. I should not have to fight to keep the civil rights that my Constitution already guarantees me, the same Constitution that you swore an oath to uphold. This bill never should've made it this far. The fact that it has, should embarrass all of you.

Section 134-4 (a) – Transfer of weapons to minors.

The reason minors have deadly accidents with weapons, is because they were never taught about weapons. They were never taught weapon safety. They are only taught “Don’t touch guns, come tell an adult.” Well, that obviously doesn’t work. When you tell a child, “Don’t push the red button.” The child will always push the red button. “Don’t touch a gun.” doesn’t work, for the same reason. This section of the bill would prevent me, and other parents from teaching our children proper gun safety. It would make us felons, for teaching our children how to actually be safe, and not to be curious about a weapon, if they were to find one. This section of the bill also stops youth gun sports. Yes, youth gun sports are a thing. There are youth teams, who out shoot some of the best adult teams, and there’s no reason whatsoever, for you, our elected

representatives, to deprive our children of a freedom, which has never hurt, or infringed on anyone else, in any way. There are also youth hunters. It may surprise you to learn that people still hunt, but it's true. I spent my youth hunting, and helping to put food on my family's table; there is absolutely nothing wrong with a sixteen year old learning how to provide natural protein for his/her family, while also learning the discipline, maturity, and safety knowledge that hunting provides. Youths are sometimes victims of violent crime, and as such, should have the right to protect themselves. A twelve year old girl shot a home intruder, who had followed her home, in south east Oklahoma in October of 2012, with a semi-automatic, large capacity, .50cal shotgun. A fourteen year old girl used a semi-automatic pistol with a detachable large capacity magazine, to stop two home intruders, who were after her younger sisters, In August of 2019, in Lawrence West Virginia. Your jobs, as our elected representatives, is to protect our rights to life, and liberty, even for those of us under the magical age of 18. "The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." - United States Constitution. This section of the bill, is an affront to our civil liberties, and needs to be removed.

#### Section 134-4 (b) Possession of firearms owned by another

If I go to the firing range with some friends, and my friend wants to shoot my gun at a piece of paper, and I'm standing there watching him, there is no reason that he should not be able to. If I go to the firing range, and I want to rent one of the range's weapons, to see if I like the weapon before I buy it, I should be able to. If I want to go to one of the establishments on this island, who's sole service, is renting weapons that you can shoot on their range, I should be able to, but this section of the bill, would make those establishments illegal. While this section of the bill says that you would need a permit from the Chief of Police, we all know, (including you) that police chiefs are chosen specifically due to their anti-gun stance, and none of them would ever grant a permit. This section of the bill would make perfectly safe activities illegal, for no reason other than the tyrannical theft of our civil rights. "The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." - United States Constitution. Your jobs are to stop this sort of theft, not propagate it. This section of the bill needs to be removed.

#### Section 134-4 (e) Assault Pistols

At least 80% of the pistols in this state, are what you call "assault pistols". These pistols were legally obtained, and legally kept. This section not only violates our second amendment rights, but also our fourth amendment rights. This section would immediately make nearly all of this state's gun owners felons. This part of the bill is nothing short of tyrannical theft of our civil liberties, and rights which were granted to us with the signing of the Constitution.

## Section 134-4 (f) Assault Rifles

Thousands of your constituents own what you call assault rifles. More than half of the population of Oahu alone, are either current military, or former military. Many thousands more above that, are proficient with firearms, and what you call assault weapons, in their own right. We make a formidable militia. Hawaii, of all the states, needs a strong militia. Our forefathers knew that we would need a strong militia. The need for a strong militia, is the main reason for the second amendment, in the first place. If the US were to be attacked by any country from our west, Hawaii would be the first target. Look no further than Pearl Harbor, if you need evidence of this fact. I myself have seven combat tours with the Marine Corps. I've spent twelve years of my life with an actual assault rifle (not what you politicians ignorantly call an assault rifle) slung across my chest. I, as well as many thousands of others, would be a formidable foe, for any would-be invaders. The other part of this scenario, is that we would need to protect our families from these invaders. We know that invaders don't leave the citizens unharmed, and they never have. You should not take my God given, inalienable, natural right to protect my family away from me, especially without a jury of my peers having first convicted me of a violent, felonious crime. I've owned what you call assault rifles, and pistols, in this state, for years. This section of the bill would not only violate my second amendment, but also my fourth. "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." "The right of the people to be secure in their... effects... shall not be violated."- United States Constitution.

## Section 4 subsection 134-8 1

I'm not sure what your problem with shorter barreled rifles could possibly be; rifles are still cumbersome, and next to impossible to conceal on your body. A shorter barrel length means that the bullet has less velocity, and therefore is less likely to hurt an unintended bystander, on the other side of a wall. A shorter barrel length means that a rifle would be better suited to indoor home defense, and not long distance shooting (which isn't usually needed on a small island anyway, short distance shooting is usually all we can do here.) I think this is yet another example of politicians letting their ignorance fuel their hate.

I'm not sure what your problem with shotguns with a revolving cylinder would be; a revolving cylinder is slower than a regular semi-automatic shotgun. I think this is yet another example of politicians letting their ignorance fuel their hatred.

I'm not sure what your problem with mufflers & silencers could be; These devices don't render a weapon silent. They merely deaden the sound enough that it doesn't cause hearing loss to the shooter (as long as the shooter is wearing additional hearing protection), and it keeps gun ranges from being obnoxiously noisy for the people in the

surrounding countryside. I think this is yet another example of politicians letting their ignorance fuel their hatred.

#### Section 4 subsection 134-8 2 Large capacity magazines for rifles

The main purpose of the second amendment, is to allow the militias (all able bodied adults) to defend the homeland, the home, and the family. If Hawaii were to be invaded, this part of the bill would render our militias useless. There are hundreds of thousands of what you call "high capacity magazines" but everyone else calls "standard capacity magazines" in homes throughout our state. This section of the bill violates my second, and fourth amendments. This section of the bill is a tyrannical theft of my civil liberties, and my legally obtained/owned effects. Your jobs are to protect our civil liberties, rights, and freedoms, not to infringe on them, steal them. "The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." "The right of the people to be secure in their... effects... shall not be violated."- United States Constitution.

This bill is an illegal attempt to steal our constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties, rights, and freedoms. Approving this bill, would be nothing short of an act of tyranny.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:47:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
mitchell weber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB301,

This bill would ban almost every modern rifle, supporting members and legislators would effectively turn tens of thousands of Hawaii citizens into felons at the stroke of a pen. This is a very authoritarian measure that can't help but remind me of the clear similarities to the actions taken by the Nazi's towards the Jews prior to the state sanctioned attempted extermination of them. The Hawaiian nationals were also treated in the same manner prior to the overthrowing of their Kingdom. The term "Military Style or Grade" was used back then to characterize and ban possession of the Krag Jorgenson rifles that were issued to the military of the time(a rifle by today's standards is nothing but a quirky antique not regarded for it's deadliness but only as an example of the era).

What Im trying to get at is the framers of our constitution meant for citizens to keep and bear the same grade of firearms (or in the case of the weapons you are trying to ban, similar but less capable versions) that current militaries possess in order to deter a tyrannical governing force from acting in the manner I referenced in the paragraph above.

Regards,

Mitchell Weber.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 9:53:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael I Rice	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I have submitted testimony before on another account but was unable to sign up for zoom at this time. I was told I could only make another account instead of editing my previous testimony.



**TESTIMONY OF ELLEN GODBEY CARSON IN SUPPORT OF SB 301**  
**To the Senate Committee on Judiciary**  
**Hearing Date: February 12, 2021, 9:15am, via Videoconference**

I practiced law in Hawaii for 30 years, serving as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association and Hawaii Women Lawyers. I became an attorney to protect the constitutional rights of vulnerable persons in our country. While now retired, I still believe this is a critical goal in our state and country.

**I support SB 301’s on assault rifles, assault shotguns, and large capacity magazines (LCMs) for those weapons. This will finally close gaping holes in our state Assault Weapons Ban. This bill also achieves a proper and reasonable balance of constitutional rights and public safety.**

Hawai’i is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns and LCMs for those weapons, as shown below:

U.S. assault weapons bans by jurisdiction							
Jurisdiction	Status	By make/ model	Semiauto rifles	Semiauto pistols	Shotguns	Features test	Magazine capacity
California <sup>[18]</sup>	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10
Connecticut <sup>[19]</sup>	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10
District of Columbia <sup>[20]</sup>	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10
Hawaii <sup>[21]</sup>	In force			✗		✗	10 (pistols)
Maryland <sup>[22]</sup>	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10
Massachusetts <sup>[23]</sup>	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10
New Jersey <sup>[24]</sup>	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10
New York <sup>[25]</sup>	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assault\\_weapons\\_legislation\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assault_weapons_legislation_in_the_United_States) (2021)

Hawaii long ago banned assault pistols/revolvers and detachable LCMs for those weapons, but in a dangerous political compromise, allowed the proliferation of assault rifles and LCMs for rifles. This invites mass shootings and violence within our shores.

The NRA and gun clubs are vocal, but they are a small minority and do not reflect the great majority in our community on this issue. The vast majority of Americans SUPPORT banning high capacity magazines (LCMs). In 2018, 73% of American adults supported banning high-capacity magazines, according to an NPR/Ipsos poll. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-capacity\\_magazine\\_ban](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-capacity_magazine_ban)

The NRA and gun groups argue that their Second Amendment rights are violated whenever limits are placed on guns and ammunition. That is untrue. The U.S. Supreme Court has clearly held that the Second Amendment right “is not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose.” *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 626 (2008).

The 1994 federal Assault Weapons Ban prohibited assault rifles, assault pistols and LCMs (over 10 rounds) for them, until it expired by its own terms in 2004. Sadly, the national political climate has not allowed the re-enactment of that federal ban, despite studies showing its effectiveness. The Giffords Law Cent reports that:

Studies have found that the federal ban on large capacity magazines helped to prevent violence and the use of high-capacity magazines in crime during the 10 years in which it was in effect. During the 10-year period the federal assault weapons and large capacity magazine ban was in effect, mass shooting fatalities were 70% less likely to occur compared to the periods before and after the ban. While the federal assault weapons and large capacity ammunition ban was in effect, the number of high-fatality mass shootings fell by 37%, and the number of people dying in such shootings fell by 43%. When the ban lapsed in 2004, there was a 183% increase in high-fatality mass shootings and a 239% increase in deaths from such shootings.

<https://lawcenter.giffords.org/gun-laws/policy-areas/hardware-ammunition/large-capacity-magazines/>

Banning assault rifles and LCMs is important because they are designed to be capable of mass violence; their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and LCMs in Hawai'i.

Ellen Godbey Carson,  
Honolulu, Hawaii



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 4:22:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
micah tanoai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

This testimony is offered in opposition to Senate Bill 301 (hereinafter “SB301”) as written, because it is an infringement upon the United States Constitutional rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment. Many of the controversial terms contained within SB301 are ill-advised and do not survive constitutional muster.

SB301, as proposed, seeks to amend subsection (c) within Section 134-8, of the Hawai`i Revised Statutes to read as followed:

“(c) The manufacture, possession, sale, barter, trade, gift, transfer, or acquisition of detachable ammunition magazines with a capacity in excess of ten rounds that are designed for or capable of use with any firearm is prohibited.”

SB 301, at 6, ¶¶6-11 (2021).

Similar language was enacted in California several years ago. It was challenged as a violation of the second amendment and the Federal District Court agreed. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal agreed that a blanket ban on high-capacity magazines is a violation of the second amendment as such the law was deemed unconstitutional. *Duncan v. Becerra*, Case No. 19-55376 (9th Cir. 2020), *Certiorari denied*. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal is also the Court, which would review a challenge coming from the Federal District Court of Hawai`i. As such, if this bill were to become law as proposed, it will undoubtedly become a liability to tax payer money for our attorney general to attempt to defend a law that everyone knew, with reasonable certainty, would be struck down as unconstitutional. Given the current situation of budget shortfalls constituents will likely not appreciate discovering that this legislature passed a law which has already been struck down at the federal level as an unconstitutional infringement of the Second Amendment.

In addition, the definition of “assault rifle,” Senator Rhoads has proposed are cosmetic, incorporated for safe legal operation, and unrelated to the very heart of this bill in attempting to prevent and reduce gun violence. Under his proposed definition any semiautomatic rifle, which accepts a detachable magazine, and contains a single one of the listed features will be classified as an “assault rifle.” Many of these features proposed have no relation to the mechanical operation of the firearm itself, do not increase the firing rate, capacity, or in any way otherwise convert a standard citizen owned semiautomatic rifle to a lethal military weapon of war.

First, the folding or telescoping stock (subsection (2) of the proposed definition of “assault rifle”), provides only the benefit of having the ability to adjust it to the proper size and fit for the individual user. The fact that a licensed firearm owner uses a folding or telescoping stock to ensure comfort and safely securing their grip and bracing on a semi-automatic firearm has no relation or improvement to the rate of fire of the firearm. Yet this mere component alone, normally deployed for safe operation, would be deemed an assault rifle under the proposed definition.

The issue that Senator Rhoads raises with the stocks is likely attempting to target the AR-Pistol style weapons where the stock is actually used to provide stability. These AR-Pistol style weapons would already fall under the definition of “assault rifle” due to subsection (1). (“centerfire rifle with an overall length less than thirty inches.”). Having subsection (2) in the text only prohibits and inconveniences legal gun owners from modifying or customizing rifles for fit and safe operation, – a category of firearms which are not even the intended target of the legislation.

Second, the second handgrip or protruding grip that can be held by the non-trigger hand of the semi-automatic rifle (subsection (4), of the proposed definition of “assault rifle”). A foregrip, while allows the user to better grasp the firearm, stabilize the aiming height, and brace for recoil. This feature does absolutely nothing which affects the firing rate. Furthermore, in many models, this foregrip is a safety feature to allow the user to avoid burns while holding the rifle along the barrel while it heats up when fired multiple times. The definition where a single listed component makes a standard semiautomatic rifle into an “assault rifle,” would mean that a toilet-paper roll duct taped to an otherwise legal semiautomatic rifle has now become an “assault rifle.”

There are numerous opinions that the enumerated features that Senator Rhoads proposes to ban are merely cosmetic in nature for semi-automatic rifles and provide little to no added benefit to the user. In fact, all owners can remove these features and still have a legal firearm and still not address any concerns of the true issues regarding gun violence. It is absurd to think that the legislature would presume to dictate what cosmetic features a legal gun owner can or cannot be allowed to have. This definition, as proposed, is barely a step away from determining that “all firearms that are not neon-pink with highlighter orange stocks are deemed to be assault rifles.” This Bill, as proposed, seeks to regulate cosmetics of a legal firearm in a similar nature and is equally as unreasonable to legal and licensed firearm owners. All this bill will do is make it harder for law abiding citizens from purchasing legal firearms that other citizens of other states can legally purchase.

Additionally, this law essentially criminalizes anyone that brings in a firearm from another state as a result of moving to this state for work. Majority of military members have their own firearms that they have legally purchase in another state. When they move here for assignments, you have just criminalized their move here and expect them to give up their property without just cause. This regulation of a protected right is not narrowly tailored and will not survive strict scrutiny tests that the Ninth Circuit, as well as the US Supreme Court, has applied to cases involving a fundamental constitutional right.

Finally, a blanket ban on the importation of firearms that meets these definitions would be an activity that substantially affects interstate commerce. This legislative body does not have the power to regulate interstate commerce - that is a power reserved only to Congress. This legislative body can regulate intrastate commerce, but since firearms are not manufactured in Hawaii, all firearms must be imported. Most if not all firearms are imported from the continental United States, meaning this ban affects the sale and transfer of a good that travels interstate and will not survive a constitutional challenge. *See Navegear, Inc. v. US*, 192 F3d 1050, 1058 (D.C. Cir. 1999). So once again, approving and passing this Bill is a waste of time and money when it will certainly be struck down because it seeks to regulate an activity for which the State does not have the legal authority to do.

As acknowledged by Section 1 of this Bill, the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence has already found that Hawai`i has received an A-minus rating for gun safety laws, and that Hawai`i had the lowest number of gun deaths among the states in 2017. Meanwhile our citizens are suffering amidst an unthinkable pandemic threatening our life, health, economic stability, and livelihoods. I am substantially certain that all of your constituencies would appreciate you dedicating your precious limited-time to the areas of our “legislative report card” where we have glaring shortcomings and failures. It is not well spent in bills like SB301, that will place unconstitutional restrictions on your constituencies, and waste time, money, and resources, for a minimal improvement in an area where we are already receiving an A-minus.

Derrick Wong

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary  
HEARING: Friday, February 12, 2021, at 9:15 a.m.  
Regarding: **SB 301 Relating to Firearms**  
**Voter Position: OPPOSITION**

Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

I express my **firm opposition** to **SB 301** in its entirety because it is a disingenuous measure that attempts to artificially generate a firearm definition that cannot not exist in reality and furthermore does not add substantive public safety value. Moreover, the measure seeks to impose an artificial ten-round detachable magazine ammunition capacity restriction that similarly provides no evidence-based public safety value.

### **Definition Contradiction**

The very combination of the words “assault + rifle” and “assault + shotgun” as proposed in **SB 301** serve as inherent contradictions when observed objectively from a linguistic standpoint.

#### *Basic Definition Contradiction*

Upon conducting a fundamental review of Merriam-Webster’s online dictionary, it is readily apparent that the English language definition of “assault” involves action, even when in the noun form. The very first entry of Merriam-Webster’s online dictionary defines “assault” as “a violent physical or verbal attack” (Merriam-Webster, Incorporated, 2021). Rudimentary logic reveals that a firearm is an inanimate object and accordingly cannot perform any activity independent of an external actor, such as a human firearms operator. With this basic understanding, it can be inferred that neither a rifle nor a shotgun can commit the act of an “assault” by themselves. Rather, “assault” is an activity that only a human being can do and such activity does not require any firearm to carry out, particularly when examined from a legal standpoint.

#### *Legal Definition Inconsistency*

When reviewing the various Hawaii Revised Statutes sections (HRS §) surrounding the foundational concept of “assault,” it is apparent that the sections mirror the baseline Merriam-Webster’s online dictionary definition of “assault” that requires involvement of a human actor. For example, the aptly titled Chapter 707—Offenses Against the Person, Part III, Criminal **Assaults** and Related Offenses provides the definition for the word “assault.” HRS §707-710—Assault in the First Degree, specifies the following: “a person commits the offense of **assault** in the first degree if the person intentionally or knowingly causes serious bodily injury to another person.” This reveals that the entire “assault” concept from a legal standpoint requires a human actor, meaning that the word “assault” cannot logically be affixed to a rifle or shotgun since both are inanimate, non-human objects that possess no consciousness and accordingly cannot commit the offense of an assault. HRS §707-711 and HRS §707-712 similarly emphasize that an “assault” can only be performed by a human being upon another human being. Any suggestion to artificially create the terms “assault rifle” or “assault shotgun” are farcical and would not be able to follow the logic of the “assault” concept embodied in HRS Chapter 707 since the inanimate objects cannot perform the “assault” offense as currently embodied in law.

**Side Note:** Although the Hawaii State Legislature already created and passed into law HRS §134-1, which in turn, created the artificial term “assault pistol,” the term is still contradictory and continues to defy the very constraints of logic to this very day. Such point is technically a topic for a different legislative discussion that cannot be addressed in the parameters of this testimony. That being said, it is still important to address the prospective counter-argument that an “assault pistol” definition has already been created and enacted into law. Specifically, the mere existence of an artificial term that defines a so-called “assault-pistol” should not serve as the foundation or justification for creating additional artificial terms (such as “assault rifle” and “assault shotgun”) as proposed in **SB 301**.

### **The Mystical 11<sup>th</sup> Round—What Exactly Constitutes the Danger?**

**SB 301** seeks to arbitrarily limit the magazine capacity of detachable ammunition magazines that can be affixed to any firearm. This is arbitrary and serves no evidence-based public benefit. The introduction of **SB 301** does not provide any valid argument or empirical data resource that even suggests that a detachable magazine in excess of ten rounds creates any substantive public harm. Therefore, such restriction has no basis and should not even be proposed since there is no definitive public benefit to the restriction. Most importantly, the empirical evidence that does in fact exist reveals that efforts to enhance public safety may be achieved through more rational means.

### **The Evidence Does Not Substantiate the Claims Set Forth in SB 301**

Contrary to the introductory paragraph of the measure, the entire proposal set forth by **SB 301** is inconsistent with the Hawaii State Legislature since the proposed measure does not address any of the actual problems as revealed by the most up to date Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) cause of death data. When reviewing the CDC’s *Key Health Indicators* that outline causes of death, it turns out that the leading cause of death in the State of Hawaii is **heart disease** (CDC, 2020). The second runner up is **drug overdose death** (CDC, 2020). Firearms eventually appears on the *Key Health Indicator* listing, but it is still holding a lower death rate when compared with drug overdoses (CDC, 2020). In order to actually achieve the goal of ensuring the safety and well-being of Hawaii’s citizens, it would be prudent for the Legislature to focus on evidence-based solutions such as heart disease mitigation efforts. On the note of health, addressing the novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic would also serve great benefit to the safety and well-being of Hawaii’s citizens. In other words, the artificial creation of contradictory terms such as “assault rifle,” “assault shotgun,” and the decision to restrict a detachable magazine’s round capacity are all substantially inconsistent with the Legislature’s commitment to sustaining overall public safety and well-being.



# Hawaii



## Key Health Indicators

<a href="#">Fertility Rate</a>	64.2 (births per 1,000 women 15-44 years of age)
<a href="#">Teen Birth Rate</a>	17.2 (births per 1,000 females 15-19 years of age)
<a href="#">Infant Mortality Rate</a>	6.8 (infant deaths per 1,000 live births)
<a href="#">Marriage Rate</a>	15.3 (marriages per 1,000)
<a href="#">Divorce Rate</a>	n/a
<a href="#">Leading Cause of Death</a>	Heart Disease
<a href="#">Drug Overdose Death Rate</a>	14.3 (per 100,000)
<a href="#">Firearm Death Rate</a>	4.0 (per 100,000) <b>← Lower than Drug Overdose Death</b>
<a href="#">Homicide Rate</a>	3.1 (per 100,000)

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## Leading Causes of Death

1. [Heart Disease](#)
2. [Cancer](#)
3. [Stroke](#)
4. [Accidents](#)
5. [Influenza/Pneumonia](#)
6. [Alzheimer's Disease](#)
7. [Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases](#)
8. [Diabetes](#)
9. [Kidney Disease](#)
10. [Parkinson Disease](#)

**Firearms Not Listed among "Top 10" Leading Causes**

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\* Rankings are from highest to lowest.

\*\* Rates for the U.S. include the Hawaii and (for births) U.S. territories. Refer to notes in publication tables for more detail.

\*\*\* Death rates are age-adjusted. Refer to source notes below for more detail.

### **The Rational and Morally Acceptable Alternative**

Investing time by amending and expediting the passage of **SB266 SD1 RELATING TO THE CORONAVIRUS 2019 PANDEMIC** will ultimately benefit the people of Hawaii. Firearm restriction proposals will not provide the same benefit whatsoever and instead serve as a danger to the public since valuable time is taken away from the advancement of **SB 266 SD1**.

**Bottom Line:** Rifles, shotguns, or any firearm in existence cannot independently cause harm to anyone at any time. Rather, criminal actors that specifically seek to harm others is the real threat to public safety, prompting resolution via another course of legislative action.

As specified in my opposition to measures similar to **SB 301**, I continue my plea: please think of the overall welfare of Hawaii's citizens. Investing time into pandemic relief measures demonstrates that members of this committee and by extension, the entire Legislature of Hawaii actually cares about its constituents.

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan Tinajero

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 1:24:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Will Cockett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to you in strong opposition to SB301. I am a recent UH graduate, looking forward to the great opportunities ahead of me as an American citizen and Hawaii native.

However, I am deeply concerned about legislation such as this one, that severely regulates my right as an everyday American to bear arms according to the Second Amendment.

I would like to highlight a few key points about this bill that I believe prove how unjust and harmful its passing would be.

1. Hawaii already has a great safety rating when it comes to firearms and doesn't need further regulation. As stated in the bill we have an A- rating for gun safety, which is excellent. Why would it make sense that in the midst of a pandemic where economic hardship, civil unrest, and crime are up that lawmakers would move to disarm the population? This seems counter intuitive and infringing upon our rights as Americans according to the Second Amendment.
2. This bill would hurt mostly law-abiding citizens. In our state when was the last time we had a shooting from an AR-15? Most shootings happen with handguns. Even then, most of those hand guns are illegal, unregistered weapons. This attack on AR-15s is totally uncalled for. In addition, an AR-15 is not an "assault weapon." It is not fully automatic. The trigger must be pulled every time to fire one shot. In our state they are not short barreled rifles either (guns with barrels less than 16 inches that are more easily concealable). These Hawaii Ar-15s are ideal home defense weapons. They fire one shot at a time but they offer a better chance to stop a threat with larger ammo capacity, more stopping power, and manageable recoil. If my mother or sisters were ever under attack, their ability to defend themselves would greatly increase with an AR-15 vs a handgun. A handgun with only the legal 10 round magazine limit and a bullet that is only a fraction as powerful as a rifle round would not serve them as well. Even the few times that I have taken my family members to shoot at the range, it's clear that my inexperienced loved ones do quite well with the AR-15. My right to bear arms

as a law abiding citizen should not be trumped by the fear of someone essentially committing a crime, likely with an illegal firearm.

3. Finally, this bill would immediately turn thousands of law-abiding residents into criminals with possession of illegal firearms. Worse yet, the enforcement of this law could be very difficult, putting an incredible strain on HPD resources to retrieve existing guns. This is also coming out of a year of record high gun sales across the nation. How would it be fair to citizens for them to lose these hundreds and thousands of dollars invested in these firearms? It would not be at all. Without a grandfather clause and option to transfer firearms out of state to places where the AR-15 is still legal, this bill is absolutely unthinkable and unpassable.

Thank you so much for your time. I hope some of these points brought some insight into the dangers and disadvantages that SB301 would create for the people of this great state.

Mahalo nui,

Will Cockett

A Concerned Citizen

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 1:25:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin Province	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Sb301

Hello my name is justin province and I'd like to thank you all for having me here today, I am going to open with an amendment from our constitution

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

This is our 2nd amendment granted to us by our creator undeniable and inalienable. The constitution proves this and the recent attacks on our constitutional rights is absolutely absurd and is not only disgraceful to our culture but to our ancestors as well.

I am here today as a law abiding citizen of Hawaii with the hopes of becoming a legal firearm owner within the state as I turn 21 at the end of this month. Furthermore I intend to help prevent any measures from passing that will remove our rights to firearm ownership. I am here representing the next generation of law abiding citizens of Hawaii, like myself, who would like to practice and protect our 2nd amendment right once we are able to do so safely and Legally. I am here in opposition with hopes of abolishing Bill SB301, which i believe is intended to push to effectively ending the 2nd amendment right to bear arms within our state. I have come to testify that Bill SB301 shows complete disrespect to the people of this nation, to the constitution and complete disregard to our 2nd amendment. The founding fathers who risked life and limb to create this country and ensure our freedom recognized the necessity of the people having the right to bear arms as a crucial piece to our democracy; a ban or restriction on any weapon, part or caliber, no matter how small, is unconstitutional. A ban on these firearms also prevents and would infringe on our rights to protect our lives, for the people to be able to ensure liberty from threats abroad or domestic, and finally to myself and many others, greatly infringe on the pursuit of happiness and enjoyment of using these items at the range.

Finally a ban on these firearms only incriminates currently law abiding citizens of Hawaii. It also sends a negative message to the public on how the state respects our constitutional and natural rights. When a law is introduced or passed, it is supposed to

be for the people, of the people, by the people, protecting their life and freedoms as well as granting them security and liberty by helping to ensure our collective safety, and freedom to live as we choose. Suggested bills and or laws should not be incriminating, disarming, or destabilizing the American people and laws like this do not speak for me nor does it have the benefit of the public in mind, law abiding citizens of Hawaii and this great nation who would like to see our freedoms maintained. As it clearly states, "In God We Trust," on the American dollar bill, for they knew then and today that we should entrust that the right to bear arms shall not be infringed and is endowed to us by our creator unalienable and undeniable.

Thank you for your time today and I urge you all to please consider the message you send to the citizens of this state who wish to preserve our freedoms and to the the future generations who may or may not be able to practice these rights as the result of your votes today and beyond

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01/07/2020

Aloha Hawaii Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Raymond Michaels, I grew up and reside on the island of Maui, I am a business owner and a staunch supporter of civil liberties.

The bill before you, SB301; is for many reasons, one of the most abhorrent pieces of legislation that has been introduced this session.

This bill not only seeks to pervert and redefine the term and meaning of "assault weapon" but it also criminalizes law abiding citizens through the ban (with no grandfathering) for magazines over 10 rounds.

This bill is an echo of California's SB 880 and AB 1135 from 2016 which are currently being challenged in federal court. California's similar ban on "large capacity magazines" was ruled unconstitutional on August 14, 2020 by the 9<sup>th</sup> circuit court. Furthermore, FBI crime statistics show no reduction in violent crime in California as a result of these bans.

Considering California's similar laws now being challenged in federal court and Hawaii's historically low violent crime, this bill is not only nonsensical from an empirical evidence point of view but the timing of the introduction of this bill is disconcerting given the multitude of actual problems this state is currently facing. One may wonder if politicians have a certain proclivity to finding problems that don't exist and applying all the incorrect means and methods to try and solve them. That or, those in power have a mistrust of private citizens. The Hawaii Legislative Reference Bureau estimates there are about 2 million privately owned guns. If gun ownership and violent crime were correlated, it would be blatantly apparent.

The fact that those who win popularity contests seek to legislate with what and how private citizens protect their life, property and family is both immoral and reprehensible. Any legislator who values civil liberties should be, at the very least, discomfited by this bill.

Lastly, during this most recent year, this government has mandated small business close and go bankrupt, tell hundreds of thousands that they are not essential and therefore cannot work and then simultaneously failed to get UI payments out on time. We have both some of the highest tax rates in the nation and the highest cost of living, partly due to the legislative practices of this body. Now those in this government seek to dismantle a basic civil liberty and criminalize hundreds of thousands of its citizens. The depravity of this government seems to know no bounds. It's no wonder why year after year so many of our residents are choosing to leave this state in search of a better life free from an overbearing state government.

Very Truly Yours,



Raymond A. Michaels  
President  
Maui Plumbing Inc.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:08:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Botello	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing today to voice my opposition to SB301 in my capacity as an individual citizen.

This bill will ban the possession, sale or transfer of all firearms that have certain classifications and which are currently 'in common use' as defined by the Federal Government. This is a blatant assault on the second amendment of the Constitution and would make gun owners across the state criminals overnight requiring them to surrender or destroy their property.

The Supreme Court has already ruled on firearms in common use in the 2008 Heller Decision. Why is Senator Rhodes wasting our time with meaningless legislation like this when Hawaii has other priorities? Please kill this bill immediately and send a message to your colleague that this is an endeavor that will only waste precious resources.

I strongly oppose SB301.

Mahalo,

Michael Botello

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:09:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
davin asato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB301.

It first prohibits the transfer and use by a individual under the age of 18 years old. This would destroy the competative aspect of sports through rodeo traditions and youth shooting competitions here in Hawaii. I have assisted in training these students and they have always shown to be very responsible, responsive and attentive in all situations of the class and practice. This opprotunity should not be removed from them and future generations.

In regards to the ban of "assult rifles and shotguns," these firearms are in common use by much of the State by law abiding citizens that have gone through the proper process of aquiring them. They are useful for sporting competitions, hunting, erradication and defense. If passed, this would be a complete violation of the Constitution of the United States and a full out confisacation of private citizen's property and ability to protect themselves and exercise their right to the Second Ammdement.

With regards to a magaine ban of the capacity of more then 10 rounds, on August 5, 2015 there was a police involved shooting on Maui where 3 officers engaged a armed suspect. The suspect had a handgun and fired on 3 officers. The suspect was hit 11 times while the officers fired 40 rounds. If it took 3 officers and 40 rounds to bring down one armed individual, I should have the same amount of chances to defend myself and my family in a similar situation.

I oppose SB301.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:26:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chad Dias	Testifying for HAWAII RIFLE ASSOCIATION	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:39:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eric Akiyama	Testifying for HRA, HDF, HIFICO	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose SB301. This bill will only punish law abiding firearm owners. When acts of violence, with or without a firearm, are committed against citizens, many times the suspect has multiple prior convictions. If the safety and well-being of Hawaii citizens is the objective, then the justice system needs to be strengthened, not the gun laws.

# KOFFIN WURKS LLC.

To Whom It May Concern;

I STRONGLY OPPOSE bill SB301 . This bill would make the law abiding people of Hawaii who are exercising their 2nd Amendment right into criminals overnight. This bill would make Illegal almost every semi automatic rifle by reclassifying it as an “assault rifle” or “assault shotgun”. The person who introduced this bill has no real understanding of firearms or the firearms community and should not be trying to pass this sort of legislation on hundred of thousands of legally armed citizens.

I say this because I am tired of wasting my time as well as yours every year writing these testimonies in opposition of laws that do nothing but aim to hurt small business and destroy what is written in the Constitution of the United States. “Shall Not Be Infringed” is nice and simple and shouldn’t be that hard to understand.

I am an owner here in Hawaii of multiple businesses, SB301 doesn’t need to be re-written or combined with another bill instead it needs to be thrown out. I’d urge you to take a look at other bills that could actually do some good for the people of Hawaii, SB301 is not one of them.

Regards

Martin Lau



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February 9, 2021

TO: Honorable Chair Rhoads and Members of the JDC Committee

RE: SB 301 Relating to Firearms

Support for hearing on Feb. 12

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support SB 301 as it would expand the ban on pistols with a detachable magazine with over ten round capacity to any firearm with a detachable magazine with over ten round capacity and would prohibit anyone from bringing or causing to be brought into the State an assault rifle or assault shotgun.

Large capacity magazines and assault rifles are not used for hunting and unnecessary to recreation. They only endanger our citizens in the event of a crazed person attempting a mass shooting. Unfortunately, those horrible events are not as rare as they once were.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bickel  
President

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:34:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James Revells	Testifying for Valley Isle Sport Shooters	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as many of the weapons that fall into this category are used by hunters as well as target shooters. Also, all previous owners should be Grandfathered in.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:45:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jonathan Chee	Testifying for hifico	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB301 It is our constitutional and second amendment right to have and bear arms the job of the legislature is to uphold the Constitution and the second amendment and all amendments Of the United States



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:21:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Malia Kaku	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:23:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sherry Kaku	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:24:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Kaku	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:32:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Onnagan	Testifying for Hawaii Firearms Coalition and Valley Isle Sports Shooters	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is basically against our 2nd Amendment as Americans! Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision. Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus. I really can't believe how law abiding citizens like myself seems to be like the "bad guy" and from all the good I've accomplished is not recognized as a law abiding citizen.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 10:35:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Raymond Pezzoli	Testifying for NRA/GOA/CCRKBA	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing to let you know that I am opposed to this bill. There is no such thing as an assault pistol. The pistols in question are pistols that are smaller versions of commonly owned rifles, nothing more. Keep in mind that even the term "assault weapon" denotes a non-existent firearm. The military only uses "select fire" weapons; None of the weapons in civilian use have that capability. Again, these pistols are only smaller, pistol-sized versions of commonly owned rifles.

Also, limiting magazine capacity does not stop crime. Standard capacity magazines allow for people to have a more even chance when it comes to home defense, as was proven by a Texas homeowner who was able to stop multiple invaders with a weapon using a standard magazine.

All you are doing is infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens. These laws are not going to stop crime because criminals don't care about said laws; that's why they are criminals. That said, law-abiding citizens are exercising their 2nd Amendment rights now more than ever as they understand they may be responsible for their own protection.

Also understand that some of these people are Democrats. Keep all of this in mind because the next election is around the corner.

Thank you

Mr Raymond Pezzoli

**SB-301**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Greg Bentley	Testifying for Berean Beacon	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a Veteran of the US Army and a resident of Hawaii. I am the directory of the Berean Beacon Ministry which represents over 6000 constituents. I wish to voice our opposition to HB307.

The Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States clearly states: ***A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.***

Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision. Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

Thank you for considering our testimony.  
Greg Bentley

To: the Hawaii Thirty-First Legislature, 2021

From: Keith Robinson, Owner/Operator,  
Kauai Wildlife Reserve

Regarding: Testimony about Senate Bill No. 301

Date: February 10, 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have reviewed your Senate Bill No. 301.

Here is my testimony about it.

This proposed law is a brazen, flagrant, deliberately intentional violation of the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment (which, without any qualification or reservation whatsoever, guarantees Americans the right to keep and bear arms).

If SB301 is enacted into law, it will leave many of Hawaii's most honest and innocent taxpayers semi-defenseless against criminals, terrorists, and America's own evolving national socialist police state.

This situation is no accident: it has been gradually developing for about sixty years.

Ever since 1964, America's government, usually at the urging of the Democratic Party, has waged a devastating, politically correct War Against Morality and Common Sense.

So – the Ten Commandments (which constitute the basic, foundational rules of all higher civilizations) have been systematically set aside and ignored.

Hard work and thrift are penalized by high taxes: idleness and vice (including drug addiction) are rewarded with welfare money.

Parents and teachers who discipline children can be punished for child abuse: burglars and trespassers who get hurt can sue the property owners they raid: honest citizens can be prosecuted and jailed for resisting or injuring criminals and rioting mobs.

The courts have also repeatedly said that the government has no obligation to protect individual citizens: we taxpaying peons are clearly expendable.

Our nation now appears to be headed either for collapse or toward the creation of a police state: for this same government that is undermining the nation's morals, is also trying to quell the resultant chaos with anti-gun laws – laws that will selectively disarm honest people (since when do habitual criminals obey laws?).

As a result of its incompetence and mismanagement, the government at all levels is emerging as an ally of the worst and most irresponsible elements of society: and honest citizens everywhere are learning to fear its increasingly corrupt abuse of power.

No good at all can come of this madness, but only a relentless increase of trouble, and evil, and government oppression, and terror.

No reasonable or prudent man would ever permit himself to be disarmed under such frightening circumstances. It was specifically to guard against such arbitrary and irresponsible and increasingly totalitarian government, that America's Founding Fathers wrote the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment.

Therefore, I must respectfully and regretfully inform this state legislature, that if Senate Bill 301 is enacted into law, I very likely will not obey it.

For years and years I have watched America's politicians and bureaucrats "progressively" gnawing away at America's constitutional freedoms, like rats nibbling at a piece of cheese.

Enough is enough. The limits of what I will tolerate and obey, are finally being exceeded.

If Senate Bill No. 301 is enacted into law, and if I refuse to obey it, many extremely unpleasant and unforeseen events may ensue.

So – for the future record, here is an explanation (if you care enough to read it) of my work, some personal history, and my attitudes and ideas.

First of all, since the Democratic Party will accuse me of being some kind of crazy terrorist, here are some basic facts about me.

I will be 80 in a few months, far past the age when any man is ever eager for any type of conflict or combat.

In my younger years, when I was a ranch foreman, I singlehandedly fought (and lost) a semi-war with the local marijuana industry, which was secretly growing huge amounts of "pot" on the ranch lands.

Today I am the owner/operator of the Kauai Wildlife Reserve, which specializes in rescuing and growing dying endangered species that no one else has been able to mass-produce.

In my professional life, I am, first, last and always, a skilled, highly successful conservation worker with almost forty years of field experience, and few other interests.



Politically I am an independent, with no ties to any political party. My allegiance is to the Bible (especially the Ten Commandments); to the U.S. Constitution; and to the principles of America's Founding Fathers.

I like to give money to charity. Ever since the 1960s, I have been a regular annual donor to the American Bible Society and the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. In recent years I have been fortunate enough to also donate to other organizations, such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, the American Red Cross, and Children International.

Enough of my background – now here are a few (but only a small sample) of my personal experiences.

On three occasions, while working in remote areas with no radio or cell service, I was unexpectedly menaced by criminal elements who caught me alone and who were all superior to me in both numbers and physical strength: but in each of those cases, when I drew a semi-automatic firearm to defend myself, the “baddies” retreated, without any shots fired.

But some of them later beat an unarmed man to death: and a third (a really violent “snap case”) later assaulted the police, and frightened a female news reporter so badly that she quit her job.

So – as a result of many frightening personal experiences, I can state bluntly, that semi-automatic firearms are an absolutely essential defensive “equalizer” when honest citizens are suddenly caught alone by physically and numerically superior criminal elements.

(Furthermore – as a result of the government's stupid, politically-correct policies – those criminal elements are now steadily increasing, in numbers, and boldness, and craziness.)

Now I want to discuss the deeper background of this whole mess.

In the historic “watershed” national election of 1964, the United States voters rejected the principles of America's Founding Fathers; instead, by a 2-1 margin, they embraced the Roman-style, welfare state policies (the grandiosely-named “Great Society”) proposed by America's Democratic Party.

Some of my older friends at that time were appalled by that huge political shift.

They predicted that America's Democratic Party would develop an insatiable lust for power and tax money; that the government would grow relentlessly in size and power, until a police state was created; and that (due to national immorality and corrupt governmental mismanagement) the United States would ultimately decay and fall like ancient Rome.

One of the women in the group even went so far as to predict that someday the government might start sentencing American patriots to prison or concentration camps, simply

for the “crime” of remaining loyal to the U.S. Constitution and the principles of America’s Founding Fathers.

At the time I privately thought that those warnings were a bit far-fetched: but since they were so specific and emphatic, I have remembered them ever since.

And in the fifty-seven years since that time, those predictions have proved sickeningly accurate.

In order to get themselves elected and re-elected, America’s Democrats/Socialists have to constantly promise more and more government handouts (benefits? bribes? giveaways? whatever) to the voters.

And the Democrats themselves are always hungry for more regulatory power.

So – the public burden of taxation and regulation gets relentlessly heavier.

For many decades the Democrats have promised, that as taxation and regulation and government spending increased, conditions would become wonderfully nice, and America’s citizens would be happier and happier.

However, that hasn’t happened – quite the opposite, instead.

But at no point – to repeat, AT NO POINT – have the Democrats ever said, “Hooray – we have reached our promised utopia; we have achieved our national nirvana; it is enough; we are content. From this time onward, we will impose no new taxes or regulations”.

But, no: they are never satisfied.

And so the situation just gets worse and worse: the more taxes and regulations the Democrats get, the more they always demand.

It is now easy to foresee that this process will end in a police state – exactly as those old conservatives predicted to me, back in 1964.

America’s government officials will of course promise that this will never happen.

But the American government, even at its highest levels, has repeatedly lied to the American people.

When the federal income tax was first proposed, the politicians promised that it would never be greater than a small percentage of anyone’s income.

When the Social Security system was created, the government promised that its numbers would be kept strictly secret, and used for “social security and tax purposes only – not for identification”.

But today that Social Security system has been expanded into a giant national database – one that is far more powerful and pervasive than any roster ever kept by Hitler’s Gestapo.

When “Obamacare” was first advocated, President Obama promised that “under Obamacare, you can keep your own private health plan and your personal physician”. But that also was a lie.

Now the politicians are promising the American people that “If you allow us to disarm you with anti-gun laws, we will never turn America into a police state”.

Baloney. We are already well on the way to a police state, with all these “executive order lockdowns” that bankrupt honest businessmen, and cause millions of workers to lose their jobs, and which have prevented most of America’s kids from learning in school, for almost a full year now.

And furthermore, history has a nasty habit of repeating itself.

The ultimate bankruptcy of the federal government, and the ensuing collapse of the U.S. national economy, are now both inevitable and unavoidable, due to the federal government’s vast, relentlessly increasing, totally unpayable, twenty-seven trillion dollar national debt.

When those events occur (and they most assuredly will) the resulting national chaos, with its wild breakdown in law and order, will make the 1929-1936 Great Depression look like a quiet Sunday school picnic

Adolf Hitler’s National Socialist Party (the infamously-nicknamed “nazis”) rose to power in Germany under identical circumstances, during the chaos that followed the bankruptcy and collapse of the Weimar Republic: and America’s socialists, who already comprise some 20% - 40% of America’s population, are ready, willing, and eager for this coming opportunity to issue the “national emergency orders” that will establish an American Fourth Reich.

Now I want to summarize this testimony about Hawaii Senate Bill No. 301.

If this bill is enacted into law, it will be a deliberate, direct, and brazenly flagrant violation of the U.S. Constitution’s Second Amendment.

And if I then refuse to obey this police-state ordinance, I don’t know how the resulting mess will turn out.

Maybe I will die in a prison, or a concentration camp, or a blazing gunfight.

Or maybe my resistance will spark a national uprising, by patriots who want to protect the Constitution from destruction by an eco-nazi police state.

I fervently pray that this situation doesn't end in gunfire and bloodshed – I would infinitely prefer to spend my last years peacefully growing endangered species in my wildlife reserve.

But none of this seems important now, compared to my civic duty to resist this “progressive” creation of a national socialist police state.

Freedom isn't free – it sometimes has to be defended with blood and loss of life.

I once took an oath (in the U.S. Army) to defend the U.S. Constitution “against all enemies, foreign and domestic”.

I also have a moral obligation to honor and uphold the principles of America's Founding Fathers.

And I don't want to betray the trust of the men who gave their lives for our liberty, in places like Lexington, Bunker Hill, Valley Forge, The Alamo, and a thousand other American fights for freedom.

I can't just carelessly throw away those rights that they paid for with their blood and lives.

So – even if you Hawaii state legislators despise and spit at those principles, in your cunningly rationalized creation of a police state...I won't.

And when the history of our times is written, I hope that historians will say, that one American at least, was willing to stand, in defense of America's constitutional rights and freedoms, against the advocates of this evolving socialist Fourth Reich police state.

To repeat, I totally reject your Hawaii Senate Bill No. 301: it is nothing more than a brazen attempt to circumvent and destroy the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment, and to leave American citizens defenseless, against criminals, terrorists, rampaging mobs, and this developing Fourth Reich governmental monster.

If this bill is enacted into law, there is a very strong chance that I will try to quietly and peacefully ignore it – if there is to be a fight, the “sieg heil” people will have to force it on me.

Respectfully but firmly submitted

Keith Robinson

Cc: National Rifle Association  
Gun Owners of America  
Hawaii Firearms Coalition  
Fox News

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:16:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julia M. Yano	Testifying for Aloha Freedom Coalition	Oppose	No

Comments:

Committee Chair Senator Rhoads and Members,

RE - OPPOSE SB301

- **N COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

I'm urging you to OPPOSE SB301.

Thank you for taking my viewpoint into consideration.

May wisdom guide your decision.

Respectfully,

Julia Yano

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 11:12:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Martha Kiyabu	Testifying for YOUNG GUNS	Oppose	No

Comments:

Judiciary Committee

Senator Rhoads - Chair

Dear Sir,

I am strongly opposed to SB301 Banning so called assault rifles/shotguns and magazines over 10 rounds. Senator Rhoads you are labeling them as "Assault Firearms" but in reality they are firearms that make up a majority of our long arm sales. It seems redundant that every year we have to go through this fight to kill this proposed bill. No matter how many testimonies we have to submit your mission to resubmit this bill is absurd. Many of our law makers have NO knowledge and experience in firearms. How can you make sound decisions on something you have no knowledge on? So this is my proposal. Anyone Senator/Legislator currently serving who would like to be educated and take a handgun safety class we at Young Guns will sponsor you. Or I challenge you to take a drive to Kokohead Shooting Complex on a weekend and ask your constituents at the range about the bills that are being proposed and ask them how it will affect them. You will be surprised to see what, who, and how your actions at the capitol will have on everyones lives who owns a legal firearm/s. There is a good chance you might see your relative, friend, neighbor or co-worker there. Hawaii has more guns per capita but we have one of the lowest crimes in the nation. The guns you want to ban are owned by hundred of thousands owners here. Do not turn us into felons by passing this bill SB301. Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,

Martha Kiyabu

Young Guns - Vice President

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 11:32:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dale Hayama	Testifying for Young Guns	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Senators of the Judiciary Committee:

I am one of the proprietors of a local Gun Shop, Young Guns and I would like go on record as being Strongly Opposed to Senate Bill SB301.

SB301 proposes to ban "Assault Weapons", but what it actually proposes to ban is most of the firearms that we have sold over the last quarter century and by far most of our current longarm sales. If I could make an inference to automobiles, it would be like banning all vehicles with automatic transmissions and air conditioning, because they consume more fuel and someone doesn't like them. The author hates firearms and firearms owners so much so, that he is trying turn most firearms owners here in Hawaii into criminals with a slash of the pen. If you went to the Kokohead Shooting Complex, you would see that more than 90% of the firearms being used there would be described in this Bill. Senator Rhoads calls these firearms "Assault Weapons", we call them "Home Defense Firearms", "Hunting Firearms" and "Sporting Firearms".

Ask Mayor Derek Kawakami, who regularly hunts with the firearms and magazines that this Bill proposes to ban. Ask Senator Kurt Fevella who can speak from hands on experience, (which most of you should try to acquire before passing this Bill). Senator Fevella will testify that magazines of capacity more than ten rounds ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY to protect his family and himself; Especially when nowadays, when there are usually more than one assailant or armed intruder coming to harm your family. In addition, the Ninth Circuit Court has already deemed that a ban on high-capacity magazines is Unconstitutional. Most crimes nowadays are committed by at least two to four criminals. Just the other day, a senior couple was hit from the back, robbed, car-jacked and hurt by multiple ARMED robbers. They stole their van, all of their jewelry which they had intended to sell at the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet and put the female in the hospital after running her over with their own vehicle. The bad guys had guns and got away with it, but if that senior couple had legal firearms with them to protect themselves, guess who would have been arrested? Please stop punishing the law-abiding citizens and go after the criminals.

This Bill will only affect and hurt law-abiding firearms owners and their families. Many of these firearms and the firearms in SB307 have value and are investments for many of



these owners. To not be able to pass them on or down to their family members, is just wrong. The Bill basically says that once the owner of the firearm dies the family is on their own. Many of these families can only afford one firearm to protect themselves; And that firearm, for many of them, are listed in this Bill.

The firearms and magazines that are being proposed to banned under this Bill is totally misunderstood and misrepresented. Banning them would just turn many law abiding citizens into criminals and give the actual criminals what they want, the upper hand, again!

Please kill this bill.

Sincerely,

Dale Hayama

President

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:23:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robin Hart	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of SB 301, establishing a ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

I care about this issue because I feel it's important to do all we can to prevent and/or stop the proliferation of these murder machines in our state. Assault weapons are not necessary to defend one's home or to go hunting for pigs. Period. Why haven't we already passed legislation on this account? Assault pistols are illegal and so also should be assault rifles with magazines of morwe than ten roundds of ammuntion.

Hawaii prides itself on having strict gun laws to help protect our community. Yet, Hawaii is the only state in the nation to have an assault weapons ban that fails to include assault rifles/shotguns and large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds) for those weapons.

Thank you.

Sinceely, Robin Hart

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 2:55:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This law, if passed, will be overturned in the Judicial system, at cost to Hawaii taxpayers, as ban such as this bill proposes have already been determined to be unconstitutional by the US Supreme Court. It will be an expensive gesture with little or no public benefit, and not stop criminals from committing armed crime, since they do not favor these firearms.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 4:53:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brendan Ajolo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

this is totally unreal. use the laws we have currently to punish criminals, not make law abiding citizens into criminals I oppose this bill

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 6:17:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephen Kornegay	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Aloha, I strongly oppose SB301. It violates the 2nd amendment of the Bill of Rights by infringing on the right of law abiding citizens to own firearms that are in common use for both self defense and sporting purposes. Semi automatic firearms have been in common use for more than 80 years, and the Justice Department has previously reported that rifles and shotguns of all types, are used in less than 3% of all crimes. Further, the list of features that qualifies any semi automatic as an "assault rifle/shotgun" is arbitrary and will result in many older collectible and historic arms being made illegal. Lastly, by failing to provide a "grandfather" provision to this bill, law abiding Hawaii gun owners who complied with all applicable state law when they purchased and registered their firearms, and who stored and used them legally and responsibly for many years, will be required to relinquish there expensive personal property or risk becoming a criminal virtually overnight! Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 7:01:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Lau	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I oppose this bill as written. It is simply a bill that is unconstitutional. The term "assault weapon" can be labeled to any object. A knife, a shovel, a hammer, a needle, a vehicle, or a pen can not be deemed safe by simply banning them. Laws need to follow the constitution. This bill does not follow or abide by the constitution. I strongly oppose.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 8:52:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bradd Haituka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this attack on my second ammendment rights. The supreme court of the United States as well as the Ninth Circuit Court have ruled on these matters. Standard capacity magazines (magazines that hold more than ten rounds) are legally allowed to be possessed. Assault is an action and is not a legal term to be applied to firearms. These proposed bills violate the second ammendment of the constitution and therefore cannot be legally passed into state law.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 9:08:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

oppose



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 9:42:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Adam Lipka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION.**

This legislation is deeply flawed and if passed would violate the US Constitution. It basically is labeling all semi-automatic firearms as assault weapons due only to cosmetic features on the weapons that make them no more deadly than any other firearms. Hawaii already prohibits open carrying of any firearms and none of the Counties have approved conceal carry permits in decades. Many of the firearms this bill wishes to label as assault weapons and prohibit from ownership are commonly owned and used for self protection, sporting, and other lawful purposes throughout the nation by millions of law abiding Americans. As such this would not stand the litmus test created by the ruling of Heller v. District of Columbia and would be struck down by the courts as an unconstitutional law. Passing this bill would not only violate the US Constitution but it would waste to much of the Hawaii taxpayer dollars with litigation after its passage. I urge you to listen to your constituents and not pass this bill.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 9:47:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael J Rush	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is no need for future firearms laws. The citizens need to protect themselves!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 10:01:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jordan dinong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear senators,

I strongly oppose this bill as it infringes on our 2nd amendment rights.

thank you

I am writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill.

This so called 'Assault Weapons Ban' will be nearly every semi automatic rifle on the market currently by going after vague features that do nothing to affect the 'deadliness' or lethality of a firearm and needs to be tossed in the rubbish. Criminals rarely if ever use long guns, much less 'Assault Rifles' in their crimes because they are difficult to conceal, more expensive to acquire over an illegal handgun, and draw a lot of attention. This law would turn many otherwise law abiding citizens into criminals because of 'features'.

- I would point specifically to "A shroud that is attached to or partially or completely encircles the barrel and permits the shooter to hold the firearm with the second hand without being burned", EVERY firearm has this feature, it's called the STOCK. A gunbarrel gets hot after ONE shot is fired. This would even include banning popular Sporting and hunting rifles like the Ruger 10/22, (Picture below, for Reference) a rifle that is so popular and handy it is usually the first rifle many Americans own (myself included) and is even considered a 'youth rifle' despite shooters of all ages enjoying it.



Yep, a very dangerous 'Assault rifle' with that 'barrel shroud'.

- Flash Suppressors are very common on modern rifles, and companies that don't have them stock on a rifle will offer threading for an owner to attach their own or a suppressor (which is currently illegal in Hawaii and heavily regulated at the Federal level).
- I would point to another banned 'feature' on the list, and that would be grenade launchers. There are extremely rare circumstances in which an American can buy a grenade, much less one that can be fired from a rifle. I myself have a rifle with a fixed grenade launcher on it (which Ironically would not be affected by this ban despite having a grenade launcher, barrel shroud, 'muzzle device' AND bayonet. Picture below for reference).



It is a rifle that's over 60 years old at this point and the country that produced it does not exist any longer, much less is anyone producing grenades for it. That ridged thing at the end of the barrel in the picture is the grenade launcher. It is made to fit something called a 'Rifle Grenade', which goes over the barrel and is launched when the rifle is fired., usually with a blank cartridge.

- The ban on magazines over 10 rounds (which is the STANDARD capacity for many rifles and handguns) is also unconstitutional and unenforceable. I would dare say there are at least a hundred thousand such magazines currently in the state. California has already had their ban on 'high capacity' magazines overturned once, with the appeal more than likely to be overturned as well, and there are lawsuits against Hawaii's ban on handgun magazines as well that's waiting for the outcome of the same case.
- I would also point out with the AR15 in particular, it's magazine can be used for various chamberings, including many rounds designed for hunting purposes to work with the AR15. Two Examples I know of are .450 Bushmaster and .50 Beowulf, which are both large, dangerous game calibers. Standard 30 round AR magazines are often used for these, but their capacity is limited to 10 rounds due to the size of the round, even magazines made specifically for these rounds can properly hold and chamber smaller AR15 cartridges in excess of 10 rounds.

This bill is unconstitutional and is already being challenged in several states and at the federal level. There is already a case being heard at the 9th Circuit (that would affect Hawaii) that is favored to have similar laws and wording of laws overturned, as well as a lawsuit seeking to overturn the handgun magazine ban. This bill will do nothing to increase safety and will be fought against HARD.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 3:00:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cody Cook	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Cody and this bill goes against everything the constitution says and stands for and I did not fight for this country and spend 11 years of my life in the army and fight for our rights to have them taken away by some man that thinks guns are scary or one type of weapons are scary due to total ignorance in the fact of knowing about weapons. This bill if passed would be a violation of your oath to office and to people you serve in Hawaii and if you want to keep your jobs you should not let this pass.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:59:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jack Behrens	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I have been a police officer for a number of years, both on the mainland and here in the State of Hawaii. I can speak from the experience both as a LEO but also as a former Maryland resident that assault weapons bans and regulations on magazine capacity quite simply do not do anything to prevent violence (we must be honest with ourselves- "gun violence" is simply a political term du jour created to justify the pursuit of particular ends). These laws would not prevent mass attacks, nor would they have saved the brave officers of HPD who were killed last year. Similar laws were passed in MD in 2013; the murder rate in Baltimore was not slowed, rather it soared. In addition, the inclusion of terms such as "shotgun with revolving cylinder" indicate that the drafters of this Bill have little to no understanding of firearms, as those types of firearms are exceedingly rare in the US to begin with. This bill serves no purpose but to restrict rights and endanger citizens for political "feel good" points, and I implore you to reject it. I have seen its inefficacy in my old home, and I have seen the discontent among the population that it caused. A rational mind would see this historical precedent and understand what they must do.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:16:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
brent	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:54:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff Ball	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This Bill is political grandstanding at it's worst. Please do not pass it.

It is a Bill with no need, that does not affect public safety nor crime in any measureable way.

it is based on arbitrary criteria meant to invoke emotion and not based in any facts.

Grenade launcher ? Really ? Aren't grenades already illegal ?

it is a Bill which bans the most popular firearm in the State only from the Law Abiding Citizens of the State.

criminals who do not care about the law will not care about the law.

why continue to further punish and restrict law abiding citizens?

Please enforce the current laws before adding new ones.

Read the preamble to the Bill. We are one of the safest States with strong gun laws on the books and very low levels of gun violence. Least of all from these so-called "assault weapons" based on an arbitrary definition.

stop weak enforcement of the laws on the books, like felon's in possession of firearms. Check how many crimes are committed by persons banned from owning firearms who were released with light sentences or minimal jail time.

Enforce what is on the books. Don't just keep piling new infringements of Second Amendment Rights on the law abiding citizen. It makes no sense.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:10:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elijah Presiados	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

With no grandfathering, that's officially taking private property.

With cases of home invasions involving multiple suspects, 10 round magazines is not enough.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:15:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shawnie Campbell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:29:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judy Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I own many of these rifles and I obtained them legally and now you are making them illegal. This is not right and I should be able to pass them on to my son or daughter. Please do not support this bill.

Thank you, Judy Goo

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:32:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert McCarthy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a useless bill in the trend of "metoo" mainland hysteria about non-existent problems in Hawaii? Why does this bill really exist? There is no demonstrated need, only the anti-Second Amendment fervor of a few Hawaii politicians.

Criminalizing the hobbies and pastimes of citizens is actually a form of harassment of those that do not share the political beliefs of the bill authors..

Get rid of this bill attempting to criminalize possession legal under the Constitution. It solves nothing other than serving a political agenda, against the wishes of the citizens that want to exercise their rights.

There are plenty of things here that need addressing, such as the homeless epidemic and making sure the state is prepared for long term lack of supply shipment from off-islands.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 10:50:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Raynel Leo Espiritu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a tyrannical movement. This is basically banning all the firearms that can provide protection for my family and country from criminals and tyrannical government. I am a father of 2 young children, never commit any crime or arrested in my life. Criminals will be criminal and they wont follow law and only fellow law abiding citizen will greatly affected. I will follow this law if ever will pass and this will put my family in danger or no protection here at home. Please think of what your going to pass and affect the life of law abiding citizen.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:13:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jerry Ilo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose!!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:43:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Manuel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm concern that if your banning semi auto firearms I can't stand on my ground to protect my family when in danger. As a law abiding citizen I'm scared that I won't be able to protect them if your gonna take that away from me. I am a father of a 3 year old girl, live with her mom and we just got our first own home and having a firearm at home makes me feel safe because I know that I can use it as self defense. Criminals will always be Criminals! So please support our second amendment and let us have the right to bear arm. I'm pretty sure you would do anything to protect your family also. Thank you for your time. Aloha!



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:49:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Tillotson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in strong support of SB 301, establishing a ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

At the age of ten, I was shot in the face by a friend with an air rifle who “didn’t know it was loaded.” I came within a quarter inch of losing an eye or being killed. With this personal knowledge of how much damage an air rifle can do, I am appalled at the ability of virtually anyone in Hawaii being able to buy or possess weapons that can kill dozens of people in seconds.

Hawaii prides itself on having strict gun laws to help protect our community. Yet, Hawaii is the only state in the nation to have an assault weapons ban that fails to include assault rifles/shotguns and large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds) for those weapons.

We have banned assault pistols and large capacity magazines (LCMs) for pistols for many years, but our law fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and LCMs for those weapons, allowing these dangerous weapons to proliferate. This becomes more dangerous every year, with the number of assault weapons and LCMs being purchased here.

The 1994 federal Assault Weapons Ban prohibited assault weapons and LCMs and resulted in fewer mass shootings, but the law expired and Congress has failed to re-enact it. Hawai’i can and should close the loopholes in our own assault weapons ban to fill this void.

Assault weapons and LCMs are uniquely designed to be capable of mass violence. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense.

The rate of public mass shootings has tripled since 2011. The US now has more mass shootings each year than there are days in the year. Hawai’i has not been immune. We should do our best to prevent another mass shooting here.

The sooner assault weapons and large capacity magazines are banned, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of these dangerous weapons in Hawai'i.

Thank you for considering my testimony and mahalo for your service.

Richard Tillotson

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:53:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
colby sakumoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301for the following reasons:

1. This bill seeks to strip away the rights of the citizens of Hawaii to defend themselves with commonly owned semi-automatic firearms.
2. Should this bill pass and become law, it will be impossible to enforce due the quantity of semi-automatic rifles and shotguns with detachable magazines, and standard capacity magazines (magazines that hold more than 10 rounds) already possessed by the citizens of Hawaii. This bill also has no grandfather clause, this would result in the criminalization of thousands of Hawaii citizens who already possess these items.
3. This bill would make it illegal to travel to Hawaii with commonly owned semi-automatic firearms. Many of the firearms this bill seeks to ban are used in shooting competitions and hunting, if it is illegal to bring these firearms into Hawaii; hunters/sportsmen who travel to Hawaii for hunting and shooting competitions will be less likely to do so because of the restrictions placed on the firearms they can bring.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 12:22:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Jeffcost	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha this bill will hurt a lot of people and is a violation of the 2nd amendment ,Hawaii has the strictest gun laws in the U.S. and many people have assault weapons for competition as well as piece of mind for home defense,hunting.during these trying times this bill will hurt many gun owners financially as we have invested in these tools for survival ,I hunt with my assault rifles for over 17 years and feel safe knowing that I have the means to protect my loved ones and put food on table ,if the pandemic gets worse economy collapses this tool will be essential for survival,and safety!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 12:50:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Linda Castro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

OPPOSE. This bill will further limit my firearms and self defense rights.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 1:14:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elizabeth Kellam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB301

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 1:17:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jon DS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because infringing on our 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 2:11:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sheldon Miyakado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 2:12:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Davis Nguyen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, as a private citizen, I strongly oppose this bill. Semiautomatic rifles and standard 30 round magazines are not oftenly used in crimes. This bill would be a waste of resources and funding.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 3:10:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Josh S.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. This bill serves no other purpose than to criminalize legal gun owning citizens in Hawaii even further than they already have been. With our already extremely low firearm crime rate in Hawaii, we don't need to make it any more restrictive. That would only further expand on the massive infringements this state currently makes on the firearm community. Please vote no on this bill

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 3:13:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Carvalho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose Bill SB301. It violates our 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 3:41:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keith Nakanishi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB 301 as an infringement on my 2nd amendment rights as a law abiding citizen.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 3:41:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Blaine Stuart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. I own products that this bill seeks to ban, and I will challenge it as a illegal taking and constitutional violation if it passes.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 4:02:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Curtis cockett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as I feel it infringes on my rights as an American citizen

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 4:19:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tom Galli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this legislation.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 4:40:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bryston Tanigawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law abiding gun owner I oppose any and all gun laws that restrict my ability to exercise my rights. "Assault Rifles" are defined as a rifle with select fire capability, my ar15 is semiautomatic yet would be banned under this bill. Respect the 2nd amendment and end this assault on our liberties.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 4:46:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Meacham	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Senate Bill 301

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

Defines "assault rifle" and "assault shotgun". Expands the ban on pistols with a detachable magazine with over ten round capacity to any firearm with a detachable magazine with over ten round capacity. Prohibits anyone from bringing or causing to be brought into the State an assault rifle or assault shotgun. Prohibits the sale or transfer of any assault rifle or assault shotgun in the State, unless sold or transferred to an authorized person.

I as a United States citizen and resident of Hawaii enthusiastically **oppose** the implementation of senate bill 301 to impose even more restrictions on law abiding citizens' rights and privileges to procure, maintain and use detachable magazine capable of holding over ten rounds in any firearm.

I am unable to find any logic from those that proposed this change or what its desire is to a result in some form or safety or prevention to the community as a whole.

I often think those that come up with these proposals have no clue or have ever owned, operated or discharged a firearm and are simply reacting to ignorance of others or their own cries to take action that will have no positive effect on the desired outcome.

From what I can gather there is some mythical intent that the hundreds of thousands of 10 plus magazines in Hawaii currently in the hands of its civilians are somehow going to be used to slaughter the innocent. Yes, there may be some lost soul on our islands that obtains a firearm legally or illegally (most likely) and uses a firearm that has many implementations to do harm to innocents. 10 round magazine or not.

Imposing this mandate will not stop this POTENTIAL tragedy just like the illegalization of drugs that still run rampant on our Hawaii islands. Making thousands of individuals criminals by implanting this archaic mandate does just that. Makes law abiding citizens criminals and not stopping those that are criminals.

Anyone who practices changing of a magazine can effectively replace one in less than a few seconds. There are few out there can even change a revolver (usually six rounds) in a blink of an eye. The point being that punishing and criminalizing the average civilian will NOT stop those lost souls that need much more than a restriction on a magazine. Go after that not us law abiding citizens that would take that individual down if we could carry a concealed weapon like most of the free American states.

The ability to give one who may not train as much as others the capability to dispense more than 10 rounds in a single magazine engaged in a hostile situation is much more likely than a possible lost soul decimating a group of innocent. If you have ever had to continuously load a 10 round magazine for target shooting you would again appreciate the larger capacity.

At least its being called a magazine in this proposal vice a clip so some effort was put into this action but not much in the big picture.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 4:50:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rikki Kaia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My written testimony regarding SB 301, is in opposition of. I believe this bill would directly affect my ability to protect myself and my family, in the worst way. I am a mother of 2, with a husband that works long hours at different times of day and nights, including weekends. I am the sole protector of my home, children and possessions. I live in Hawaii that already has many of the strictest gun laws already greatly restricting my ability to protect myself optimally outside of my home, making me an easy target for any man weighing more than 100 lbs with marginal arm strength. With this bill I am restricted even further with the tools I can legally use to protect myself in my own home. I don't have the arm strength for a pump shotgun, and/or the speed and accuracy needed for a manual rifle. When seconds matter and could mean the difference between being another victim or protecting ones self and loved ones this bill is that important to oppose. I do everything in my power currently to make sure I train, and am safe, and follow all the current laws. My only goal is to prevent the unthinkable and to protect my children. I am interceding on the behalf of all those mamas that are just trying to lawfully not be a vicitm. I know people in my neighborhood who have been victimized, people at the grocery store who who have been attacked, and lots of moms/grandmas that are home alone without a male protector. Home defense tools like semiautomatic rifles and shotguns are our equalizer for predators bent on doing harm. they allow us to keep important distance away from our attackers. They keep my children safe. Please do not strip away my ability to protect what is mine with the best tools available to me.

I appreciate your time and respect the power you hold.

Mahalo,

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 5:41:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Kanja	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to the lack of debate that the public is given. Instead of doing these types of bans, why can't the government go after criminals vs law abiding citizens. Banning such things are not a solution to the violence we have on the streets. Every year these types of bills are going against our rights and it divides the people. Whoever is writing these bills should have a conversation with people willing to give advice that are pro 2a.

Put focus on the homeless and poverty of the people.

Criminals will not obey these bills.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 6:20:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Antonio Sanchez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

as most gun owners know, standard capacity magazines and guns are tools. When put in the right hands, they can be used to save lives and protect personal property.

Consequently, our goal as a society shouldn't be taking these tools away from law-abiding citizens. Our goal as a society should be keeping these tools from falling into the wrong hands. As it's been said before, if we continue along this path of outlawing guns and so-called large-capacity magazines, well, then only outlaws will have 'em.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 6:31:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Raymund Bragado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I'm a retired Service member with 2 tours to Iraq. I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution. Our 2nd Amendment is under attack by this SB301 "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Please support and defend the Constitution and do not infringe on our Constitutional right.

Mahalo,

Raymund Bragado

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 6:32:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Quentin Kealoha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

This is yet another attempt by Representative Karl Rhodes to erode the constitutional freedoms of law abiding citizens here in Hawai'i. If this piece of legislation passes, it will most certainly result in legal challenges that will eventually be heard at the supreme court, which will cost tax payers millions of dollars for a personal vendetta Ms. Rhodes has against constitutional rights he does not agree with.

Due to its potential to infringe upon the constitutional rights and freedoms of all US citizens of Hawai'i, as well as the millions of taxpayer dollars that would be utilized to defend future higher court challenges, I OPPOSE this piece of legislation.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 6:34:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sean Langley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors). Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, I know from many other examples across the country and historically across the world that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 6:59:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andy Berky	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it an infringement on 2nd amendment rights guaranteed under the US Constitution. I am and have always been a law abiding citizen. I am a retired combat veteran and C&C employee. The legislature has much bigger fish to fry than wasting its time on bills which are in conflict with 2A rights.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:06:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Glennon T. Gingo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Sen Rhoades and members of the Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing to express my concerns regarding SB301 and that my position is in strong Opposition to this bill.

The idea that a single type of firearm be implicated as a tool for criminals and that all law abiding citizens that own an AR Rifle are to give up their possession of such firearm is both absurd and unconstitutional. The taking of property without any due process and with the sole discretion of the State to seize property is against everything our Nation stands for. The fact that you are asking to restrict other rifles and shotguns in addition and solely base the restrictions on features and attributes of the AR rifle, goes beyond any reasonable consideration.

Please remove this bill from consideration and allow law abiding gun owners to enjoy their second amendment constitutional right in the same way that we enjoy the rights afforded us by the entire Constitution. Aloha and with best wishes.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:16:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William Lono	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly **oppose** bill **SB301**. This bill **bans ALL semi-automatic rifles** with detachable magazine and **bans ALL magazines** that holds more than 10 rounds.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:34:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William George	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States 2008 Heller Decision. Likewise magazines that hold over 10 rounds of ammunition are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. Awaiting Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:39:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The firearms and magazines affected by this bill are common in the State of Hawaii and across the U.S.A. Preventing the sale or transfer of these firearms amounts to confiscation at a later date.

As a law-abiding U.S. citizen and resident of the State of Hawaii, I believe there are adequate federal and state laws to effectively deal with the unlawful possession and use of firearms by any perpetrator.

I support legislation that mandates a consistent, swift and appropriate penalty for any illegal possession or use of a firearm.

I do not support any effort or legislation that infringes upon the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:46:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Fuchikami	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm strongly opposing SB301 because you're redefining what an "assault rifle" is. Just because you define a white car as "black" in legislation does NOT make it a black car; it's still white. Whoever drafted this bill obviously is ignorant about firearms and probably hasn't studied or even handled one. This bill seems to be the 1st step in banning ALL SEMI-AUTO firearms, period! This is so wrong as you're leaving us lawful citizens as powerless victims against criminals in our community.

The magazine limit of 10 rounds also overrides the industry's common capacity magazines for AR-style carbines, which is 30. If you insist on doing a 10 round limit, you MUST INCLUDE law enforcement like HPD to also be subject to the SAME regulations as the law-abiding citizens do. I don't have to remind you that many HPD officers have committed crimes and kicked off the police force. They are no less immune to the propensity of committing a crime as any other human. To let them run around with 13, 15, 17 round magazines in their handguns is so wrong. The question you always ask civilians is "why do you need so many rounds"; well, I can say the same about LEOs. Or perhaps they need a lot of rounds because they're unskilled in their shooting performance, unlike many of us who train regularly and better shots than the officers are.

There needs to be NO EXEMPTIONS for anyone, including police, if you incorporate these bans. If we can't have more than 10 rounds, neither should they. If we can't own semi-auto ARs, they shouldn't either.

There is no logical reason for any of these anti-gun bills. You claim that Hawaii has the LOWEST firearm-related crimes because of Hawaii's strict gun laws. I DISAGREE! The reason for Hawaii's low crime rate (firearm-related or NOT) is because of the people! It's not your laws, it's our culture and the way we were brought up. We were taught right from wrong, respect of others, etc. Sure, there are those who don't follow this, and it's mostly those who are intent on committing crimes (have no conscience) or those from the mainland who grew up without "aloha" in their upbringing.

Don't punish us local law-abiding gun owners. More people have been injured or killed by knives than firearms (definitely not killed by semi-auto rifles much) so perhaps you should look to registering knives of all kinds and banning even your kitchen knives!

If you have ANY common sense at all (the kind we "baby boomers" have) you will not support this bill. Aloha & God Bless!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:09:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kawika	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose bill SB301 because it is written to harm all gun owners. The right to own an assault rifle, shotgun, pistols with magazines with over ten rounds of capacity should not effect the laws of Hawaii. People actually hunt pig with assault rifles and shotguns, in fact, assault rifles, handguns, shotguns, and rifles are important in selfdefense. I have seen the news and when the news mentions home invasions there're always more than 2 or 3 criminals involved, to think that we don't need 10 rounds or more is shocking why do you think the police's firearms can hold 15? Because it is necessary. The people who write this silly bills have never been a self-defense situation. I have been in a home invasion when I was a kid so I know first hand at what it is like and what is needed in these situations. I would also like to suggest that the people who attempt to write these foolish bills picture themselves in a situation such as a home invasion and imagine what the home invaders would do to their beautiful wife or daughters if it was to happen to them, believe me it can happen.

Inclosing, I would like to thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,

Kawika



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:30:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Matsumoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi,

I strongly oppose SB301 which would ban "assault" rifles and "high" capacity magazines. SB301 will prevent law abiding citizens from obtaining modern sporting rifles (correct term) and standard capacity magazines (correct term). This bill only penalizes law abiding citizens like myself because criminals do not and will not follow this law if it's passed. The only people affected are law abiding citizens like myself and future generations like my kids who will no longer be able to legally purchase a modern sporting rifle and standard capacity magazines. Please consider other jurisdictions that have similar bans and how ineffective the laws are because criminals do not follow laws.

Thank you,

Ryan

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:48:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ramiro Noguero	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose because:

**IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

**PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

**MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

**THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:09:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nolan Suzuki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello, I am writing this testimony in my opposition to SB301. We in Hawaii are already extremely limited in our means to defend ourselves compared to other states and criminals know this. During these haHellord times people are becoming more and more desperate thus sadly resulting in more violent crimes. Criminals do not play by the rules and already go against the current laws in place. Putting more restrictions and laws that effect already law abiding citizens do nothing but put us in more of an unfair advantage to those that wish to do us and our loved ones harm.

When you are put in a situation that you may need to defend yourself or your family, never is it done by just one person. 10 rounds has been shown to not be enough to be able to stop multiple assailants from doing harm to you and your family especially if in a state of high stress. The ninth circuit Court already deemed that this is unconstitutional but it is still being pushed here in Hawaii.

Thank you for your time.

Nolan Suzuki.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:10:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donald Correia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this unconstitutional bill

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:17:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lionel Delos Santos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear legislature, i strongly oppose this bill because it will not stop crime and crimmal from getting them , hurting gun owners more then crimmals that can get easy on blackmarkets like firework , and cant inforce.

thank you

lionel

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:20:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gian Vicuna	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a resident of this state and a citizen of the United States of America, I strongly oppose this bill.

This bill does not serve the interest of law abiding citizens.

To believe that magazine bans, "assault rifle" bans will stop criminals in there tracks is nothing short of delusional. This will only disarm the law abiding citizen and is a violation of the 2nd amendment.

Mahalo

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:35:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gregory Michael Shiwota	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

- **IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:46:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Kikukawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- **IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?
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- **THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.



**SB-301**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erica Filler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 10:28:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
christy gusman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because firearms affected by this legislation are commonly used by "we the people" and is protected under the SCOTUS 2008 HELLER Decision. Portions of this bill are illegal. Pending law suits on 10 round magazines are currently in the 9th circuit court. Legislators should be attempting to spend taxpayer time and money on helping us rebuild our economy and helping those who need assistance recovering from the covid-19 pandemic.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 10:39:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Crystian Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Allow me to lead off with how incredibly privileged I am to live in the gorgeous state of Hawai'i. I've never seen a state more beautiful, nor more in tune with being one large family. However that being said I do not understand why you would introduce a bill such as this. One that further punishes you constituents for exercising a right as basic and important as any other on the bill of rights. The second amendment on said Bill clearly states that it shall not be infringed. However we as a people, have allowed some form of control over certain firearms to ascertain some form of "protection" from those who would seek to abuse and use these rights to bring others to harm. However lawmakers see it as an opportunity to continue to take and take without opposition in the name of "public safety". The change you seek in society will not come by further restricting your law abiding citizens. Furthermore, at a time of great economic disaster, this bill would all but destroy the businesses that make the sale of firearms their primary revenue.

I oppose this bill due to the fact that the majority of features you have listed to encompass "assault rifles", are found on every single semi automatic rifle today. Things such as Flash suppressors and threaded barrels are only there to allow for user comfort. The same as changing shocks in a car to make it more comfortable. Gun owners swap out these parts and pieces to make them more pleasant to shoot, more accurate, or just to make them their own. People have been lead for years to believe that these things make weapons evil or more dangerous. This is as far from the truth as you can get and it astounds me that in this day and age of information, people do not do this research themselves and enhance their own knowledge. If you are one of the people who would reply to this statement with "Guns don't interest me and I have never wanted one." What business do you have in creating a law and enacting it upon the individuals who do want to own one and make a hobby or job of firing weapons professionally? I have seen more and more, that people who hold no knowledge of firearms want to continue to restrict them, from the people that do.

At a time such now, in the middle of a pandemic that has caused an economic disaster none in our generation has seen, why are you focused on further restricting gun rights instead of helping to relieve the burden on all of your small businesses that have suffered through this past year? I implore you all, do not pass SB301, do not continue to trample on the rights of your people who have already suffered and continue to do so until this pandemic has ended.



I'm in vehement opposition to SB 301 as it will create a whole new class of felons out of law abiding citizens overnight on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

According to the BATFE, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, the Federal regulatory agency that oversees firearms, an assault rifle is a gun that fires more than one round each time the trigger is pulled; a machinegun.

**Machine gun.** Any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.  
<https://regulations.atf.gov/479-11/2019-06264#479-11-p2710366668>

Senator Rhoads wants to further expand that definition by including ANY semiautomatic that accepts a detachable magazine and has one or more the of the following characteristics. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary defines semi-automatic as:

not fully automatic: such as

**a:** operated partly automatically and partly by hand

**b of a firearm:** able to fire repeatedly through an automatic reloading process but requiring release and another pressure of the trigger for each successive shot."

This isn't alchemy, where you can turn lead into gold. The characteristics SB301 proposes defines a rifle as an "assault rifle", again as the BATFE is concerned is capable or burst or automatic fire, is nothing more than a bewildering and sometimes contradictory labyrinth that will not lead to safer streets for Hawaii citizens.

- 1) A centerfire rifle with an overall length less than thirty inches:
  - a. The ATF has two regulations when it comes to rifles. One having to do with barrel length, and the other the overall length of the firearm. The ATF considers any rifle with an overall length less than 26", or a barrel shorter than 16", to be a short barreled rifle. So in essence 4" will make someone a felon even though their rifle lacks any of the other features on this list even though they are already in compliance by having a 16" + barrel and having registered the rifle with HPD. This is arbitrary "characteristic" that has no grounding in reality. In reality, the longer the barrel, the more velocity the bullet has as the gasses propelling the bullet have more time to expand and push the bullet.
- 2) A folding or telescoping stock:
  - a. A folding or telescoping stock does not make a rifle more lethal. Folding and telescoping stocks were: 1) Invented by militaries to aid in storage of weapons in vehicles and 2) Allow the rifle to be shouldered and safely fired by a wide variety of body types and shapes; including females.
- 3) A thumbhole stock:
  - a. My high school air rifle team used .22 caliber rifles with thumbhole stocks. Many long range precision shooters and bolt action rifle use thumbhole stocks. But under this bill they'll be considered assault rifles because they use a detachable

magazine and have a thumbhole stock. Now the Senator and the other bill sponsors will say, bolt action rifles, pump action shotgun, or lever action cowboy rifles aren't the same, but they are ALL semi-automatic firearms.

- b.
- 4) A second handgrip or protruding grip that can be held by the non-trigger hand.
  - a. This would include every type of firearm with the exception of pistols as there is always a second handgrip added to a rifle so shooter do not burn themselves by gripping a hot barrel. The handgrip on my over-under skeet and trap guns are made from American walnut, so that makes them assault rifles if I bought a rifled barrel to hunt pigs with.
- 5) A flash suppressor:
  - a. There is no such thing as a "flash suppressor". In case the chair meant "flash hider", a flash hider has no bearing on whether a firearm is a machine gun or assault rifle. The purpose of a flash hider is to mitigate the visual bloom of firing a rifle at night as to preserve the night vision of the shooter. This is similar to someone suddenly turning the lights on and off in a dark room. The human eye takes time adjust to the sudden transition back to darkness. In a defensive situation; not having a flash hider may actually be a detriment to the homeowner against a criminal.
- 6) A shroud that is attached to or partially or completely encircles the barrel and permits the shooter to hold the firearm with the second hand without being burned.
  - a. This would include every type of firearm with the exception of pistols as there is always a second handgrip added to a rifle so shooter do not burn themselves by gripping a hot barrel. The handgrip on my over-under skeet and trap guns are made from American walnut, so that makes them assault rifles if I bought a rifled barrel to hunt pigs with.
- 7) A bayonet mount.
  - a. I can't recall the last time someone was bayoneted outside of an armed conflict. I couldn't even find any statistics on the DOJ or FBI websites on how often a bayonet was used in a crime.
- 8) A grenade launcher; or
  - a. Grenade launchers are already illegal to own in the State of Hawaii, so I'm not sure why the chair decided to include this.
- 9) A threaded barrel capable of accepting a barrel extender, flash suppressor, forward hand grip, or silencer.
  - a. The point of a barrel extender is to bring your rifle barrel length in compliance with the BATFE and state of Hawaii regulations regarding Short Barreled Rifles. So in essence what Senator Rhoads is doing is making it HARDER for citizens to be in compliance with Federal and State laws.
  - b. I won't take more time with explaining my response to "flash suppressor" other than to say that it will put homeowners at a disadvantage against criminals in a defensive situation at night.

- c. You forward hand grip is not attached to a threaded barrel, it's attached to the rifle's foregrip, but assuming this a grammatical mistake, has no bearing as far as the BATFE is concerned as to whether a rifle is a machinegun.
- d. Silencers are already prohibited in the State of Hawaii, so this is a moot point.

All of these cosmetic features were listed in the Assault Weapons Ban 1993-2004, as shown the Department of Justice (DOJ) report, Updated Assessment of the Federal Assault Weapons Ban – Impacts on Gun Markets and Gun Violence, 1994-2003, it largely failed in its mission in reducing crime committed with “assault weapons” or “large capacity magazines”. In Section 3.1 of the study:

<https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/204431.pdf>

“Similarly, the most common AWs prohibited by the 1994 federal ban accounted for between 1% and 6% of guns used in crime according to most of several national and local data sources examined for this and our prior study (see Chapter 6 and Roth and Koper, 1997, Chapters 5, 6):

- Baltimore (all guns recovered by police, 1992-1993): 2%
- Miami (all guns recovered by police, 1990-1993): 3%
- Milwaukee (guns recovered in murder investigations, 1991-1993): 6%
- Boston (all guns recovered by police, 1991-1993): 2%
- St. Louis (all guns recovered by police, 1991-1993): 1%
- Anchorage, Alaska (guns used in serious crimes, 1987-1993): 4%
- National (guns recovered by police and reported to ATF, 1992-1993): 5%<sup>11</sup>
- National (gun thefts reported to police, 1992-Aug. 1994): 2%
- National (guns used in murders of police, 1992-1994): 7-9%<sup>12</sup>
- National (guns used in mass murders of 4 or more persons, 1992-1994): 4-13%<sup>13</sup>“

Between 1% and 6%. That's a fantastically small margin compared to the other 94% of crimes committed with firearms. So rather than target the vast majority of crimes, this bill focuses on the smallest portion of gun crimes.

The last part of SB 301 attempts to amend subsection (c) of HRS 134-4 by prohibiting, “The manufacture, possession...or acquisition of detachable ammunition magazines with a capacity in excess of ten rounds....or capable of use with any firearm...”

The same DOJ paid study that found “assault weapons” were used in less than 7% of all gun crimes across the country also concluded this about the use of “large capacity magazines”:

As with AWs and crime guns in general, most crime guns equipped with LCMs are handguns. Two handgun models manufactured with LCMs prior to the ban (the Glock 17 and Ruger P89) were among the 10 crime gun models most frequently recovered by law enforcement and reported to ATF during 1994 (ATF, 1995).

<sup>15</sup> The minimum estimate is based on cases in which discharged firearms were recovered, while the maximum estimate is based on cases in which recovered firearms were positively linked to the case with ballistics evidence (New York Division of Criminal Justice Services, 1994).

<sup>16</sup> Note that Washington, DC prohibits semiautomatic firearms accepting magazines with more than 12 rounds (and handguns in general).

<sup>17</sup> The estimates are based on the sum of cases involving AWs or other guns sold with LCMs (Adler et al., 1995, p.4). The minimum estimate is based on AW-LCM cases as a percentage of all gun murders of police. The maximum estimate is based on AW-LCM cases as a percentage of cases in which the gun model was known.

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### 3.3. Summary

In sum, AWs and LCMs were used in up to a quarter of gun crimes prior to the 1994 AW-LCM ban. By most estimates, AWs were used in less than 6% of gun crimes even before the ban. Some may have perceived their use to be more widespread, however, due to the use of AWs in particularly rare and highly publicized crimes such as mass shootings (and, to a lesser extent, murders of police), survey reports suggesting high levels of AW ownership among some groups of offenders, and evidence that some AWs are more attractive to criminal than lawful gun buyers.

In contrast, guns equipped with LCMs – of which AWs are a subset – are used in roughly 14% to 26% of gun crimes. Accordingly, the LCM ban has greater potential for affecting gun crime. However, it is not clear how often the ability to fire more than 10 shots without reloading (the current magazine capacity limit) affects the outcomes of gun attacks (see Chapter 9). All of this suggests that the ban’s impact on gun violence is likely to be small.

Most crimes committed with guns equipped with “Large Capacity Magazines” are *handguns*. Its apparent that the original version of HRS 134-4 addressed crime with “assault weapons” and “large capacity magazines” than this proposed version will or ever would.

These are the facts about “assault weapons” and “large capacity magazines”, and what the other committee members should consider. Fact, banning these cosmetic features will do nothing to reduce criminal use of firearms in crimes. Fact, “assault weapons” account for a very, very small percentage of crimes reported to the DOJ between 1993 and 2004. Fact, gun crimes committed most crime guns with “large capacity magazines” are handguns, NOT rifles or long guns. These are the facts, and facts matter.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:21:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Phillip Paranada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:58:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brandon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB301 for reasons:

**IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

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**THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:14:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tiffany Tse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Restrictive gun laws imposed on law abiding citizens does not affect the will or intent of criminals who choose to commit crimes period. Criminals who commit crimes do not abide by laws and the more restrictions placed on law abiding citizens only hurts people who follow the law. Please do not let this pass, the states with the most restrictive guns still have an abundance of violent gun crime. Stop binding the hands of those who have no intention of hurting others while criminals live outside the law on a daily basis.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:22:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Harwood-Tappe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I, David W. Harwood-Tappe, OPPOSE AND DECLARE MY DISSENT OF THIS BILL FOR REASONS STATED HEREIN.

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves." Quote by William Pitt the Younger, 1783.

Our country was founded, and our great Constitution written based on the fundamental principle that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. One of those rights is the right to self-defense and the defense of others! We hold these truths to be self-evident! However, it appears that it is not self-evident to our current Congressmen and Congresswoman and that We The People need to remind you of these facts.

To secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed (WE THE PEOPLE). Whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

We The People, whom you are supposed to represent, try to alter or abolish this tyranny within our government, not through revolution (Although We The People reserve the Right to Revolution), but instead through a process of legislation by a representative government. Unfortunately, our Congress no longer represents We The People as it was meant to do and is doing everything it can to usurp the powers and rights that We The People hold.

This Bill, SB301, is a clear example of this tyranny and must be opposed and killed at all costs! This bill is not representative of We The People and is not based on any facts or logic but instead justified by irrational emotions and fear. These irrational emotions and fears are brought about by our mainstream media outlets that have been manipulating governmental and public opinions for decades.

These same mainstream media outlets have been known to lie and manipulate all of us through propoganda developed by the CIA and think-tanks that do not have the Peoples best interests at heart. They have twisted and manipulated the facts and used our emotions and psychology against us, and to our peril if we do not take heed.

Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision. Likewise, magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone.

There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors). Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

There are millions of law-abiding citizens in this great country that privately and rightly own, keep and bear over 400 million firearms. FBI statics have factually proven that law-abiding citizens use guns to defending themselves against criminals as many as 2.5 million times every year — or about 6,850 times a day. This includes the use of semiautomatic rifles and shotguns. This means that each year, firearms are used more than 80 times more often to protect the lives of honest citizens than to take lives.

Of the 2.5 million times citizens use their guns to defend themselves every year, the overwhelming majority merely brandish their gun or fire a warning shot to scare off their attackers. Less than 8% of the time, a citizen will kill or wound his/her attacker. As many as 200,000 women use a gun every year to defend themselves against sexual abuse.

In comparison, a very small amount of people are killed by firearms each year; roughly 30,000 per year. In addition, 60% of gun deaths in the U.S. every year are suicides but most Americans don't know that, according to a new national poll from APM Research Lab, Call To Mind and Guns & America. It is because of this misperception that suicide prevention efforts are hindered greatly.

The 2019 FBI crime statistics show crime dropping in most categories, while knives, fists and clubs again prove much deadlier than rifles, which highlights the overwhelming hypocrisy of gun-control, or as I call it, People Control.

As more and more states are upholding our Constitution by restoring Constitutional Carry and permitting concealed carry, the crime rate in this great nation has gone down dramatically. Bidens gun ban in the 90s proved that gun-control doesn't prevent or reduce violent gun crime, nor did it prevent criminals from using firearms they obtained illegally, partly in thanks to U.S. operations like operation "Fast and Furious," which allowed firearms to be smuggled to Mexican drug cartels who later then smuggled them back into the U.S. only to be used against U.S. Boarder Patrol and U.S. Citizens.

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date and the future attempt to ban of other semiautomatic firearms like pistols.

This is NOT what our founding fathers had in mind and if they saw the state in which our nartions officials govern its people by the lack of representation, they would have already started a revoluton to restore the Peoples rights and further restrict government actions taken against the People.

Please uphold your oath to defend the Constitution of the United States and kill this bill along with any other bills like it that come down the pipeline! Mahalo!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:13:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
brett iwanuma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppse this bill. Shotguns and semi automatic rifles are the most used items for sport and hunting in the united states. They are commonly used and therefore protected by the SCOTUS Heller decision. There are many magazines in use currently and there are court cases in California awating decision to overturn a 10 limit on standard capacity magazines. Please stop wasting tax payers money with this.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:25:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Language of bill expands on issues already banned in Hawaii. I encourage all of the politicians to educate themselves with their constituents about guns. We already have laws made against rifle length (must be longer than 16 inches), shotgun length (must be longer than 18 inches). Strongly oppose

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:29:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ian Shields	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

S.B. No. 301

Aloha,

I am writing as a concerned constituent and U.S. Army veteran with more than 24 years of experience with firearms because I find S.B. No. 301 problematic. Per the first paragraph of the bill:

“SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation, and in 2016 Hawai’i received an A-minus rating from the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Additionally, Hawai’i had the lowest number of gun deaths per capita among the states in 2017, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.”

This statement alone affirms that Hawai’i gun laws are more than adequate for protecting the safety of the public. The wording of the bill is problematic for several additional reasons.

“Assault weapon” by the definition of the bill is extremely broad and would encompass virtually any semi-automatic firearm. This includes a vast category of long guns that law abiding firearm enthusiasts now legally use for sport, hunting, and recreational shooting.

In addition to the aforementioned reasons above, this is a direct infringement of second amendment rights. In addition to banning semi-automatic firearms, this bill would ban all magazines with a capacity of over 10 rounds. In DUNCAN V. BECERRA, the Ninth Circuit affirmed that possession of high capacity magazines is protected by the second amendment. The second amendment of the U.S. constitution reads as follows:

“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” According to the wording of this amendment, I would ascertain in accordance with the Ninth Circuit’s ruling that broad brush legislation that inhibits law abiding citizens from owning large categories of firearms and magazines to be a violation of constitutional rights.

While I respect Senator Rhoads' intention to protect the public, I disagree that this legislation is necessary or will do anything to prevent crime in our state. Per his astute observation in the beginning of the bill, the regulations Hawai'i has in place are more than adequate to protect the public from gun violence.

Best Regards,

Ian Shields

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 3:06:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jason Potts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because the 2nd amendment clearly states the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. Even though Hawaii was illegally annexed it should still follow us laws/constitution. Why are you wanting to ban these weapons/magazines when shootings are very rare in Hawaii? Hawaii has one of the lowest murder rates so what is this really about? More control? Hawaiians/Americans should have the same rights as other Americans so stop acting like tyrants and defend the constitution. Remember the oath you took. Mahalo

10 U.S. Code § 246 - Militia: composition and classes

(a)The militia of the United States consists of all able-bodied males at least 17 years of age and, except as provided in section 313 of title 32, under 45 years of age who are, or who have made a declaration of intention to become, citizens of the United States and of female citizens of the United States who are members of the National Guard.

(b)The classes of the militia are—

(1)the organized militia, which consists of the National Guard and the Naval Militia; and

(2)the unorganized militia, which consists of the members of the militia who are not members of the National Guard or the Naval Militia.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 8:15:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steve Robertson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please reconsider this proposal. I hunt deer to provide for my family and friends families with a .50 caliber muzzleloader, like a Daniel Boone gun. These guns are loaded from the end of the muzzle and it takes about a minute to load just one shot. Fifty caliber is the most common size. A bow or even a knife presents a greater threat to public safety due to the very low rate of fire possible with these primitive weapons. Don't take them away, and with them, take away our food supply! Mahalo

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:43:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rick Bratt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301, the state of Hawaii is already overburdened with a myriad of gun laws, rules and regulations. This bill does not address any meaningful issues in law enforcement and serves only to make it more difficult for law abiding citizens to exercise their 2nd amendment rights. There are literally hundreds of federal and state laws that exist that are not being sufficiently enforced. We don't need any more laws, we need enforcement of the existing laws.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:52:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stanley Mendes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301 I am a legal gun owner who uses this platform of rifle and shotgun to hunt and protect my home.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:13:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard W. Adams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**WHY DO I OPPOSE THIS BILL?**

- **IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:47:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Greg Funderburk	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose Senate Bill #301. As an avid sportsman and registered voter, I want to encourage you to work against the passage of legislation that threatens to infringe upon every American's constitutionally acknowledged right to keep & bear arms.

SB301 prohibits the possession of legally acquired detachable magazines in excess of ten rounds. I am concerned that this bill denies the due process of law which is fundamental, constitutional guarantee that all legal proceedings will be fair and that one will be given notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard before the government acts to take away one's life, liberty, or property.

Rather than further limiting the types of firearms and magazines that honest, responsible, law-abiding citizens have the right to possess; I encourage you to focus your energies on increasing the consequences for those who illegally use firearms in the commission of violent crimes.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:17:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Reymund Daoang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB 301

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:00:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cecil E. Haverty	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I truly find it hard to believe that the Political leaders of our community do not know the difference between an assault rifle vs a true rifle or shotgun. I have spent 22 years of my life in the Army (as a Military Policeman) and another thirty-one years as a Customs Inspector/Officer with CBP ( a total of 53 years of enforcing the laws, rules, and regulations of the United States). I am also a "Sports Shooter" and collector of firearms. An "ASSAULT" weapon is generally defined as one which enables the user to select the mode of fire from single to fully automatic fire as used by the military combat forces and city policemen/women. The efforts to control all firearms will only affect the honest individuals who must pass the applying the acquisition permit, the registration permit, and actual registration of the firearm they want to obtain and utilize in a safe environment (either range firing or hunting). On the other hand, the criminal factor will always be able to obtain illegal firearms and do not worry about the requirements as subjected to the honest individuals. The restriction of the "honest" shooters will only open the doors to many more victims who can not defend their own homes and families, not to mention schools, shopping areas, and any place a criminal wishes to commit another crime. a "semi-automatic" firearm is not an Assault weapon as so many people/legislators seem to think just because the weapons appear to look alike. I also shoot black powder rifle and pistols - they are single-action firearms and require a lot more time to reload and as such should not even be considered in this action. Based on my statement I can only oppose this SB301. Thank you and Aloha.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:29:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Harper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

this legislation will not do one thing to stop crime, there is not a semi auto or assault weapon problem anywhere, the term assault weapon is incorrect, these firearms are nothing but modern sporting rifles, all this will accomplish is making the law abiding person a criminal with the stroke of a pen. any person that votes for this oppressive bill is against our constitution, i will remember come next election. John Harper

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:33:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Freischmidt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please take into consideration my testimony.

1. As for the ban on magazines over 10 rounds, I see no clause for magazines owned prior to such ban as they were legally purchased and owned. These are standard magazines and there many are legally owned here in Hawaii and throughout the country. Plus as you should know, the ninth circuit court (which Hawaii falls under) has ruled twice against a similar ban in California and deemed it as unconstitutional. It is now up for a full panel ruling and after that, maybe the supreme court. If the current ruling is upheld then even Hawaii's hand gun magazine ban will be deemed unconstitutional.

2. As for the "assault weapons" ban only bans cosmetic features and have no real affect on homicides and gun related deaths. Rifles, including bolt action and etc. attributed for 364 murders in 2019. Knives attributed to 1476 murders and hands and feet attributed 600 murders. Rifles are about 3% of all homicides and these types of firearms are some of the most popular here in Hawaii and most of the country. Also I see no real clear grandfather clause with in this bill for legally owned firearms prior to this. And there is no exemption clause for military and law enforcement personnel. Especially as military members are transferred to Hawaii and a lot of them own such firearms.

3. Just as many laws and bans, there will be no affect to the criminals and only the law abiding citizens who wish to exercise their constitutional rights will be affected

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:41:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
garrick yamamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against this bill! Don't infringe on our 2nd amendment rights

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:05:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
john bettinger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I have to weigh in on SB301 because it isn't consistent with the US Constitution that I fought and bled for. I served in the US Army's 25th Infantry Division (The Hawaiian Division) in Cu Chi Vietnam. In my first tour I was in the Infantry (Wolfhounds), in my second tour I volunteered to be a door gunner in the Division's assault helicopter company. I have been disabled for over 50 years but would still go again. Over time the party in power changes and people remember how the party in power protected the constitution. SB301 is not needed. It would eliminate most shotguns, even single shot! The bill is filled with Assault, rifle, shotgun etc language that is not the correct description of the firearms involved. Magazine capacity is insignificant in the FBI crime data. Most crime involving firearms is with handguns, again capacity is not a factor. Hawaii has a long tradition of hunting to feed the Ohana. Each of you are entrusted to protect the US Constitution in your brief time as an elected official. Look how many regimes have protected the second amendment that have gone before you! Do your part for future Hawaiians...LEAVE our rights alone!!!!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:38:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
I. Robert Nehmad	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of SB 301, establishing a ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

I care about this issue because it is a local and national problem.

Hawaii prides itself on having strict gun laws to help protect our community. Yet, Hawaii is the only state in the nation to have an assault weapons ban that fails to include assault rifles/shotguns and large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds) for those weapons.

We have banned assault pistols and large capacity magazines (LCMs) for pistols for many years, but our law fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and LCMs for those weapons, allowing these dangerous weapons to proliferate. This becomes more dangerous every year, with the number of assault weapons and LCMs being purchased here.

The 1994 federal Assault Weapons Ban prohibited assault weapons and LCMs and resulted in fewer mass shootings, but the law expired and Congress has failed to re-enact it. Hawai'i can and should close the loopholes in our own assault weapons ban to fill this void.

Assault weapons and LCMs are uniquely designed to be capable of mass violence. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense.

The rate of public mass shootings has tripled since 2011. The US now has more mass shootings each year than there are days in the year. Hawai'i has not been immune. We should do our best to prevent another mass shooting here.

The sooner assault weapons and large capacity magazines are banned, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of these dangerous weapons in Hawai'i.



Respectfully submitted,

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:06:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Arnest	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The legislation currently in effect is already too restrictive. I am already unable to bring my Carbine, Cal. 30 M1 into the state because I only have 15 round magazines for it. Limit should be amended to 15 round capacity. Citizens with properly registered firearms should be allowed the same magazine capacity as law enforcement, especially for semiautomatic handguns. If they are allowed 15 in the magazine and 1 in the chamber then so should we be allowed the same.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:07:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
danny yamada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law abiding tax pay I strongly oppose this bill

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:10:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
joshua derevo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I will not support this at all one bit I have the right to bare arms period!!!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:17:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joel Berg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I want only two things from the 2021 legislature. Fix the economy and observe (or expand) the Bill of Rights. Both were trampled 202 and it has been shameful. This Bill is sickening.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:28:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Myron Hoefler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB301. This proposed law would lead to the expensive CONFISCATION of legally owned firearms from thousands of law abiding citizens in Hawaii. There is NO EVIDENCE in the public record of our state that the firearms this proposal would BAN constitute a threat to the safety and security of our community. Tens of thousands of these firearms and magazines are possessed by the citizens of Hawaii, with negligible or no contribution to the amount of violent crime experienced in the islands. Please support our constitutional right to possess commonly owned firearms by deferring this bill.

Thank you.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:49:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
ross cluney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is doing nothing more than infringing on our rights and penalizing legal law abiding gun owners. Restricting our rights further will NOT deter criminals as it is proven that criminals do not follow laws.

Some may say things like "you don't need more than 10 rounds for hunting." and I'd have to agree, but a modern rifle is a tool that is used for more than hunting. Sport shooting, invasive species control, and home/personal defense seem to top this list. Besides, there's nothing in the Second Amendment stating firearm ownership is only for hunting, but it does say "shall not be infringed".

I strongly oppose this bill due to the fact that it is unconstitutional and a infringement of rights

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:01:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gary Robinson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly. OPPOSE this bill.

Given the increase in brazen crimes that this state has seen since the start of the Coronavirus Pandemic, this bill seeks to significantly impari the ability for law-abiding citizens to defend themselves, forcing them to exclusively depend on the police department, which is already overwhelmed in ability to protect citizens.

This bill would impact law-abiding hawaii citizens already impacted by the various shut-downs of 2020. Since it makes no provisions for grandfathering of any magazines or firearms already owned, then citizens must spend their scarce funds to come into compliance with this bill, either purchasing compliant firearm, or requiring expense to make existing equipment (e.g. magazines) compliant (if possible).

Semiauto firearms are widely possessed by citizens throughout the U.S. and are protected from ban under the U.S. Supreme Court's 2008 Heller decision.

Given the real challenges being faced by the state, it would make more sense to focus legislative efforts toward something that acutally benefits all state citizens, not to increase the burden on law-abiding firearms owners to comply with a law that really does not enhance safety over existing firearms laws.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:15:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rachelle L Ducosin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against this bill!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:19:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Arlene Takara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against this bill

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:35:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael P. K. Harris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to the adoption of SB301 on the following grounds: It is unconstitutional, it is unprecedented, and, finally, that it is frankly opportunistic.

The Supreme Court of the United States' 2008 *District of Columbia et al. v. Heller* ruling set down clear ground rules as to what states may and may not accomplish within the scope of their power when it comes to regulation of firearms; the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to lawfully possess a firearm unconnected to service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense. Further, *Heller* recognizes precedent set down in the earlier 1939 Supreme Court decision on *United States v. Miller et al.*, wherein protections were set down for weapons "in common use."

Given, then, that:

1. The arms which this piece of legislation seeks to ban are emphatically absent from any highly specialized or destructive use in military service, and have rather only been rendered conspicuous through the nonsensical appending of an "assault" prefix for the purposes of this bill, occurring prolifically in the civilian market for many decades;
2. The features delineated within the scope of this bill's ban would constitute a *de facto* ban on firearms "in common use" since the turn of the 20th century, including highlights such as the revolving cylinder, a contrivance included in the designs of firearms dating back to the 16th century;
3. This piece of legislation seeks to extend the 10-round provision *already being disputed* in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals due to its clear infringement of the "common use" clause,

—it is difficult to view this bill in any light save that of a bad-faith, opportunistic bid to take advantage of a pandemic which has devastated the electorate, catching them at a time when their priorities are likely more centered on trying to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table rather than political participation. There is no great hue and cry for the pursuit of stricter gun control in Hawaii; there is a cry for bread and shelter.

We are at our lowest point, and were the legislature to take advantage of us in this time wherein we are least able to participate in the political process to safeguard our laws and to protect them from abuse by special interests, the legacy our lawmakers would leave behind is one of perfidy and cowardice. For these reasons, I would urge the legislature to table SB301 and legislation similar to it for the indefinite future. While it is easy to empathize with, and even to some degree admire the bill's stated commitment, I would urge the committee to recognize that it is not the prerogative of the legislature to take this commitment beyond the scope of the highest laws of the land, regardless as to the good nature of its aims; simply put, a society which overemphasizes security over freedom slowly crafts for itself a cage of safeguards, serving not to enrich the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness in the long term, but rather to entrap the governed "for their own good."

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:35:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
tony frascarelli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly opposed to this bill as it is an attempt to legislate an answer to a nonexistent problem. As a 71 year old Vietnam Veteran, I oppose any attempt by Mr Rhoads' year after year efforts to take away my semi automatic rifles. I was issued my first M16 rifle by the US Army in 1971 and have owned one or more AR-15s ever since. It one of the few rifles that fits my wife and which she finds comfortable to use.

With all the issues facing Hawaii during this pandemic such as residents being unable to buy food or pay rent, the ever present homeless problem and increases in robbery, burglary and elder crime, it's a wonder Rhoads' has time to continue to push his anti gun agenda. Shame on him and his supporters.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:39:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donna P. Van Osdol	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB301, relating to firearms, bans the sale or transfer of all Semiauto rifles w/detachable magazine with one bad feature. Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most commonly used, most popular, and most numerous guns owned. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision. The bill also bans the sale and possession of any magazine over 10 rounds; additionally, there is no grandfathering for magazines over 10 rounds. The manufacturing, acquisition, transfer, and importation into Hawaii of these most common guns are also being forbidden.

Knowledge from many other examples across the country indicate this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date even though this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns.

Most importantly, rather than focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners, the legislature needs to seek ways to assist business owners seriously affected financially by the lockdown of the pandemic.

I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:40:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Millicent Cox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support SB 301, which bans assault weapons. Hawaii permits adequate guns for hunting and pleasure activities. We have seen what can happen when individuals get carried away and seek to behave as a militia just recently in our national capital.

Mahalo.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:40:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Micah Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it will infringe on the 2nd amendment rights of the people of Hawaii. The term "assault weapon" could be used in relation to any firearm and Hawaii already has a very low incidence of firearm crimes already. This bill would only serve to limit the law abiding citizens as criminals don't follow firearms laws anyway.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:48:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Trevor Child	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Stupidest thing I've ever seen. As a hunter gun will never be taken from us.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 3:03:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cale Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose Sb 301 relating to firearms band of 10 round magazines.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 3:15:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ricky Ferreira Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 3:20:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Barbieto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional at its very core and a major infringement on the people's rights and turning law abiding citizens into criminals

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 3:23:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steve Skipper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB301 will penalize law abiding citizens who legally own semi-auto rifles and shotguns in common use through Hawaii. These new knee jerk laws have no effect on criminal activity and illegally owned or trafficked firearms. The legislature needs to direct focus on illegal gun sales, mental health issues/screening and criminal activity with unregistered, stolen or illegally trafficked firearms. Law abiding gun owners are involved in less than 1% of gun crimes nationally and are becoming the irrational target of ill conceived and oppressive firearms laws that clearly violate the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 3:27:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Woody Child	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose bill SB301.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 3:55:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Ley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I very strongly Oppose this Bill. It's another unconstitutional gun grab. the court system has already ruled high capacity magazine unconstitutional. I don't know why every year we have to go through the motion of getting rid of Bills that won't hold up in a court of law. Hawaii doesn't have a gun problem even though we are in the top ten in gun ownership to population percent. How about we just enforce the laws we have and keeping the criminals off the streets. and stop trying to make more criminals with these ridiculous Bills

Sincerly Brian Ley

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 4:19:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Reid Oya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

. These types of laws will just put more restrictions on law abiding gun owners. Will these laws stop criminals from getting weapons? I don't think so. Criminals don't care about laws, they will do what they want. Even if these weapons are banned, the criminals will find a way to get them. Some drugs are illegal but people still can get them.

Out of all the violent crimes in the U.S., how many were gun related vs knives, bats, pipes, etc.? Of the gun related crimes, how many were legally owned guns? How many were rifles, how many were handguns? How many were suicides, accidental discharge, murders?

Crime in Hawaii is getting worse. How will people defend themselves, family, friends, home & property? Banning "high capacity " (most manufacturers STANDARD magazines hold 30 rounds) magazines will make it hard to defend against an attacker. During a home invasion, what is the average response time for the police to get there to help? 7 - 10 minutes? A lot can happen in that time. Even if the homeowner has a gun. With the stress of the situation most people won't hit their target on the first shot. Plus's if the person is on some kind of drug they may not go down with multiple hits. As we have seen from some police cameras .

It's not all about self defense. Also these guns are used for hunting & sport shooting . It also could just be a hobby.

The "AR" in AR15 does not stand for " assault rifle " or "automatic rifles " it's Armalite Rifle .(company name). Assault rifle is defined as "a rapid-fire, magazine-fed automatic rifle designed for infantry use. "

As far as I know automatic weapons are illegal and banned



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 4:32:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Timothy Soderholm	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and urge legislators to vote no. This bill, if enacted, would be an egregious infringement on the core right protected by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It prohibits ownership, transfer, or importation of firearms based on an arbitrary list of largely cosmetic characteristics that have little or no impact on the functioning of the firearm. Furthermore, the illegal use of firearms targeted by this bill is exceedingly rare; enforcement of these restrictions would divert law enforcement resources from far more impactful activities. Aside from being a clear violation of the U.S. Constitution, this bill is just a bad, unenforceable idea.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 5:02:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James "Jim" O'Keefe	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I am strongly opposed to SB301! It would ban the most common semiautomatic firearms owned by Hawaii's sportsmen and women. It is an insult to the 2nd Amendment to the U S Constitution and Hawaii's identically worded protections, and an infringement on the right of the people to keep and bear arms, clearly defined as the right of individuals in SCOTUS' Heller decision.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 5:02:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ray Engel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not agree with the need for this legislation. It will not have any effect on public safety but is a further decay of our 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 5:08:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gil Frank	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill in its entirety.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 5:52:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Audrey Pasion	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 6:13:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Norberto Dumo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against this bill because it doesn't only target criminals it also targets law abiding citizens such as myself. This bill infringes on my 2nd amendment right as a law abiding citizen. If you are trying to restrict criminal then this is not they way of doing it. Criminals do not abide by any laws and this bill will only hurt law abiding citizens and make the criminals happy.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 6:19:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Soleil Roache	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB301.

I own many guns and magazines that this bill would ban. As a woman, statistically I am smaller and weaker than anyone who might attack me. I want every advantage and everything in MY favor to be able to defend myself and my three children, especially when my husband is gone for 24-hour shifts serving our community as a first responder. I have the training and education to use these tools that I already legally own and this bill should not strip me of them.

Criminals, who by definition break laws, will continue to get "assault" rifles, shotguns and magazines over 10 rounds no matter what laws we pass. This bill will only restrict sane, sober, moral, prudent, and law-abiding people like myself. Stop making it so difficult for the good guys to protect the people we love.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 7:37:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Walter Kanemori	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hawaii is does not have gang warfare lawlessness. No need for a complete ban.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 6:27:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Takeuchi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB301 would ban every firearm that accepts magazines larger than 10 rounds or has one of the features mentioned in the bill such as a threaded barrel, folding/telescoping stock, a so called barrel shroud which according to the bill is anything that allows a person to handle the firearm without burning their hand. The way barrel shroud is defined in the bill means that every rifle and shotgun with a stock will be banned because the stock keeps your hand from touching the barrel directly. And because it bans anything that accepts a detachable magazine larger than 10 rounds, that means most semi-auto pistols will be banned. This bill is more or less a massive gun grab that is tyrannical in every sense of the word. Most of the guns owned by law abiding citizens in the state of Hawai'i would be subject to confiscation.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 7:47:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kalei Chong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Firearms sales within the past year has grown exponentially not only across the nation, but here in Hawaii. People are realizing that they are responsible for their own safety and cannot rely on government-in times of protests, riots. Now you want to further restrict what we can possess? Put away the criminals instead of re-victimizing victims. Vehemently oppose!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 7:52:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ronnie Gonzales	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi, I am a citizen of the United States born and raised in Hawaii and as a law abiding American citizen and that is proud of our country regardless of shortcomings. I believe this bill goes against our Second Amendment rights written by our forefathers, to use as tools to protect ourselves from others that plan to cause us harm or to go hunting with.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 8:11:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Nakagawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Strongly oppose SB 301 that penalizes and put additional restrictions on law abiding sportsmen, hunters and recreational shooters. Hawaii already has some the strictest gun laws in the nation

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 8:42:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jan Combs	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I firmly oppose SB301. It is a violation of our U.S. Constitution and an infringement of our fundamental right to keep and bear arms. It is my inalienable right of self-defense to protect my life, my family's life, and my property. We are law abiding citizens. More and more, we are becoming victims of criminals who do not follow the law. Your job as government officials is to protect our rights. You took an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States. Your job is to not dictate to us, FREE American citizens, how to run our lives. Do not give us over to those who will rob, steal, and kill us without regard.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 8:57:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
john	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

this is another direct infringement upon 2nd amendment of the US CONSTITUTION.... IF WE AS NATIVE HAWAIIANS MUST ADHERE TO THE to it ... you the so called "STATE OF HAWAII" MUST DO SO AS WELL .... FURTHERMORE BANNING SUCH ITEMS/ACCESSORIES/USES FROM LEGAL AND RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS DOES NOT STOP GUN HOLDERS WITH CRIMINAL INTENT .. and THIS FURTHER limits ones own ability to protect one's self from the rising crime due to lack of housing and help for the drug problem you folks allow to take place and carry on ..... seriously we need to get your heads out of your okoles as you all make more than enough money to actually get SOMETHING DONE ....

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:17:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
justin bajadali	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional and therefore not legal. The line "shall not be infringed" is very simple and this bill violates that very simple line.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:17:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**I oppose this bill because it directly limits and restricts the law abiding citizens from protecting themselves and their family against criminals and outside threats. It also is infringes on the constitutional 2nd amendment.**



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:17:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Wallace	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I myself oppose this bill because it impeads on the second amendment. And also my rights as a citizen and a veteran of this country.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:23:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael R Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Honorable Senator Rhodes,

I strongly oppose SB301. This bill is far reaching and unnecessary. The definition of assault weapons in the bill includes most firearms. This is a huge mistake and shows a poor understanding of firearms and will make criminals out of law abiding citizens.

Michael Brown

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:18:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Ferreira	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good Afternoon Committee,

My Name is Michael Ferreira and there is very little data that what qualifies as an "assault weapon" or semi automatic rifle has warranted further restriction or to deprive the rights of current or future owners of these weapons with the requirement of a background check already in place. That there is no actionable crimes committed in Hawaii and that additional laws are warranted. There are other gun laws on the books that need to be enforced before needless new laws should be enacted.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:24:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

This is a violation of our constitutional rights. You folks should be ashamed for bringing to the table such blatantly Un American legislation. Our right to bear arms shall not be infringed upon. We the people are waking up to your globalist agendas. Do not pass this bill.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:31:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laura Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Honorable Sen. Karl Rhoads,

I am in opposition to SB301. Hawaii has the lowest gun crime in the country. Guns in Hawaii are used in sports, hunting and self-defense. This bill would criminalize law-abiding citizens, while doing nothing to address actual criminals. Gun owners in Hawaii are some of the most safety conscious, law abiding citizens I have ever encountered. If it isn't broken, don't fix it. Please focus instead on ensuring criminals are held accountable.

Thank you,

Laura Brown

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:41:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**I oppose this bill because it directly limits and restricts the law abiding citizens from protecting themselves and their family against criminals and outside threats. It also is infringes on the constitutional 2nd amendment.**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:49:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Aaron	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Every day more of our freedoms are being stripped. I do agree that some individuals should not be in possession of a firearm but law abiding citizens should not be punished for certain individuals bad actions. Some people like to go to the range where it is safe and have fun with their guns. It is our right to do so. This bill does absolutely nothing to end violent crime. Hawaii has some of the strictest firearm laws already.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:01:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edward C. Obert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is an irresponsible request with concern to hunter safety. There are instances when an animal requires more shots to dispatch, especially when a boar chooses to charge and when using smaller cartridges to protect an erroneous round from finding another hunter or hiker or what have you. There is also the fact these limitations would directly forfeit an important constitutional right as an American law-abiding citizen. Thanks for reading my testimony.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:11:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Weist	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB301! Weapons that fit the description of "assault weapons" have been out for more than 150 years. This ban would automatically make anyone owning one of those guns a criminal. Why is it that the government wants to make rules to take defensive weapons from law abiding citizens when they know that the criminals in our world don't care about the law at all. You are simply hurting that law abiding citizen and making no difference at all to the criminal.

PLEASE, VOTE "NO" ON SB301 ! WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH GUN LAWS ON THE BOOKS NOW! IF YOU THINK THERE AREN'T ENOUGH GUN LAWS OUT THERE RIGHT NOW WHY DON'T YOU GO TRY TO BUY A GUN AND SEE HOW LONG IT TAKES AND ALL THE HOOPS YOU HAVE TO JUMP THROUGH.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:22:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leilani Diga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is an outrage and unconstitutional.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:34:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole Busto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

When government makes laws that take away the ability for private citizens to protect themselves, the government is wrong. Purging our society of violence and murder cannot be done by gun control legislation.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:53:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Oshima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Restricting law abiding firearm owners with magazine capacity limits does not prevent any crimes from being committed.

Magazines or firearms do not cause issues; a wayward individual does.

Thank you, Daniel

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:56:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rasa Fournier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is a huge infringement on our 2nd amendment rights to defend ourselves. When you take even a basic training course, you're introduced to the kind of machine and ammo needed for self-protection. This bill would be dangerously encroaching on our legal ability to sufficiently protect oneself.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:59:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Shigemitsu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301,

- **IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:05:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin J. Cole	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**Aloha,**

**I am vehemently opposed to SB301. Semi-automatic firearms with detachable magazine have been around for over 100 years. Many in fact are collectors' items. Banning such items is overly restrictive. The fact that SB301 makes would not grandfather in ownership is unconstitutional. The prohibiting of larger magazines is nothing more than an answer looking for a problem at best or window dressing at worst.**

**This Bill would accomplish nothing and cause more issues where none are needed.**

**V/R**

**Kevin J. Cole, Col. USAF Ret.**

**Mililani**





**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:07:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
spencer vanderkamp	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

It is unconstitutional. Criminals do not follow the law, clearly criminals can still get illegal things, just look at the war on drugs. These types of laws do nothing but harm law abiding citizens, and make them defenseless. It is already a very restricted process to get a firearm in Hawaii, this will not save any lives. If you outlaw guns, only outlaws have guns.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:10:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bradford Davis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good morning Committee Members,

I would like to respectfully communicate my opposition to SB301. This bill would prevent me from effectively protecting my family and would not benefit law abiding citizens. In fact, SB301 will effectively change who I (and others in my sphere of influence) will vote for as my representative in the next election. SB301 does NOT reflect the attitudes, beliefs, or values of the local community.

Respectfully,

Bradford Davis

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:10:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy L Nakashima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose bill SB301.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:20:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kyle Kaiser	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it serves as an other abridgement to our 2nd amendment rights in the Constitution.

This Bill will lead to the police brutality and unecessary arrests and prosecution for attempting to criminalize the buying and transfer of the most common rifle in America today.

The local firearms community in Hawaii is very old made up of law abiding citizens, good people. The most common rifle is the AR-15 and limiting the sale of these weapons or the magazine capacity isn't going to make any positive changes to the community. Instead of preventing crime, these gun control bills only serve to take away joy and the sport of shooting from law abiding citizens. When you look at a high profile case like the one where the two HPD officers were gunned down near Diamond Head, you find that he was using a bolt action rifle, not an AR-15. Name one high profile case in the last 5 years where someone was killed by an "assault weapon." I monitor the news and all I notice is that career criminals get a hold of stolen hand guns on the black market. That's the majority of our gun problems! We already have strict gun legislation in place, enough is enough! Stop imitating democrats on the mainland with this kind of legislation. We don't need it!

Please leave us (gun owners) alone and create legislation that actually serves the community.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:28:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Francis Corpuz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

This bill is unconstitutional.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:46:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Soon	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it would ban or restrict common sporting arms for no particular reason.

It could make criminals of ordinary citizens instantly. Please stop painting ordinary citizen hobbyists as bloodthirsty criminals.

It is shameful that ordinary law-abiding hobbyists need to waste their time to defend themselves against elected officials wishing to characterize gun owners as criminals.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:23:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 301**

Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

Brett Kulbis

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 2:52:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chase Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi,

I am writing today with hopes to prevent SB301 from harming my life any further and to explain why I beg you all to oppose the bill. This bill would effectively shut my business down completely and is so unbelievably unconstitutional it should not ever be considered as a law in America. I cannot even believe that I have to write this testimony to defend this right but I will do my duty as an American and citizen of Hawaii and stand up for all of our rights to maintain our ability to keep and bear arms.

This bill has me living in fear, wasting time I should be spending on my family or work and all just to maintain my business and hobby that brings me financial gain and overall satisfaction in life. I should not have to defend this right to anyone and it's beyond disheartening to have to think that I need to convince complete strangers why my passions matter or why my business should not be destroyed.

There is absolutely no grounds for removing the ownership of AR15's or any other semi automatic firearms with magazine capacities higher than 10 rounds from law abiding citizens hands within our country and especially in Hawaii. There is no need for this in Hawaii where we have hardly any gun violence in the first place, most of all of which occurs with handguns and shotguns if a firearm is even used. I thoroughly understand violent attacker prevention and work providing anti active attacker training. I do not wish to ever see someone harmed by a firearm and even cases that are justified leave me knowing the reality of what that person experienced. I understand the consequences of firearms when used as a weapon and have seen the damage they can cause up close and in person and I do not take that lightly for a second. I do not want to see Americans harmed ever and that is something that firearms owners are simply ignored over due to owning something that is dangerous if used improperly or with ill intentions. Regardless of how safe firearms may or may not be, Firearms owners are arguably some of the safest members of society and follow laws far better than most any other group out there. What good is this doing for us, for our society and how is it making my family safer? If we want to live in fear then we must next ban knives, 3/4" metal tubing, cars, alcohol and any other item that can be used to harm someone. Or maybe we simply have laws that limit how they use said items? That seems far more logical and based on reality.



This bill is threatening me and my families members with violence in order to justify means of removing legally acquired items from citizens position and I am not okay with this. Who is wrong in this situation? Who is causing Hawaii citizens to be harmed or to live in fear? You will have enacted law that allows for murdering Americans who do not believe in what you do and if they do not follow along then there life and freedom will be at risk. You would be using fear and terror to force everyone to comply and to me this is domestic terrorism showing up in a new way through unconstitutional bills and laws that destroy good people and American businesses. This feels like a one sided argument by people who will ask police officers to use the exact tools firearms owners are forced to hand over in order to force them to comply. The irony couldn't be more appalling and will not be lost on this one and I fear that far too many instances of violence will occur as the result of this bill becoming law. To me, one single case of violence as the result of the law being enacted would be a complete failure by our governing bodies and will place unnecessary risk upon Hawaii citizens who are currently abiding by state and federal laws. It's not just the households who own these type of firearms who will be at risk, but all surrounding homes and people within the vicinity at the time of a forced entry and removal of firearms who will unnecessarily be placed in harms way.

Negative effects as the result of this bill:

1. Forced to move from Hawaii and it would close my business down for good within the state.
2. Forced to turn in perfectly legally acquired and operational firearms and magazines that I use for hunting, professional shooting competitions, for self defense and all of my equipment needed to run my business.
3. Destroy my marriage as my wife loves living here, as do I, but the debate between moving based on my passions and business being forced to close is already causing problems for us at home. \*This bill is already hurting families in Hawaii by making us consider difficult choices that would be non existent without the bill being put forward. This is destructive and wreaking havoc on our pursuit of happiness.
4. Fear for my life if a neighbor were to report one of my many airsoft replicas as a real firearm. A police raid is never a safe option for anyone and no law abiding citizens should live in fear of being assaulted at home by any government force. If AR15's were illegal but I was to be seen owning a replica that I have for film props, could that lead to unnecessary interactions with police regarding my property? I believe my fear is justified and only caused by invasive laws like this would become if enacted.
5. I will lose more than \$10,000 personally due to this law and will have no compensation for me abiding by the new laws. I would lose years of memories and knowledge and ability to use my skills all in a moment based on what you vote for. I will also lose out on all future profit from sales through my business and that would be devastating for my future.
6. Fear hearing of other firearms owners being shot or killed for confusion regarding this bill.

7. I will lose the future plans I have set for my son and I to do range and hunting activities throughout his life, like I have done and currently do with my father in Hawaii.
8. My firearm training and active attacker response training business will be closed as there would be no tools left to train with or need for it since this law would obviously prevent any attacks from taking place ever again...
9. More illegal firearms in circulation as people lie and will choose to do what they want rather than follow an unconstitutional ban.
10. My life will be put at risk over my possessions.
11. Put my entire families safety at risk as the tools we use to defend ourselves while at home and at work would be removed and made illegal. People will know I am disarmed and feel more capable of robbing or harming my family.

There is absolutely no reason to limit magazine capacity for firearms owners in Hawaii and this should not be in the same bill or even something that can be passed within any law. Your job is not to dictate over us and this is exactly what is being done here by a select few who do not speak for the people when it comes to this matter. You are not my voice when you close my business down, put my family at risk, make me out to be a criminal and take my future from me. We the people have spoken with our purchases in mass numbers and our nations support of the 2nd amendment will not waiver.

Is there any way to express with my entire being that I oppose this and will do anything legal within my power to prevent anything like it from ever passing? Does feeling this strong make me a bad person because I have a passion for my work and care about what I invest in? Do these feelings put me even more at risk for being harmed? I do feel that anyone supporting this bill actually has very bad intentions for our society and is willing to send others to harm other Americans in order to justify feelings, regardless of the consequences. I do not feel safe with bills like this on the table and I am actually looking to move for fear for my life and future. That is a sad reality of what this bill is doing to a family in Hawaii and I ask you to consider my family when voting for this bill.

1. I am not okay with changing any wording on this bill, the entire bill is unconstitutional and should be opposed.
2. Magazine capacity shall be decided upon by citizens and not that of any governing body. \*the handgun magazine limit is currently limiting my partially paralyzed friend even more than his physical disability causes. He uses a handgun for self defense as that is all he is able to handle. He's been under constant fear for his life the last year after his wife of 8 years decided to cheat on him with a felon who has verbally stated he is in position of an illegal firearm and will hurt him if he see's him. Their divorce is now going through and the "other guy" has made valid threats yet the police feel that do not have grounds to do anything more at this time. This man is a law abiding citizen being harmed by magazine capacity laws and is unable to properly defend against a threat if needed one day, as the result of our current magazine limitations for handguns. I hope everyone is proud for limiting access to a disabled person from being able to properly defend themselves. He cannot reliably change out the magazine, so

in his case he potentially has 10 chances to save his life. That definitely makes us all safer from the criminals who have illegally acquired firearms with magazines that have higher capacity that they easily had mailed to them.

3. Firearm types are not to be dictated over by any governing body, as this directly negates the 2nd amendment and why it was written in the first place.
4. No type of firearm accessory should be used to determine the definition of a firearm or its legality. A grip, handguard, barrel shroud, removable magazine, threaded barrel and all other features are common place accessories or features used by shooters for various logical reasons that should not be restricted by any governing body. One great example is suppressors or silencers which were made illegal in Hawaii, yet the negative possibilities they seek to prevent are far less than the positive results of access. As the result of the benefits of using a suppressor, certain European countries have required them to be used for hunting. Hawaii, unlike others who have actually considered the effect, has banned the use of a product that could greatly reduce hearing damage caused to shooters when enjoying their hobby, reduce noise pollution from public and private firing ranges and while hunting and greatly improve the quality of life for those training frequently with firearms. Frivolous feel good laws usually end up causing more harm than good and that is what I strongly feel this bill would cause.

Lastly I'll end with telling you all of my weekend. I spent a day at the range with my dad and we used firearms and magazines that would all be made illegal with this bill. I have spent more time shooting and working with firearms with my dad than I have with any other activity in over 20 years. I think that is an amazing victory for mine and his life and has brought me countless memories and, to me, that is what life is all about. I can't begin to express how saddened I am to think that this would all go away and that my connecting with my father will be limited, as shooting is something we both find interest in together. I fear the results of your vote and this type of effect on American families should be considered when voting on such a bill.

I respectfully ask you, with all that I have left in me, please do not tear apart my future, my family and destroy my business and vote to oppose SB301.

Thank you,

Chase Cavitt

pac808info@gmail.com

I am happy to go over anything in my testimony or to answer any questions regarding why I oppose this bill. I have left my contact email and am available to discuss this with anyone who will be voting on the issue. If you have read my entire testimony I would greatly appreciate an email stating the bill number and that my words were received and read. I have spent hours upon hours drafting testimonies defending my freedoms and business and fear that my words are being ignored or passed over by those with

opposing views or simple due to the quantity of testimonies. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:28:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Norris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This would make property I own worthless and take money out of my pocket and instantly I would have illegal items. I use a semi automatic rifle with +10 round magazines to hunt and feed my family and friend. This measure would continue to make my life harder

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:35:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sean C Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Senators,

Please oppose this bill. I own many of these rifles and magazines that want to make illegal. I am a sportsman, hunter and collector. You are making the rifles I bought legally into illegal firearms. I would like to also be able to pass these rifles onto my family as some of the firearms I have are collectable and valuable firearms.

Please oppose this bill.

Sean Goo

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:01:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elisha Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- **Please oppose this bill:**
- **IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

Sincerely Elisha Goo

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:07:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
steven lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301.

Bad criminals will NOT turn in their magazines.

SB301 would have the effect of giving bad criminals an unfair advantage over law-abiding citizens and send a message to these bad criminals that Hawaii makes it easier to victimize Hawaii's citizens.

Furthermore, a ban on common standard magazines with capacities over 10 rounds would make criminals out of MANY THOUSANDS of law-abiding citizens in Hawaii who would not turn in their magazines.

Our lawmakers should not make criminals out of Hawaii's citizens who now own magazines that hold over 10 rounds.

I STRONGLY oppose SB301.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:23:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laurie West	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Second Amendment:

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

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They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

-Benjamin Franklin

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:44:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeffrey Wang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I wholeheartedly OPPOSE this bill, as the 9th Circuit Court has already ruled that magazine limits are unconstitutional.

This bill also tries to circumvent the 2nd Ammendment of the constitution.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:51:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB301 Assault Weapon & Magazine Ban – OPPOSE**

We find ourselves in another new session of the state legislature and yet another time where we the legal gun owners of the State of Hawaii are again having to come out to the legislature to fight for the rights that are granted to us as our birth right by the United States Constitution. In the first paragraph of SB301 Senator Rhoads touts how safe that Hawaii is because of its strict gun control laws even so far as to pat himself on the back for Hawaii getting an -A by the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. So, I guess this is not enough for him, he wants to take more. In 1994 when I was a college student in a neighboring state the gun registration bill for pistols and long guns was passed and we the legal gun owners of Hawaii complied and continue to follow the rules you imposed on us. Now 27 years later you have introduced a bill, SB301 that will confiscate 100's of 1000's of currently legally owned property from residents of the State of Hawaii because you people think that we can not be trusted to own these types of firearms. With the strike of a pen, you plan to create criminals out of once legal firearms owners by requiring us to turn over our legally owned property to authorities. No grandfathering in for property currently owned, just hand them over. This is Theft and a violation of our 4th Amendment rights. It is you who can't be trusted to uphold the oath of office that you have taken to defend the Constitution of the United States as well as the State's Constitution.

The definition for an assault rifle that you are using is grossly inaccurate. The ATF defines an Assault Rifles as a rifle that is capable of selective fire, the ability to switch from semi-automatic (one round/trigger pull) to either burst fire or fully automatic (multiple rounds/trigger pull). It must also have an intermediate-power cartridge that is more powerful than a pistol but less than a standard rifle or battle rifle. Also, the ammunition must be supplied from a detachable box magazine. The AR15 or any other semiautomatic rifles or shotguns do not fall under the definition of an assault rifle because it lacks the capability to fire multiple rounds per trigger pull. Assault rifles or any fully automatic firearms are already banned by the state of Hawaii. Everything else listed in this bill in the characteristics line are cosmetic and have no effect on the gun's capabilities. Gun owners of the state of Hawaii like myself take great offense that you do not even give us the courtesy of understanding how firearms function or to use correct

terminology. When is enough, enough for you people? My experience is that you will never stop until you get your wish to completely ban the public from owning firearms.

In closing I say shame on you. You Hawaii Legislators who in the time of a national pandemic take it upon yourself to keep pushing party politics to try to steal people's property instead of finding ways to fight this on-going COVID-19 pandemic because you feel that you can pass this bill under the radar of Hawaii Gun Owners as we are working to protect our family, feed our family, and pay our bills in this trying time.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:15:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matthew Uchida	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a law enforcement officer here in Hawaii and I am not sure that I could enforce this law if passed. The law, as written, would pretty much outlaw all semi-automatic rifles. Additionally many of the features on rifles and shotguns are included without any articulateable need. For example, making it illegal to have a bayonet lug on a rifle barrel, when is the last time someone was murdered with a rifle equipped with a bayonet? I cannot get behind this law as I don't think it is constitutional, I don't think it would address any problems Hawaii faces, and I don't think I could enforce it if I came across someone with such a firearm.

I am speaking on behalf of myself and not on behalf of the department I work for. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my comment.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:07:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gavin Lohmeier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301. Most long guns have the ability of using magazines larger than 10 rounds. This bill is too wide spread. it is an infringement of the second Amendment. there are pending lawsuits in different states for just such a ban.

sincerely,

Gavin Lohmeier

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:24:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ricardo Trinidad Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm opposing this proposed bill, due to the fact that, gun owners are already following every guidelines and protocols to own and register their guns. Hence, the government and the Police Department, need to do their part on making sure, that small arms and long guns, does not end up on the hands of criminals.

I acquired my small guns and semi-auto rifles, to protect my family and property, I keep all my guns inside my property and if I do take them out with me, to the range, I still follow the rules on how to transport them.

I acquired this types of guns legally, because, the PD and the government did not do their job, on letting criminal elements getting these types of guns and uses them to do criminal acts and endangering us, law abiding citizens and gun owners who follows the law and the rules on how to own them.

Again my stand on this proposed Bill is a "NO". Instead, get those criminals who possesses and uses firearms in criminal acts, and "STOP" targeting or implementing more regulations to all gun owners who acquired their firearms who adheres to all mandated government policies on how to buy and register their firearms!

For me, you should propose Bills on how to prosecute people and criminals using high-powered guns! Stop targetting us, good law abiding gun owners. Enough is enough. It is in the Constitution, and we will continue to push for our Rights, using our Second Amendment, the right to bear arms.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:41:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carol Thomas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

DEFINITION OF ASSAULT WEAPON IS GROSSLY INACCURATE.

The AR15 or any other semi-automatic rifle or shotgun lacks the capability to fire multiple rounds per trigger pull. Senator Rhoads should educate himself and understand how firearms function and use the correct terminology. Yet Senator Rhoads brags how safe Hawaii is because we have strict gun laws. Enough already!



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:04:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Greg Howeth	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- **IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:00:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melissa Lahti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill! It goes against our 2nd amendment rights!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:14:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- **IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:22:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert M Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support the limits on assault rifles and such firearms in Hawai`i as directed in this bill.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:23:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kenny Kwan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is no such thing as an "assault rifle" or "assault shotgun". please stop making up terms. Just because it has a detachable magazine of 10 rounds or greater does not make it an "assault" weapon. Firearms are used for hunting and defensive purposes. Limiting the amount of rounds in a magazine only hurts law-abiding citizens. If someone were to use firearms in an illegal way, they would not use a 10 round magazine and would use something greater.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:30:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John D. Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to this SB 301, Senator Rhoads proposal is unconstitutional. This does not address the criminal element and affects the law abiding citizens.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:31:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deborah Palomares	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

This bill should not be passed. There are enough gun laws in place already. Please stop eroding our second amendment rights. Per the FBI's Uniform Crime Report released in late 2020, 1,476 victims were murdered with knives or cutting instruments while only 364 people were killed with rifles (including assault rifles). That means you are 4 times more likely to die by a knife than you are by a rifle. Will you start banning knives? They are more deadly. How about cars? They are more deadly too. Don't pass this bill.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:34:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Austin White	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**OPPOSE**

Re: ASSAULT RIFLES, ASSAULT SHOTGUNS AND SHOTGUNS WITH A REVOLVING CYLINDER – Based upon the loose and vague descriptions given in the revised definitions, this bill would effectively ban almost every semi-automatic rifle within the state. This bill would also ban commonly used shotguns such as the Remington 870DM, NORINCO SAS 12 and Black Aces Pro Series M.

Re: MAGAZINES - This bill would continue to punish law abiding citizens of the State of Hawaii and infringe upon their right to defend themselves in a manner which they deem acceptable. Magazines that have capacities larger than 10 rounds were designed that way by the manufacturer for an explicit reason; to give the user the ability to defend oneself against bad actors with equality. To deviate from that would be redesigning the firearm from its initial and desired design. There have been numerous incidents where the defender has had to use more than 10 rounds to defend themselves. This includes Law Enforcement. The private citizen should have the same capabilities to defend themselves as LEO as law enforcement is not readily available when victims need their assistance.



Aloha Hawaii State representatives,

My name is Brandon Kishimoto and I vehemently oppose senate bill 301. This bill is in direct violation of the second amendment right given to us in the United States Constitution. "Shall not be infringed" is not a suggestion, it is a directive given by our founding fathers.

I have lived in Kaneohe all my life and I have a great love and respect for these islands. It hurts to see that some individuals like Mr. Rhoads want to join in on the few other states like California that regularly trample the constitutional rights of its citizens. I see no evidence that guns are a major source of violence in Hawaii. I also see no evidence that passing more gun control measures is necessary. We have the lowest gun violence in the nation. In fact, we have the lowest any kind of violence in the nation, so the argument that we have low gun violence because of strict gun control is absurd. We as gun owners in Hawaii are extremely careful and responsible with our firearms. We follow all laws and regulations, even those that we do not agree with. We do this because we value law and order and respect authority. Please do not take advantage of our Aloha.

I oppose Senate Bill 301 because it is an unnecessary measure that violates the United States Constitution and it will alienate hundreds of thousands of responsible gun owners in Hawaii. Criminals will still have any weapon they want. Please do not take away our right to defend ourselves and our God given right to freedom.

Aloha, Brandon

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:55:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sam Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB 301

As a law-abiding citizen of the State of Hawaii and the United States of America, I strongly disagree with this measure. Once again, legislators are proposing an act that will result in marginalizing the law abiding citizens of this state and country by removing constitutional rights and, in an unprecedented manner, requiring the surrender of American's personal property. In addition to this, in the case of law abiding and citizens who are in the business of selling and manufacturing legal products, this act will in fact undermine if not eliminate those unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This is unacceptable.

This act will in fact be likely to create the opposite of its stated intent, which is to sustain the current status of the state's status of having the lowest number of gun fatalities per capita. Like the failed prohibition of alcohol, the act of making guns of any type illegal will create an environment where only criminals, who are already willing to break the law, become the only class of citizen who will be willing to go to any lengths to acquire them.

A better approach would be to work with the law abiding citizens of our state who are in the legal firearms industry to provide education, training and awareness of the responsible ownership, use and activities that firearms owners can participate in. A society of educated law abiding citizens who are armed, if they so choose to exercise this constitutional right, will be far safer than a society of uneducated and frightened victims with no way to protect themselves from a burgeoning class of illegal gun owners with criminal intent.

Please vote to sustain the constitutional rights of Hawaiian residents and allow us to remain protected from those who have no intention of following the law. Vote no on this measure!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:02:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Coralie Matayoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As the former CEO of the American Red Cross Pacific Islands Region, I have had first-hand experience in preparing for mass casualty disasters. Thus, I am writing in strong support of SB301 to establish a ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

Hawaii is the only state in the nation to have an assault weapons ban that fails to include assault rifles, shotguns, and large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds) for those weapons.

Assault weapons and large capacity magazines are uniquely designed to be capable of mass violence. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. There are reported to be thousands of large capacity magazines already in Hawaii in civilian hands, and all should be banned.

Our innocent keiki are drilled each year on how to try to survive an active shooter situation. As long as Hawaii has assault weapons that make it easy to cause mass casualties, senseless loss of life will inevitably occur. Thoughts and prayers after the fact are not enough to combat gun violence. Action is needed.

1994 federal Assault Weapons Ban prohibited assault weapons and high-capacity magazines and resulted in fewer mass shootings, but the law expired and Congress has failed to re-enact it. Hawaii can and should enact our own laws to ban these large capacity magazines and weapons.

The rate of public mass shootings has tripled since 2011. The US now has more mass shootings each year than there are days in the year. Hawai'i has not been immune. We should do our best to prevent another mass shooting here. The sooner all large capacity magazines are banned, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of these dangerous weapons in Hawaii.

As an island state, Hawaii has a unique opportunity to proactively curb the chances of further mass shootings. Please don't wait until it's too late.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:03:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Aaron	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill, as a US Army Vet, this is the only type of rifle i own for family protection, i only have training with rifles. My wife also is able to protect herself with this firearm. This bill only will deminish my capacity to protect my family, thats the only thing it will do, when will law makers realize that banning things will make it worse? If you cant control the illegal control fireworks, what will this ban do?, make another underground illegal activity?

Please leave us law abiding gun owners alone, and leave our right to fully protect ourselves alone.

Thats all we ask.

Thank you.

**Testimony of Joyce Y Neeley In Support of SB 301  
To the Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Hearing Date: February 12, 2021 at 9:15am, Via Videoconference**

I am writing in strong support of SB 301, establishing a ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

I care about this issue because my children and grandchildren live in Hawaii and I want it to be a safe place.

Hawaii prides itself on having strict gun laws to help protect our community. Yet, Hawaii is the only state in the nation to have an assault weapons ban that fails to include assault rifles/shotguns and large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds) for those weapons.

U.S. assault weapons bans by jurisdiction							
Jurisdiction	Status	- By make/ model	Semiauto rifles	Semiauto pistols	Shotguns	Features test	Magazine capacity
California	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Connecticut	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
District of Columbia	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Hawaii	In force			X		X	10 (pistols)
Maryland	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Massachusetts	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
New Jersey	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
New York	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10

Wikipedia, Assault Weapons Legislation in the United States (2021)

We have banned assault pistols and large capacity magazines (LCMs) for pistols for many years, but our law fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and LCMs for those weapons, allowing these dangerous weapons to proliferate. This becomes more dangerous every year, with the number of assault weapons and LCMs being purchased here.

The 1994 federal Assault Weapons Ban prohibited assault weapons and LCMs and resulted in fewer mass shootings, but the law expired and Congress has failed to re-enact it. Hawai'i can and should close the loopholes in our own assault weapons ban to fill this void.

Assault weapons and LCMs are uniquely designed to be capable of mass violence. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense.

The rate of public mass shootings has tripled since 2011. The US now has more mass shootings each year than there are days in the year. Hawai'i has not been immune. We should do our best to prevent another mass shooting here.

The sooner assault weapons and large capacity magazines are banned, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of these dangerous weapons in Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Y Neeley

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:10:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin H	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support this unconstitutional bill. The second amendment is written in the constitution and has been upheld all these years. Trump and his fakenews shows how fragile our democracy is. The 2nd and 1st amendment are key for democracy and the future of America. Remove either of these and Trump wins. I implore you to not violate what little rights we have left.

Thanks,

Justin

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:36:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John D'Adamo III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB301 Assault weapon & magazine bam OPPOSE If made in to law it would discriminate among law abiding citizens with disability



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:51:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judy Ann Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

·SB301 Assault weapon & magazine ban **OPPOSE!**

Semiauto rifle w/detachable magazine. ***This would affect nearly ALL semi auto rifles.***

Bans all of the above for ***possession***, manufacture, acquisition, transfer, and importation into Hawaii. No grandfathering !?!? ***This would affect nearly ALL GUN OWNERS !!***

There are more than twice as many registered gun permits as registered voters in Hawaii.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:57:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barry Aoki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 301. This bill infringes on my rights to keep and bear arms.

The term "assault rifle" is being used to demonize a sporting rifle. My sporting rifle never "assaulted" anyone. If having the capacity of 10 rounds is sufficient, why don't the Police departments only carry 10 rounds in their firearms? Because it puts them at a disadvantage that's why.

In my 26 years in local law enforcement, I have never arrested a law abiding citizen. Those arrested were not law abiding and defined as criminals. Criminals don't worry about laws, only the law abiding citizen follow laws. This bill will not prevent or deter criminal activity, it will only negatively affect law abiding citizens.

Strongly OPPOSE this bill.

Barry Aoki

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:03:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Blue	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB301 for several reasons. First of all the definition of an "Assault rifle" is being misconstrued in this bill. An assault rifle has the capabilities to switch from fully automatic rapid fire, to 3-shot bursts, to semi-automatic (a single round fired by a singular pull of the trigger). Semi automatic only rifles or guns (including shot guns) are not capable of those abilities and should not be defined as an "assault rifle" or "assault weapon".

Secondly the language relating to banning any firearm with a detachable magazine of more than a 10 round capacity already exists in Hawaii for pistol magazines and this bill is trying to expand that to "any firearm" with this capability would be banned. This is an unnecessary restriction as a detachable magazine no matter what the round capacity is, has nothing to do with gun safety. I feel the language put forth in this bill is unconstitutional and infringes on my given right to bear arms. I humbly ask that you vote in opposition of this bill and do your diligence to defend and uphold the constitutional rights of the people.

Thank you for your time.

Mahalo

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:07:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ian Bishop	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a concerned citizen, I strongly oppose SB301.

This bill would implement a cosmetics test that outlaws guns based on features that have nothing to do with how the weapon functions.

Popular and widely-owned rifles that are regularly used for hunting, sport, and home defense would become illegal under this bill.

This would not only be a disaster for gun owners in America but also a massive infringement on Second Amendment rights.

This unjustifiable bill must be stopped at all costs.

A few key points listed below.

- **IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the taxpayers of the State?
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law-abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

I strongly urge you to vote **NO** on SB301.

Thank you,

Ian Bishop

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:36:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

OPPOSE SB 301. There is no need for such an amendment to Chap 134, and would make illegal numerous firearms which are currently legally owned and used by the citizens of Hawaii.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:04:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steve Aruda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose to bill SB301

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:10:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
tracy cabrera	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Protecting the 2nd Amendment Rights of Citizens is crucial.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:04:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Megan Pearl	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill for the following reasons.

**IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

**PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

**MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:06:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Fred Delosantos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose SB301. This bill criminalizes the by-far, most common modern sporting rifle sold in the United States, and due to its' wide-ranging definition, this will also immediately ban a whole host of other sporting firearms enjoyed by Hawaii shooting enthusiasts. Instead of focusing on the gun, perhaps Hawaii law makers should turn their attention to measures that will keep criminals behind bars. Too often we read about some criminal committing a crime, and he already has 50 other felony convictions. Why is he out-and-about in the first place? This bill does nothing to protect Hawaii citizens. Get rid of the infamous Hawaii "Catch-and-Release" program.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:08:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peter J Long III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I submit this testimony with ABSOLUTE & UNEQUIVOCAL OPPOSITION to SB301.

This ridiculous bill seeks to outlaw most semi automatic rifles, many of which are the most widely owned and used firearms in the State! It also effectively extends the magazine ban for pistols to the STANDARD capacity magazines of many rifles. (A decision on California's magazine ban is currently pending before the US Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and will most likely go to the US Supreme Court for final disposition.)

Almost every firearms owner in the state has some variant of an AR15 rifle, it is absolutely IN COMMON USE by law abiding citizens in the state and thereby protected by the US Supreme Court case 'District of Columbia v. Heller (2008)' I would also add that over the last year, thousands of responsible citizens have become new firearm owners due to the ongoing pandemic. Many of those firearms are precisely the ones mentioned in this bill.

You, as state legislators, are attempting to criminalize the possession of a tool that millions across our state and nation depend on to protect themselves and their families, simply because the tool "looks scary". This bill is nothing more than an attempt to criminalize millions of responsible firearms owners in order to create an illusion of safety. It will only hurt the segment of the population you think you are attempting to protect.

This faulty bill will also outlaw millions of STANDARD capacity magazines that are already widely in use within the state. Again, lawfully owned property that, with the stroke of a pen, becomes contraband, and a felon of the, now, responsible owner.

This proposal is in poor taste as it seeks to criminalize law abiding citizens and addresses a NON ISSUE in the State of Hawaii. This is fear mongering at the expense of citizens' civil rights. Reject this bill and let us hold on to our rights.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:35:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bruce Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**Testimony of Bruce Anderson In Support of SB 301**

**To the Senate Committee on the Judiciary**

**Hearing Date: February 12, 2021 at 9:15am, Via Videoconference**

I am writing in strong support of SB 301, establishing a ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines. I am at a loss to understand why Hawaii has a ban on assault pistols and large capacity magazines for them, and does not yet do the same thing for all types of assault weapons. There is no benefit for normal citizens to have access to these weapons, and there is a high amount of risk. Please pass this bill.

Bruce Anderson

941 B Prospect Street

Honolulu, HI 96822

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:48:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Malcolm Yee	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

This proposed bill will do absolutley nothing to curb gun violence. Criminals don't follow laws. The only thing this bill would do is infringe on law abiding American's Second Amendment Rights. This bill is unconstitutional and would make criminals out of law abiding citizens who have legally purchased our firearms and have followed current laws. If law makers are serious about "gun violence and safety", then maybe they should take a look at implementing harsher penalties for those convicted of gun crimes. Go after the criminals, not law abiding citizens.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:50:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kyle Morin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My stance on this bill is to oppose

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 2:17:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
william racoma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill even makes my grandfathers hunting rifle illegal



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:12:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lindsay J Parker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good Afternoon

I, Lindsay Parker oppose SB301

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:21:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kristi yamanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill infringes on our 2nd amendment rights as citizens to protect ourselves and our homes. I was burglarized a few years ago and the two suspects were never caught. They broke into my back door with ski masks. Thankfully my dog and I were not home. There is an influx of early prison release inmates who now have access to potentially commit more crimes. In my neighborhood there has been a jarring spike of home invasions and while the owners are home!

People who own guns, are not irresponsible wreckless criminals. There are some however who do access firearms illegally and that is a smaller percentage of the whole. You must do the right thing in protecting our civil and constitutional rights regardless of the smaller amount of people who illegally obtain firearms. I will not allow this bill to remove my 2nd amendment right to bear arms. If we are talking about giving up this freedom for a make-believe world where crime no longer exists, that is a very misleading notion. I strongly and vehemently oppose this bill.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:32:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jack Covington	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws among the 50 states. These laws that you past only affects law abiding tax paying citizens and not the perpetrators that make a living committing crimes. All criminals that commit crimes could care less about your gun laws and restrictions and will keep these firearms in their possession. Presently it is already unlawful to have a magazine that holds more than 10 rounds. Just because a firearm has a detachable magazine should not warrant that firearm to be banned. Your dicriscription of an assault weapon goes beyond what a real assault weapon really. It is because of misconception and parinoia related to firearms. There are individuals that use your so called classification of an assault weapon to hunt and do recreational shooting. Gun violence in this state is very low, an assault weapon is very sdeldom the weapon of choice.

Every new legislation session, as a gun owner we are constantly being harrassed by the introduction of these gun bills that only affect law abiding citizens. The legislation priorities and resources should be more focused in helping people who's lives are being drastically changed by COVID 19. Business, economy, homeless, so many other more important issues then trying to take legal property from law abiding gun owners. I oppose this bill and hope those with common sense will to. Thank You!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:32:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Toyomura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

this legislative body does not have the authority to define the second amendment per their ideolgy. Our country is based on individual liberty and freedom choice

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:53:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robyn Rayburn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB301

SB301, SECTION 1 states, "Additionally, Hawai'i had the lowest number of gun deaths per capita among the states in 2017, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The legislature is committed to protecting the safety and well being of its citizens."

So, Hawaii does not have a gun crime problem. Yet you propose to try to pass more restrictive laws that existing criminals, by definition, will ignore. You do know that criminals ignore laws, right? Gun owners who are not criminals abide by laws. Taking my gun while the criminals keep theirs is not protecting my safety. I suspect you know that.

(2) You took an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. The Second Amendment of that Constitution states, in part, "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." To vote for anything that infringes on this right of the people you represent is in violation of your oath and of the Constitution itself.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 4:16:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacob Wiencek	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Aloha Senators. The State of Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun control laws in the United States and has low levels of gun crime. I strongly oppose this measure on the grounds that it too strictly limits the right to keep and bear arms guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and by Article I Section 17 of the Hawaii State Constitution. Additionally I have strong concerns about the near arbitrary definitions of "assault rifle", "assault shotgun", and "assault pistol" in this proposed legislation. This bill does not seem to be in the public interest, it does not seem to be concerned with a valid interest in the public safety. It seems concerned only with strongly limiting the right to keep and bear arms, to essentially regulate it out of practical existence.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 4:55:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Neil Laroya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it only handcuffs law-abiding citizens who have spent time and money to go through the already rigorous gun registration process. It is unconstitutional and against the people's rights as stated in the 2nd Amendment. This bill will also cripple the business owners whose livelihood has been to create a business for the firearm community. A cap on 10 round magazines will not stop the criminals from following the law and this bill will only handcuff the rightful and law-abiding citizens of this state. Our legislators need to put more effort into solving the COVID-19 issues rather than Bills like this. I oppose this Bill.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:09:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jordan Au	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello,

I oppose SB301. I oppose this bill because it would ban the sale or transfer of all semiauto rifles w/detachable magazines, sale or transfer of all semiauto shotgun w/detachable magazine or revolving cylinder, possession and sale of any magazine over 10 rounds, there is no grandfathering of magazines that hold over 10 rounds, and ban all of the above for manufacture, acquisition, transfer, and importation into Hawaii. Every item that this bill seeks to ban are in common use so are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Also, there is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors). This ban on magazines and firearms could cost the state millions in lawsuits. The money could be better spent on helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

Thanks,

Jordan



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:21:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wesley Mun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The introduction to the bill states that Hawaii has had few instances of gun violence. As a preventive measure this bill would not prevent tragedies from happening as persons who committ crimes as such need mental health services, not a ban limiting legal gun ownership. This bill will be penalizing the thousands voting gun owers accross the state.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:31:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anthony Empting	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello,

The 9th circuit court of appeals is awaiting has come to the conclusion that banning over 10 round magazine is unconstitutional. Isn't this an indicator that we should be waiting to see how that pans out before trodding down a magazine ban. Wouldn't this make felons out of the 1000's of gun owners that have these in their posession. How would it be enforced? Sounds very costly for tax payers (ie all of us), with likey low to very low impact on crime.

Thaanks,

Anthony Empting

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:39:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Raymond White	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because its an attempt to ban firearms in common use. Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

This bills infringes on the constitutional rights of law abiding citizens by suppressing the rights of the collective for the potential acts of a few criminals. Hold individuals who break the law accountable NOT law abiding citizens..

In 2017, FBI reports 39 total murders in Hawaii, of which 4 are firearms related. Also in 2017, Hawaii DOT reported 107 traffic fatalites. Does it make sense to limit the speed of all the automobiles on the island to 10mph to reduce the risk of traffic fatalities? It might but its just not practical.

Please help our legislature to focus on whats important for the people. Hawaii's economy. We need to squash COVID so our keiki can return to school and everyone can go back to work.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:39:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Riemer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to SB301. Our 2nd Ammendment rights to bear arms allow us to acquire and possess firearms for many reasons. Self protection is one of great importance. Protection from a tyranical government if the government is the only entity permitted to have assault rifles and high-capacity magazines is a concern.

Please do not limit my ability to obtain and own guns in responsibe manner as I have done for the last 44 years. I purcased my first gun at the age of 15 and still have that firearm. I have trained my children on the safe use of firearms and the appicable rules associated with ownership and use of firearms.

The irresponsible and illegal use of firearms is the problem that you should be addressing.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:45:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Gutteling, M.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

RE: SB301:

re: banning long gun detachable ammunition magazines with a capacity in excess of 10 rounds

As a practicing orthopedic surgeon in Hawaii for 29 years, and before that for 5 years in inner city Newark NJ, I am very well experienced with caring for tragic gun trauma.

I urge you NOT to ban these 10+ round magazines for long guns.

The real harm outweighs the good intent.

New laws restricting the legal arming of our responsible citizens must be heavily weighed as to all the consequences, as well as the desired benefits.

Such a ban may, theoretically, have a slight marginal effect on preventing crime, but it definitely has a proven marginal effect on harming the human right of meaningful self-defense by our citizens.

Such a magazine ban has already recently been blocked in California by San Diego-based U.S. District Judge Roger Benitez . His ruling is here:

<https://www.courthousenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Duncan-Summary-Judgment-CA-Guns.pdf>

Judge Benitez emphasizes that the Second Amendment requires that the state has to meet a high burden before it can pass a law that infringes on the right to keep or bear arms

Judge Benitez, in his ruling, specifically described three home invasions, two of which ended with the female victims running out of bullets.

In the third case, the pajama-clad woman with a high-capacity magazine took on three armed intruders, firing at them while simultaneously calling for help on her phone.

"She had no place to carry an extra magazine and no way to reload because her left hand held the phone with which she was still trying to call 911," the judge wrote, saying she killed one attacker while two escaped.

He ruled that magazines holding more than 10 rounds are "arms" under the U.S. Constitution, and that the California law "burdens the core of the Second Amendment by criminalizing the acquisition and possession of these magazines that are commonly held by law-abiding citizens for defense of self, home, and state."

The goal of the California law was to deter mass-shootings, such as the terrorist assault that killed 14 and injured 22 in San Bernardino. Hawaii has had no such comparable mass shootings.

Judge Benitez called such shootings "exceedingly rare" while emphasizing the numerous everyday robberies, rapes and murders that might be countered with firearms.

This exact issue will come before the Supreme Court to settle conflicting rulings, and it would be embarrassing for Hawaii to again have such a law reversed as unjust, unconstitutional. Police Chief Susan Ballard has already been cautioned once before by her own Police Commission about her present approach to the 2nd Amendment regarding permitting as being legally indefensible, and risks reprimand and reversal from SCOTUS. <https://www.staradvertiser.com/2019/04/02/hawaii-news/honolulu-police-chief-is-pressed-on-handgun-carry-permits/>

This potential ban is similarly at risk.

Yours sincerely

Edward Gutteling, M.D.

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:45:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
james	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Banning guns will not reduce our homeless. That is Hawaii's pandemic. We rank the most homeless per capita in America. Criminals are very happy when gun laws are passed and you know it. They will not follow laws, and you know it. Child Trafficking is Rampid in Hawaii and you know it. Please solve Hawaii's REAL problems instead of acting like Hitler and taking away guns from Law abiding citizens. Mahalo.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:46:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Crow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony.

I Strongly Oppose Bill SB301 for the following reason;

I watch the local news every day and since this Bill SB301 has been introduced, I even started doing some online searches.

I Can't find any crimes that have been committed by Legal gun owners in the state of Hawaii that would lead towards any reason this Bill should have been introduced.

Therefore, I don't believe this Bill SB301 has Law Abiding Citizen in mind and should not be considered.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:50:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Roxanne Haverkort-Yeh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:53:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ruben Ongos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a taxpaying citizen and a firm believer in our constitution, especially our second ammendment... I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB301 AND SB307

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:56:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Clyde Yoshimura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly opposed SB301 as written because it further infringes on my right as a law-abiding citizen to purchase and own weapons of my choosing. You've already minimized my rights by restricting magazines to 10 rounds or less. The Constitution of the United States provides me the right to bear arms with no regard to any specific brand, make or model.

I believe the Senate, and for that fact, the House should instead focus their efforts on strengthening the laws on felons who illegally possess and use firearms indiscriminately. Current (weak) laws often tie the hands of the law enforcement officers and prosecutors whereby a felon (or other undesireables) may be arrested but is back on the streets on bail/bond within a few days committing more crimes.

This bill will not stop the bad people from possessing "assault type" weapons, it will only keep them out of the hands of the "VOTING", tax paying and law-abiding citizens.

Clyde M. Yoshimura, COL (Ret), USAR

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:13:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dylan Kahl	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I oppose this Bill because it goes against everything that America stands for. It's one of the most outrageous and dangerous bills, I can't believe it has actually made it this far. Every day spent at the range side by side with fellow sport shooters is filled with professionalism, safety, good hearted friendliness and an all around welcoming spirit. It is a fantastic community filled with all walks of life, of all ages. Loving the sport of shooting. Shooting the very rifles you are attempting to Ban and take away. The thought is absolutey absurd. Not even to bring up the logistical impossibility of trying to enforce something like this throughout the state of Hawaii. Please actually use the critical thinking parts of your minds and stop this bill from passing.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:45:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tihane Lopez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:48:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brent Uemae	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it creates a ban on many commonly owned and used firearms.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:52:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brendon Heal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose this bill.

There are tens of thousands of rifles and shotguns, and their associated magazines, legally owned in this state. The owners of these firearms are not the problem. There are practically ZERO crimes committed by the legal owners of such firearms and magazine. However, there are TONS of instances where MULTIPLE REPEAT FELONS have committed crimes, some with ALREADY ILLEGAL firearms.

Seems the problem's root lies there, NOT legal firearms owners.

The priorities of the legislature should be on the problems of the economy and Covid, NOT making legislation that harms law abiding citizens.

No new gun laws are needed, especially right now. It will solve ZERO issues.

OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:01:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
PHILIP STEINBACHER	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB301.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:15:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
john	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:16:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dennis Djou	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:23:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jason Keaulana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Jason Keaulana Oppose bill SB301.

I am a law abiding taxpayer and have rights.

By passing SB301 The Government is stripping

Our 2nd Amendment right to KEEP and Bear Arms.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:31:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
c ching	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is unconstitutional and would ban firearms I use for recreation and self-defense.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:35:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
tyler parson	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Thank you for taking my testimony into consideration. Many do not realize that we have a lot of firearm laws currently in the HRS, but they are not enforced. Many of our gun related crimes are perpetrated by convicted felons, many of which are on probation or parole. However the weak search and seizure laws of our state do not allow officers to perform searches that would actually make a difference by taking firearms from people not supposed to have them in the first place (and which are most likely to use them in the commission of a crime). In addition, most of the gun crimes are committed using handguns. This was true during the terrible xerox mass shooting and is still true today. The "assault weapons" being discussed in this bill are hardly ever used in local crimes in Hawaii. A very large majority of these types of weapons are owned by law abiding citizens who work and pay taxes. By passing this bill, you would be largely targeting people who never have and never will commit a crime. If members of the legislature are concerned with saving lives, then you would probably be better served by banning automobiles. For instance in 2018 there were approximately 60 firearm related deaths (with a large portion being suicides), and 117 traffic related deaths. The evidence just isn't there for this bill.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:47:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Normand A Cote	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee,

I strongly oppose SB301. This will only help to leave the law abiding citizen a victom.

These laws will not preventing any crimes from being committed!

Leave the law abiding citizens alone. Go after the criminals and keep them locked up.

Respectfully,

Normand A Cote

Law Abiding Citizen

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:52:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ron Knopp	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It is my right to keep and bear arms per the Second Amendment.

Banning certain types of firearms does not and will not prevent crimes from happening.

The problem is society and the evil that exists. Firearms are not the cause of crimes or evil acts.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:00:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Herbert Nishii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB 301

I oppose SB 301 because, as a Law Abiding Citizen in Honolulu, I cannot own an "assault rifle" or an "assault shotgun" - it is illegal for me to own any firearm that can fire multiple rounds of ammunition with ONE PULL of the trigger. This SB 301 confuses Semi- Automatic firearms with an "Assault Firearms" Please do not confuse the two!

By confusing an "Assault Rifle" and a Semi-Automatic Rifle - This SB301 will make the Semi-Automatic Rifle and Semi-Automatic Shotgun only available to persons who do not obey the law! Once again making the Law Abiding Gun Owner a Victim.

To now limit Detachable magazines to 10 rounds, is another issue, which all Law Abiding Citizens will be Victims - only those who do not obey the law will have magazines with more than 10 rounds. If a person, intent on harming myself or my family and property - comes at me with a firearm with a detachable magazine that carries more tha 10 rounds - I want to protect myself with DOUBLE of what he has. And this goes for a pistol as well... (but Hawaii has a 10 round magazine law for pistols on the books already. Criminals have more bullets in a detachable pistol magazine than the Law Abiding Citizen - once again making the Law Abiding Citizen a Victim)

Law Abiding Citizens, that own guns are not the problem - criminals that get guns ILLEGALLY are the problem - criminals don't go thru background checks to get their guns! Criminals get their guns without the law! Why Un-Arm Law Abiding Citizens to make them "easy target victims"? "Ordinary" "regular" Law Abiding Citizens are their own First Responder when a crime is being committed upon them - do not take away the tool that helps the "victim" become superior to the criminal! Law Enforcement has a response time - no matter how fast, can still be to late!

I oppose SB301 - I do not want to be a Victim

Thank you.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:05:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin Muneoka-Nagy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill because it infringes on my 2nd amendment right. A firearm is just another tool like a knife or a hammer. You don't blame the knife when someone is stabbed, you don't blame the car in drunk driving accidents you blame the person responsible for the act. Why should it be any different for firearms? More laws won't stop criminals from doing wrong but they will turn law abiding citizens into criminals and making it harder/ impossible for law abiding citizens to defend themselves or put food on their table is unconstitutional. Guns don't kill people, people kill people.

As a constituent, I ask you to please oppose SB301

Countless law-abiding citizens, such as myself, own and use magazines that hold more than ten rounds of ammunition. They are standard equipment for many of the most commonly-owned firearms in use for self-defense, competition, hunting, and recreational shooting.

Please don't restrict my ability to protect myself and my loved ones. There's no reason to believe that criminals will have any more respect for new gun laws that will only restrict self-defense rights of law-abiding citizens like me. Instead of exploring more ways to take away my rights, the Legislature should be looking to reduce crime by going after criminals and their illegal activities directly. Thank you.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:17:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chenoa F Genobia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I as an law abiding citizen oppose this bill completely.

This goes completely against the 2nd amendment.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:17:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Clayton Shobu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose SB 301. I own rifles and shot guns for sport only. It is my constitutional right to own arms. Nothing is wrong with owning large capacity magazines. I am a responsible citizen and carefull with all firearms.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:35:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jorge gonzalez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill that further restricts the rights of law abiding gun owners. This bill does nothing to reduce crime or target criminals.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:41:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brendan Balthazar	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Wow another bad bill. Over 70% of hunting rifles have a magazine and can be removed from the gun. I have no problem limiting magazines to 10 rounds. Which I believed was already a law. As a hunter, Rancher, and also an FFL dealer no hand gun that has a clip that can hold more than 10 rounds is allowed. As for rifles most of them have a clip that can only take 5 rounds. If there is a rifle, which there are that have magazines made for them that will hold more than put it under the same category as the hand guns. No real hunter needs a gun that shoots more than 5 rounds much less 10. This bill needs fixing or deleted.

Brendan Balthazar

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:42:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dallin Hee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Senators,

I oppose SB301 in regards to the assault weapons ban. In the introduction of the bill, it states that Hawaii had received an A- rating from the Giffords Law Center. I am happy that Hawaii has such a rating and hope that it does maintain that status. But in my opinion, I think Hawaii does not need such a weapons ban. It's not necessary for Hawaii to try to be "over-achievers" in striving to receive an A or A+ rating from the previously mentioned law center. And statistically speaking, assault weapons account for the small percent of gun violence in the nation.

Hawaii does have an assault weapons ban and is currently enforcing it by banning fully-automatic weapons from being sold to citizens. Law-makers need to be careful regarding semi-automatic weapons as assault weapons. If they continue to do so, many future hunters that wish to purchase semi-automatic rifles for hunting will not be able to do so. Not only for hunting, but semi-automatic weapons are also the most effective weapon in self-defense situations. The legislature should not prevent citizens from owning such effective self-defense tools.

Lastly, this is an infringement of our second amendment rights. The legislature needs to respect the Constitution and the God-given rights of the people of Hawaii. I ask that the members oppose this bill and should focus on other issues that will help fix the crime wave we are seeing on Oahu and the neighboring islands.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:47:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Travis Slavens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a tax paying citizen I oppose this bill. I stand behind the constitution and the right to bear arms against enemies foreign and domestic. Taking away our constitutional right to bear arms is taking us back to a time where kings told us what was best for us and didn't care how we felt about it.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:49:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aimoku Chee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**I am in opposition,** The legislature should support the Second Amendment and not do things to erode our constitutional rights. The legislature has sworn to uphold the U.S Costitution and Bill of Rights. I have a bachelors in political science and was told by my professors at the University of Hawaii that the Japanese High Command during World War II did not invade the U.S Mainland and Territories because they were aware that thy would suffer high casualties and losses in their military because the U.S populace was heavily armed and would defend their homeland. This deterred the Japanese military from invading the U.S physically.

Furthermore, the Third Reich disarmed the German and Austrian populace of small arms when Hitler came into power. The disarming of the national populace was also done by Joseph Stalin and the Russian Communist , Mao ZeDong and the Chinese Communist party as well as, other dictators like Pol Pot, Hugo Chavez, Fidel Castro in small counties like Cambodia,Venezuela, and Cuba. The list go on and on of these countries which were once free and fell to dictators because their populace was disarmed. These goverments which disarmed their populations eventually committed horrific genocide on their citizenry and populations. The disarming of the populace by these nations added to the holocaust of the Jewish people (6 million people murdered), the deaths of 100 of millions of Chinese nationals, and Russian Citizens 40-60 million are the estimated murders of these tryranical regimes. Castro murdered 15,000- 30,000 himself in Cuba and Island similiar to Hawaii. Had the citizenry not been disarmed these tyrants would not likely come to power. In the world we live in today with all the national turmoils it is easy to see that the U.S could be invaded by Russia, China or N. Korea. We are the first line of defense for the U.S Mainland, if our enemies will try to over take us, we should at the least have the rights to defend our families if such a predictament should arise. To do this we need small arms to keep and protect our liberties or we will not even have a chance of surviving.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:08:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Glenn Paul Kakugawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is against our 2nd amendment rights!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:13:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cecelia Yamamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301 as an infringement on the right to bear arms as described in the US Constitution. This bill will do nothing to improve the safety or welfare of Hawaii's law-abiding citizens but instead only benefit criminals who already ignore our laws.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:30:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
robert nago	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

i hereby oppose SB301

It is unconstitutional and unlawful to disarm responsible gun owners.

Hawaii already has one of the strictest gun laws in the United States. By further stripping us of our rights you hereby have no conscience for human lives and rights to bear arms to protect ourselves from those who want to inflict harm and danger upon our loved ones as well a means to gather and provide threw our hunting tradtion.

Instead of following the nation in its tyranical way to disarm rightful gun owners.

Try to improve our economy by further researching better ways to make Hawaii stronger, and stable. For example, revisiting Agriculture as a means to bring revenue to the states.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:33:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doug Thatcher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- SB301 Assault weapon & magazine ban
- **I STORNGLY OPPOSE!**

Semiauto rifle w/detachable magazine with one bad feature. (This will nearly ban all semi auto rifles)

Semiauto shotgun w/detachable magazine or revolving cylinder.

Any magazine holder more than 10 rounds

This bill Bans all of the above for possession, manufacture, acquisition, transfer, and importation into Hawaii

No provision for grandfathering

Thease guns are not the choise of law breakers.

Please vote no on SB 301

Mahalo,

**Doug Thatcher**

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chairman  
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chairman  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Nishihara; Vice Chairman Wakai,

I am writing to register my **strong opposition** to Senate Bill 301 (SB 301), the proposed prohibition on so-called "assault rifles", "assault shotguns" and "large-capacity" firearm magazines.

I oppose this terrible bill for many, many reasons. To enumerate a few:

1) It would seek to ban legal sales, transfer, and ownership of a wide variety of commonly owned firearms including the AR15, possibly THE most common civilian held firearm in the United States. In times of increased violence by criminals and radicals, and with the burgeoning growth of criminal gangs such firearms are the most effective form of self-defense a citizen can employ with reasonable expectation of success. In addition, as leftist elements within our political system seek to defund and/or greatly reduce the presence of Police, reliance upon personal protection tools gains ever greater importance. This bill would take away tools that help provide protection and defence for private citizens and their families. And that is precisely what the 2nd Amendment is all about.

2) It would seek to ban ownership of what are in fact, Standard Capacity magazines, to law abiding firearms owners and will absolutely NOT stop criminals and those dedicated to mass murder from carrying out their terrible acts. These misguided people are dedicated to doing harm, and they WILL find a means. Laws mean nothing to them, just as the lives and well-being of others means nothing to them. The only thing that this bill, should it be passed into law, would be certain to accomplish is to deny ownership of these useful tools to those who will not use them for evil against their fellow citizens. Those who in fact should be able to rely on the extra edge they confer during a confrontation should they, if worse come to worst, end up having to defend themselves and their loved ones from violent assault. Nothing is certain when it comes to self defense, especially against multiple assailants, but every advantage helps. Please don't take away this important advantage.

3) Making these firearms and their common-capacity magazines items illegal for existing owners will place a huge burden on folks who have done nothing wrong! It will punish those who purchased these tools in good faith, and for an honorable purpose. Those of us especially, who retain a significant collection of Standard Capacity magazines will have to find the time to take leave from work to go down to the police station to dispose of them. And the police, who already have plenty on their hands as it is trying to enforce the law, will have to deal with a large influx of people dragging boxes of materials in to them so that they can fill out mountains of paperwork. None of which makes any sense. Of course criminals will not be affected by any of this, even though it is THEY that cause the problems. Once again, the wrong people will be burdened, taxed, and (in effect), punished.

4) This bill is bad from a Constitutional standpoint. Yes, it DOES violate the 2nd Amendment, both in spirit and action. The semi-automatic rifle and the Standard Capacity magazine are

vital parts of an effective self-defense for the citizen. When an effective firearm or a vital part thereof is banned, the effect is to infringe on the right of Citizens to keep and bear arms. And this infringement is forbidden by the 2nd Amendment.

5) This bill is bad because it is unfairly and blatantly biased. It tacitly admits the usefulness of Standard Capacity magazines for personal defense by specifically exempting Law Enforcement Agencies and Officers from compliance. The terrible conclusion to be drawn from this is that agents of the State are far more privileged to defend themselves from violent attack than law abiding citizens, something that goes against everything for which our Constitution stands.

So. PLEASE vote AGAINST this bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:49:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steven Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Sirs,

Please leave well enough alone. Any more gun legislation is unconstitutional. We are supposed to be a free people. It was enshrined at the founding of the country in our constitution. No free man shall be debarred the use of firearms. These rights may not be infringed. We are well on the way towards a communist takeover with the recent theft of the presidency. Laws such as what are being here proposed only add gasoline to the fire. They are written and submitted by people who have no allegiance to this country and probably never did an honest days work. We already have the strictest laws in the country, and with any more, we might as well become North Korea. Please wake up, smell the coffee and refrain from destroying what was once the greatest country in the world. Thank you for allowing me to submit my opinion.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:58:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Yamamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a clear violation of the 2nd Amendment. This bill will only feed into the hands of violent criminals who will use it to their advantage as they prey upon law abiding citizens. One only needs to reflect upon the number of aerial fireworks ignited during this past New Year's Eve to understand that criminals will continue to have unfettered access to any firearm while the common people of Hawaii will be deprived of their Constitutionally protected rights.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:18:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lambert Castillo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- **IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:27:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Abraham Sylvester	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am in strong opposition to bill SB 301.

What this bill proposes will have a very negative impact on many Hawaii citizens who exercise their second amendment right. This bill will turn many law-abiding citizens into criminals just for owning a firearm that was legally purchased and has been legally owned for many years. Imposing the restrictions highlighted in this bill will only serve to turn people who have been law abiding citizens up until this point into criminals simply because they were not aware of the change in laws and because they may own a very common accessory such as a hand grip, shroud, or threaded barrel that will now be considered an "assault weapon" trait.

This bill will make very common firearms illegal that may contain a single attribute of what is considered an "assault weapon". Some of the attributes that are considered "assault weapon" attributes are amongst the most common accessories that can be acquired for firearms and don't add to the lethality of the firearms in any way.

The purpose of a barrel shroud is to act as a safety measure to prevent burns. Not allowing for rifles to have a shroud greatly increases the risk for potential injury due to burns. It does not make logical sense to make an accessory that serves to make the firearm safer illegal.

In the case of threaded barrels there are many firearms that come with a threaded barrel as the standard barrel due to how common it is. There are also many older firearms and antiques that have threaded barrels and other common accessories that are listed in this bill that would make these collectible firearms illegal.

If the goal of the measures in this bill is to further decrease gun death, then it will contribute nearly zero to that cause. The overwhelming majority of shootings and mass shootings in Hawaii and the United States is due to handguns. Rifles and shotguns which are the main subject of this bill make up a very small portion of shootings and deaths caused by firearms. To then increase the restrictions further for "assault rifles" and shotguns when they make up a small minority of shootings does not make logical sense.

Further, according to the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence, the leading cause of gun deaths is due to suicide. This comprised of over 51% of the gun deaths in 2018. None of the measures this bill proposed will have any impact on that statistic.

Hawaii already has a very arduous process in place in order to acquire and register firearms. As it states in the bill itself, the State already has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation. I believe increasing these laws further to encompass what is proposed in this bill will be an infringement upon our second amendment rights. Instead of restricting the rights given to the people by the constitution I believe focusing on more important issues such as suicide in Hawaii and the nation will have a much greater impact considering the majority of gun deaths are due to suicide.

As citizens of Hawaii and the United States it is our second amendment right to own and bear arms. This bill serves to infringe upon that right and make it not only increasingly difficult to own a firearm that conforms to these new rules but also turn many citizens into criminals for merely owning something that has been legal for many years. I am in strong opposition to bill SB 301.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:39:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Misty Earnest	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha

Im in opposition of a ban on 12 gauge shotguns or as you see "assault" somehow. I use 12gauge to hunt waterfowl and deer to put food on the table as a single mom, especially through through this Plandemic. Hunting is the source for many of us on All Hawaiian islands that are predominately country small towns. These bans affect hunters solely getting food for families. Our crime rate related to such guns is almost Non existent. We are not Detroit or LA out here in Hawaii nor do we have any gang issues by any means involving such guns. The ban on these guns is Unwarranted and Unnecessary. We have 1 city on 1 island ban Honolulu if you feel the city is out of control but banning All country islands surrounding that have strong hunting roots is assinine. Hand guns have higher numbers and those are still lowest compared to anywhere in US. Just because California ban happy doesnt mean Hawaii needs to play follow the leader We are completely different culture environment, element and 90% rural as a State...1 large city over span of 8 islands, makes no sense what so ever.

Mahalo nui loa for your time.

Misty

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:41:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steven T Takekoshi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

08 February 2021

TO: The Honorable Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee

[JDCtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JDCtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

RE: Testimony Regarding SB 301

Aloha, I am Steven Takekoshi a citizen of the United States and Hawaii and I am providing written testimony to the Committee in opposition of SB 301. I desire that this testimony be read for the record. As a collector of military firearms your definition of assault rifle is overly broad, for instance a military surplus rifle like the Lee Enfield Mark III (1904), M 1917 Enfield (1917), M1903 Springfield (1903), Mosin Nagant (1891), and Gewehr 98 (1898) would all classify as assault rifles under the proposed bill. The design of each of these rifles are all over one hundred years old and are displayed in museums. These rifles enjoy broad use by law abiding citizens for hunting, target shooting, and collecting. This bill has no appreciable effect on gun crimes and denies law abiding citizens their Constitutional right protected by its Second Amendment.

Under District of Columbia v. Heller the United States Supreme Court noted all bearable arms are presumptively protected by the Second Amendment, and the state bears the burden of proving otherwise – such as by proving the arms to be "dangerous and unusual." Additionally, Heller affirms protection for firearms in "common use for lawful

purposes like self-defense.” “Common use” suggests two possibilities; one is a narrow, numerical standard that would protect best-selling models from popular manufacturers but allow prohibitions on obscure brands of essentially the same gun, or that “common use” means functionally common which would protect the entire class of similarly functioning arms. The Court did not need to elaborate on “common use,” since handguns are obviously very common. However, the common use standard is entirely adequate for resolving a broad category of claims and it is especially suited to resolving challenges to supply restrictions—i.e., gun bans of various types which this bill effectively does.

The court also held that, because the framers understood the right of self-defense to be “the central component” of the right to keep and bear arms, the Second Amendment implicitly protects the right “to use arms in defense of hearth and home.” Many common use firearms were designed with magazine capacities greater than ten rounds. Also, studies show a trained individual, for instance a police officer, firing under duress hits their target twenty seven percent of the time or two to three hits per ten rounds. For a citizen who may not have undergone as much training the percentage is far lower; if one were to assume half or fourteen percent that individual would hit the target one to two times per ten rounds, possibly not stopping the attacker. Magazine capacity is a safety feature for the law-abiding citizen.

As a veteran, my choice to purchase an AR style semiautomatic rifle was clear. The controls are similar to the rifle I trained with in the service, therefore I am confident that I can operate and maintain it safely. Note the AR-15 controls, appearance, and maintenance are similar to the M-16 series rifle, but it is not the M-16 which has select fire capability for semi- and automatic fire. One of the most important factors in owning a firearm for lawful purposes is the ability to use it safely and maintain it properly. This bill effectively bans a that rifle because of a fundamental misunderstanding of the firearm, along with firearms that are bolt action relics designed two centuries ago that because of the features in the bill are “assault rifles.”

I strongly oppose this bill as it does nothing to address the possession of firearms by criminals, who are the root cause of recent increases in gun crime, not the law-abiding citizens of Hawaii which this bill targets. I urge the committee to abandon action on this bill for a number of reasons:

1. The bill targets and criminalizes law-abiding citizens,
2. The bill is likely to face legal challenges to block its implementation,

3. Similar legislation in California (Becerra) is under review by the Ninth Circuit which will likely rule it unconstitutional,

4. The costs involved with defending this if implemented are not in the People's best interest especially when the State faces well publicized financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony regarding my opposition to SB 301.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:55:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maddyson Jeske	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Humbly,

I oppose SB301 for its restrictive literature and infringement on the peoples 2nd Amendment right. These extreme measures harm law abiding citizens like me and many others in our State by criminilizing the posession of commonly owned types of firearms. Hawaii had the lowest number of gun deaths per capita, as the Bill states, so there is no reason to why this extreme measure has been proposed. This bill lowers the quality of living for law abiding citizens and inconveniences hard working people who want to exercise their 2nd Amendment right. As a young, educated, female with a college degree, I see this Bill as a huge infringement on our right to bear arms and I fully oppose SB301.

Mahalo.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:57:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
albert fung	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hawaii has some of the strictest laws regarding firearms ownership in the nation. We should be going after the problem, crime and the criminals that commit them, rather than the good citizens of the state who follow the law.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:02:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anthony Sylvester	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Respectfully,

I oppose SB301. This bill is too restrictive.

It will effectively ban a large majority of firearms that were lawfully obtained by citizens of Hawaii. The state of Hawaii already has a complex firearms acquisition system that makes it a challenge to obtain any firearms in the first place. Hawaii also has the lowest number of gun deaths and gun violence in the nation as stated in SB301.

This bill will only further infringe on the second amendment rights of our law abiding citizens. Many of the features listed in SECTION 2 are common amongst many types of firearms used for target shooting and hunting, not only "assault" appearing firearms. Bill SB301 will make all of these legally obtained and registered firearms now illegal. This bill also criminalizes the transfer or possession of any firearm with these vague characteristics while leaving no reasonable recourse for owners who have already legally obtained a firearm that exhibits some of these characteristics.

In conclusion, SB301 is too restrictive and will inhibit our second amendment rights. Do not support this measure. Mahalo.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:06:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Fel Sepada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB 301

It infringes upon the 2nd Amendment rights of We The People under the United States of America's Constitution in the Bill of Rights.

The very people that represents We The People took an oath to protect the Constitution have failed We The People. I have no confidence in these representatives of We The People as they continue to break their oath time and time again. Criminals are not affected by these bills. Law abiding citizens are affected by these bills and are being punished. These types of anti-gun bills are unreasonable and outright ridiculous.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:27:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keani Kannady	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I highly oppose this bill due to the fact that it denies access to young adults to firearms in order to hunt or defend themselves. This bill does not take into account the maturity of the individual and instead makes the parents or guardian into an instant criminal if the minor gains access to the firearm.

Thank you for doing what "We the People" ask of you.

Aloha,

Keani Kannady

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:38:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lawton Takaesu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello Senators,

My name is Lawton Takaesu and I am a citizen of the State of Hawaii. SB301 does nothing to further the cause of public safety in the State and will only punish law abiding gun owners such as myself. It places undue burden and hardship for those exercising their 2nd Amendment rights here in the Aloha state, individuals who are merely pursuing a hobby and/or looking to protect loved ones in these uncertain times. Semi-automatic rifles are in common use for both sporting and defensive purposes, both here in the State as well as across the United States. They already account for an extremely small percentage of overall gun and violent crime.

Currently the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals is pending a decision on the State of California's magazine capacity limit of 10 rounds, spending time and money on forcing an legislative decision here in the State of Hawaii before a decision by the higher court is premature and is a waste of taxpayer money and time. It is prudent to wait for a decision.

What is the objective of the bill? Public safety? Reduction in violent crime? A reduction in gun violence? In each of these goals the bill does nothing to address these objectives. The United States as a whole as well as the State of Hawaii saw a drastic increase in the number of residents seeking permits for firearms and there has been an unprecedented surge in new firearm owners. If the number of firearms in circulation has any correlation on violent crime surely we would have seen a correspondingly large increase in violent crime. This has not happened and will not stop those that break the law and commit crimes. Criminals by their very nature do not follow laws and instead punishes lawful citizens.

Please focus legislative efforts on more pressing issues facing the residents of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you,  
Lawton Takaesu, concerned resident.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:40:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amber Tranetzki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I don't understand why these bills are trying to cause more restrictions for purchasing firearms. It is our second amendment right to bear arms. Yet, here the process is so tedious and arduous than many do not even go through the process and obtain their firearms illegally. It seems to be more of a reach for power and to leave us vulnerable to predators and theft. Our state crime rate has increased, and yet, the criminals are released right back into the streets to wreak havoc all over again. Yet, tax paying hard working residents are being stripped away from their constitutional rights to acquire and protect.

A firearm that houses more than 10 bullets does not make it any more dangerous. Requirements of certification and permitting should remain in place for the amount of firearms owned. No one person or group can define assault for the entire community.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 12:12:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hung Hei Cheng	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose. This attempt at banning what you call assault weapons takes away a whole class of firearms that is no more dangerous than any other firearms. These firearms may seem scary to you but it's not.

This ban is targeting a small group of good citizens. Gun owners/citizens have invested a lot of time and money on these rifles and shotguns to enjoy.

I'm a hobby gunsmith. I fix guns like people rebuild cars. We like guns, just like people love handbags, cars, shoes, motorcyles or video games. We collect rare and unusual firearms and also the latest innovations in firearm not unlike people enjoy buying Rolex watches and Mont Blanc pens. We're not here to scare you. We want to protect ourselves and to enjoy shooting.

We have a community at the gun range and historical firearms societies. We share our enthusiasm in guns. We are your parents, uncles and anties and cousins. All we want is to protect our family and friends and not have out freedom of choice and pursuit of happiness infringed.

We are good citizens. I hope you trust us.

What does this bill really do? It's a solution for a problem we don't have. We have not had a mass shooting with any assault rifles. The current laws are balanced to where the citizens have enough to protect themselves and the govenment have enough to prosecute firearms crimes.

Is this bill serving the community or is this a personal agenda for Mr. Rhoads? To Mr Rhoads: I reside in the district you respresent. We met when you walked into my yard and knocked on my door. You are not representing my view when you are constantly introducing these gun bills. Please stop. We have enough laws. A gun ban is extreme. Gun laws should be balanced.

HC

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 12:16:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steven Sylvester	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

SB301 will effectively criminalize and harm many law-abiding citizens in the State of Hawaii. Because of this, I am in opposition to SB301. Many of the characteristics listed in this bill that deem a semiautomatic rifle an "assault rifle" are merely cosmetic and/or ergonomic in nature. Characteristics like pistol grips, telescoping stocks, or barrel shrouds do not, suddenly, turn a semiautomatic rifle into a more "deadly" firearm capable of atrocities. These features simply make the firearm fit the needs of the owner who legally acquired it.

While I can respect the intent of this bill in wanting to protect citizens, if passed, it will have the opposite effect. The CDC reports that there are between 60,000 and 2.5 million instances annually, where a law-abiding citizen uses a firearm to protect and defend one's self, family, or others against crime or victimization. Making it more challenging for law-abiding citizens to legally acquire a means of protection will not make our communities safer.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Steven



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:59:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dean Shimabukuro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to the passage of SB301 in particular because of the definitions of "assault rifle" listed in Section 2 of the bill. Many of the items enumerated are included in the description of what many consider "modern sporting rifles" instead of military style "assault rifles" that are not commonly available nor owned by the general public.

Additionally, Subsection 2c seeks to amend the law banning magazines that hold 10 or less ammunition rounds unless those magazines originally were designed to hold more rounds and have been "permanently modified" to hold ten or less rounds. I believe this would place an undue infringement and burden on those who currently own magazines that were originally designed to hold a maximum of ten rounds of ammunition.

Thank you.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 2:25:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
steven schramm	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**to many semi auto rifles will be baned this does not stop crime**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 2:34:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Skye Kahoali'i	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is another insult to some of the most-vetted gunowners in the nation. Even after having been certified by state and county agencies to be safe and law-abiding with firearms, the bill's sponsor seeks to still hold such vetted owners in contemptuous suspicion that possession of certain inanimate objects will automatically confer upon said owners the ideation and motivation to use them in malevolent and nefarious ways against their fellow citizens.

Such thinking shows a nearly pathological distrust of the citizenry that the bill's sponsor swore an oath to serve and represent, and this enacting of legislation to serve assuaging personal fears and apparent prejudice against certain segments of the population displays the height of arrogance and contempt with which the bill's sponsor holds his constituency.

This bill seeks to continue the trend towards infantilism that legislators fall prey to regarding the populace they allegedly serve, even upon certifying those wishing to exercise rights as capable, the legislative body still seeks to play arbiter of what is too dangerous for **adults** to cope with. Such behavior is grossly insulting and will undoubtedly be remembered come election time.

At the same time, it seeks to enact behavior modification through object control, a scheme never found to be effective for anyone beyond the age of three or so.

*You **cannot** effect behavior modification and modulation through object control.*

We, as a nation and locally, have already tried and failed spectacularly in various areas: alcohol, drugs, and even weapons of mass destruction. The reason for failure is the basic premise that objects are knowledge made tangible, and so controlling objects is essentially trying to control *knowledge*. Put in this context, the futility of trying should be obvious.

If the aim of the legislature is to modify or modulate behavior, the measures they seek should actually aim to achieve those ends directly. People, and young men especially, need to be trained in coping skills, steered away from the glorification of violence that is much too prevalent in modern society, educated from much younger ages about

firearms and safety, and not treated with the extended infantilism with which we treat young people these days.

This legislation should be discarded immediately for overreach, and solving a barely extant problem *in Hawai'i* with gross and reactionary oversight.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 4:47:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jon Montenero	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Proposal is badly written and too broad.

A) It proposes to ban firearms capable of accepting large capacity magazines. Any firearm can accept any magazine fitted for its model. The ban should be on large capacity magazines, which already exists in HI.

B) It does not define "assault weapon", "assault rifle", or "assault shotgun." The military definition of an assault weapon is one that can fire in full automatic mode, meaning repetitive fire with only one pull of the trigger, as opposed to one-shot for one-trigger pull. Fully automatic assault weapons are already prohibited in HI.

C) There is no such thing in firearm circles as an "assault shotgun."

This is an ill conceived and badly composed legislation, obviously the product of a committee that has no experience or information about firearms. It does NOTHING to solve root causes of crimes, it only imposes burdens upon legitimate law abiding peaceful gun owners, who are not the problem. Effort should be directed at the sources of crime - poverty, lack of education and opportunities, narcotics, and not an inanimate tool used equally by good and evil forces.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 5:40:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessie Alejandro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a proud fellow American I strongly oppose this. It is unlawful & it's our God given right to have the 2nd amendment! Shame on all those who want to take this right away from us!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 7:07:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peter Chirico	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I am opposing SB301 because it violates my constitutional rights. The constitution does not allow for you or any legislative body to pick and choose what arms you feel is appropriate for citizens to own or not to own. There are many states with less restrictive gun ownership rules that show less crime when people are allowed to protect themselves from criminals who do not follow laws or rules. Kate Stinley who was murdered in San Francisco and died in her father's arms by an illegal alien who was repeatedly deported and protected by sanctuary city police and DA's is just one example. With the new administration's policies you can bet many more like that criminal are on the way, in fact DHS has 900 newly arrived ILLEGAL ALIENS in custody right now that the gloriously stupid new Administration wants released into the US. The truth is police arrive way too late to protect us and the best defense is to be armed. I urge you to oppose this bill as it only limits law-abiding citizens and not criminals who don't follow rules and could care less about it.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:00:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Boyd Ready	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Senator Rhoads and Committee Members:

The right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. This attempt to restrict firearms magazine capacity is an infringement. The misnomer 'assault weapon' does not apply: 'assault weapons' are fully automatic military equipment that have been severely restricted in the United States since the 1930's. Repeating firearms have been in use since the 1840's, and large-capacity magazines are in common civilian use. This bill is an infringement. Lawful possessors of firearms have an extremely low propensity for criminal violence. The great fear of a mass shooting is highly exaggerated, and the United States is, in fact, on a per capita basis, far less often subject to such attacks than many foreign countries. Mental illness, not lawful civilian firearms possession, is generally the problem in mass killings.. And even if this law passes the determined assailant will merely bring additional magazines. The solution is qualified civilian concealed carry - the few criminal mass killings that do occur almost always are perpetrated upon people the (not so crazy) assailant believes will be unarmed. .



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:10:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bo Masuyama	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Any legislature attempting to define a firearm with a description of "assault" clearly has no idea what all firearms, and any weapon to include a stick does. This bill is ridiculous and goes completely against the Second Amendment.

State of Hawaii House of Representatives and Senate  
SB 301, SB 307, HB 31 and HB 1366 RELATING TO FIREARMS  
TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

TESTIFIER: Craig Dansie  
DATE: February 9, 2021

Good afternoon,

My name is Craig Dansie and I am a man currently domiciled in Hawaii in the County of Honolulu My address is 150 Hamakua Drive #304, Kailua, HI. After reading SB 301, SB 307, HB 31 and HB 1366 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** of said bills relating to firearms.

How about you stop proposing and voting for legislation that violates the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and the United States Constitution? How about upholding your oath to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii?

Constitution of the State of Hawaii, Article I § 17:

A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

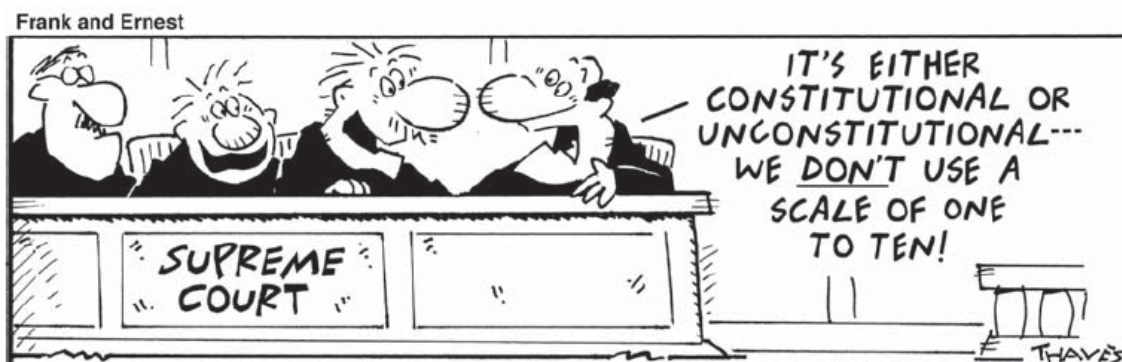
Constitution of the United States, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment:

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

*"The Constitution is either a superior, paramount law, unchangeable by ordinary means, or it is on a level with ordinary legislative acts, [...] alterable when the legislature shall please to alter it."* - Chief Justice John Marshall

"All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void." (*Marbury vs. Madison*, 1803.)

Vote no on SB 301, SB 307, HB 31 and HB 1366.



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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:42:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marichris Diga-Lazo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. People need to be educated on firearms. Stop controlling our guns. Start educating and STOP CONTROLLING. I OPPOSE this bill!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:51:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gregory Natividad	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB301. Guns dont kill people, bad people with guns kill people. Banning high capacity magazines will not keep this items out of criminals hands. It will just make the black market richer. Look how good the fireworks ban is working.

Is there a bill banning vehicles because of all the deaths from drunk drivers? No, and there shouldn't be a ban on guns or there accesories.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 9:01:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
MICHAEL POSTEL	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Mahalo for your committment to keeping the Hawaiian citizens safe. Some gun control measures make sense and may be necessary in a civilized society.

However, I specifically oppose the ban of what you are categorizing as "assault shotguns." Any shotgun with a revolving cylinder is not necessarily an "assault shotgun."

Semi-automatic, long-barreled shotguns are the firearm of choice for upland bird hunting. They are considered sporting long guns and not assault weapons. In addition, pump-action and break-action long barrel shotguns (with a non-revolving cylinder) are not available due to the nationwide gun shortage and will not be available for the foreseeable future.

An arbitrary and sweeping ban on all shotguns with a revolving cylinder will significantly prohibit our ability to legally harvest upland birds during bird season.

I would support a modified version of this bill as long as the definition of "assault shotguns" is better defined to exclude long barrel, semi-automatic sporting shot guns.

Mahalo for your consideration.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 9:07:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
brett sherwood	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It violates my 2nd amendment rights under the constitution .

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 9:29:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Arakawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The State does not have the resources to implement this bill that does nothing to reduce crime. This bill if passed would certainly end up in court, wasting more taxpayer dollars. Whomever keeps introducing these types of bills is an idiot.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 9:30:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kyle Kawamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The Honorable Karl Rhoads  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole  
Vice Chairman  
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Dear Chairman Rhoads, Vice Chairman Keohokalole and members of the committee, Hawai'i is the greatest US state to live in, we have the best beaches, great people and strictest gun laws in the US. SB301 introduces even stricter rules by banning most semiautomatic long guns. I oppose this bill.

The term "Assault rifle" has been use to inflict fear in people that do not understand or have never used a firearm. An actual assault rifle is a select fire rifle that can switch between fully automatic and semi-automatic. Using the term Assault causes fear and the reason it is used in the media.

Hawai'i currently has strict gun law in Chapter 134-3.5 "Disclosure for firearm permit and registration purposes. A health care provider or public health authority shall disclose health information, including protected health care information, relating to an individual's mental health history, to the appropriate county chief of police in response to a request for the information from the chief of police; provided that"

Hawai'i gun owners are entered into The Federal Bureau of Investigation Rap Back system. It allows HPD to be notified when a firearm owner is arrested any where in the US.

Owners also go through a background check and wait 14 days before getting a permit that cost \$43.25 one time fee. Handgun owners need to take a Hunters education or a private authorized safety training course. Rifle permits are valid for a year and handguns are for 10 days.

Hawai'i gun owners have to go though all theses checks to acquire a firearm and it is working as we have one of the lowest gun deaths in the nation. I feel the laws in place are more then enough to keep our state safe.

Mental health needs to be addressed.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Kawamoto





**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 9:41:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joseph Bussen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

When I craft a letter it does not start off thoughtful or even polite. It is usually condescending, incendiary, and counter productive. It takes time to craft intelligent debate. Since I only have a mere few days from the time I found out about this until now, all I can say is i OPPOSE & agree with whatever HIFICO has said. Aloha Joe B.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 10:33:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Arthurs	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is gun control by stealth

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 10:48:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cassandra Korte	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protects the right to keep and bear arms, supporting the natural rights of self-defense and resistance to oppression, and the civic duty to act in concert in defense of the state. No where does the Constitution or Bill of Rights limit our natural right to what kind of gun or how many rounds a magazine can hold.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 11:08:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nathan Okasako	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing to **OPPOSE** SB301.

This bill would virtually ban all semi automatic firearms as they were designed and produced at the factory. It would classify simple firearms such as a Ruger 22 as an "assault" weapon. It also seeks to ban any magazine with more than 10 rounds. When bad guys come, they rarely come alone. Ten rounds likely will be not enough to stop multiple assailants seeking to harm your family. Therefore this bill would BURDEN the self-defense rights of law-abiding residents.

Nathan Okasako

[jesteacher2@hotmail.com](mailto:jesteacher2@hotmail.com)

18th District voter

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 11:30:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Francis Borges	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

"Honorable Legislators,

My name is Francis Borges. I am a single man working as an IT consultant on Oahu.

I oppose SB301. SB301 is unconstitutional.

Our country's Constitution (and the Hawaii State Constitution, which mirrors the National Constitution) was written to protect its citizens. The natural rights and freedoms stated in the Constitution are the main reasons our country has thrived for so long.

Submitting legislation that contradicts the Constitution can only weaken the State and Country. The Constitution clearly states, "the right of the PEOPLE to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed". That declaration is very succinct. It does not allow limits on those arms.

In closing, I appreciate your time in reviewing my testimony. I would respectfully remind all Legislators and Government Officials that when you take office and recite your Oaths of Office, you swear to uphold the Constitution.

Respectfully, Francis Borges"

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 11:42:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon Cornforth	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a resident of the State of Hawaii, member of the Hawaii Firearms Coalition, and lawful gun owner, I am opposed to this bill for the following reasons,

- **IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

This bill erodes our Second Amendment Rights guaranteed in the US Constitution. In addition, there are several cases of litigation currently being tried in the US Court system which will render this bill unconstitutional before it is ever enacted. Our State Representatives should focus on fixing Hawaii's destroyed economy and getting our children back to school instead of an unconstitutional gun grab with constitutional over-reach.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 12:08:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
vernon young	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

JDC Chair and Committee Members,

As a citizen, I oppose SB301 as it takes away my right to own a semiauto firearm for hunting and self protection under our US Constitution and the 2nd Amendment. Thank you....



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 12:27:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaleb Binkley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in opposition to SB301. It is frightening to me to see the way Hawaii follows California gun laws. There is little evidence to support this kind of gun control having any real effect on gun violence. Features on firearms do not change range, rate of fire or lethality in any way. I see these measures as little more than another step down the path of disarming Americans for political reasons and far less to do with actual safety of the community.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 12:56:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Benedict Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a retired GySgt Marine, born and raised in Hawaii. I own a security company in Hawaii. I do not want my 2nd amendment infringed upon. I oppose SB301

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:07:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Libert James Chung	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law-abiding citizen, a hardworking single father that pays my dues and taxes, exercising the safety and responsibilities of owning firearms and supporter of the 2nd Amendment, I do not support the SB301.

In Jesus name, amen!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:09:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patrick Hartnett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a 63 year-old married father of two grown-up children and have lived in Mililani for over 30 years. I respectfully submit my testimony in opposition to SB301. I am opposed to SB301 as it further erodes our second amendment rights as guaranteed by the Constituion of the United States of America. I want my children and granchildren to be able to defend themselves from the numerous threats that exist in our world today. What this bill defines as "assault rifle" is one of the most common types of rifle used by hunters in America. Shotguns are perhaps the most typical home-defense firearm used today. Hawaii has one of the highest percentages of registered gun owners and among the lowest firearm mortality rates. This legislation is unnecessary and an infringement on our Constitutional rights.

Sincerely,

Patrick R. Hartnett

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:35:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Krystyn Llacuna	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is written, but would support it if the wording is changed to match introduced bill HB711 because this would allow a person to use self-defense without a duty to retreat any place they can legally be in possession of a firearm.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 2:15:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deborah G. Nehmad	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**Testimony of Deborah Nehmad In Support of SB 301**

**To the Senate Committee on the Judiciary**

**Hearing Date: February 12, 2021 at 9:15am, Via Videoconference**

I am writing in strong support of SB 301, establishing a ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines. Assault weapons have no place in Hawaii's culture.

1. prides itself on having strict gun laws to help protect our community. Yet, Hawaii is the only state in the nation to have an assault weapons ban that fails to include assault rifles/shotguns and large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds) for those weapons.

We have banned assault pistols and large capacity magazines (LCMs) for pistols for many years, but our law fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and LCMs for those weapons, allowing these dangerous weapons to proliferate. This becomes more dangerous every year, with the number of assault weapons and LCMs being purchased here.

The 1994 federal Assault Weapons Ban prohibited assault weapons and LCMs and resulted in fewer mass shootings, but the law expired and Congress has failed to re-enact it. Hawai'i can and should close the loopholes in our own assault weapons ban to fill this void.

Assault weapons and LCMs are uniquely designed to be capable of mass violence. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense.

The rate of public mass shootings has tripled since 2011. The US now has more mass shootings each year than there are days in the year. Hawai'i has not been immune. We should do our best to prevent another mass shooting here.

The sooner assault weapons and large capacity magazines are banned, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of these dangerous weapons in Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Nehmad

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 3:43:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tawny Ann Onnagan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Basically it's taking away our rights from the 2nd amendment. Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision. Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus. Also I am a law abiding citizen.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 6:18:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dolan Takushi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a father living in Hawai'i I believe it is important to teach my children how to live off the land and hunt, like how my father taught me. This proposal will take away my ability to teach my children how to hunt with a gun... With prices being so high in Hawai'i I find it essential to go hunting to provide food for my family. Although there may be other options regarding to the type of gun I have I do not want to have to sell my guns back to the State. It is also not clear how much money the State would be giving for each gun. Taking away ones gun is unconstitutional regarding the 2nd amendment where it states that every citizen has the right to keep bear arms.

**Testimony of Jenny Silbiger In Support of SB 301  
To the Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Hearing Date: February 12, 2021 at 9:15am, Via Videoconference**

I am writing in strong support of SB 301, establishing a ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

I care about this issue because I am a parent of two children and believe wholeheartedly that gun violence in our country needs to stop.

Hawaii prides itself on having strict gun laws to help protect our community. Yet, Hawaii is the only state in the nation to have an assault weapons ban that fails to include assault rifles/shotguns and large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds) for those weapons.

U.S. assault weapons bans by jurisdiction							
Jurisdiction	Status	- By make/ model	Semiauto rifles	Semiauto pistols	Shotguns	Features test	Magazine capacity
California	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10
Connecticut	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10
District of Columbia	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10
Hawaii	In force			✗		✗	10 (pistols)
Maryland	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10
Massachusetts	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10
New Jersey	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10
New York	In force	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10

Wikipedia, Assault Weapons Legislation in the United States (2021)

We have banned assault pistols and large capacity magazines (LCMs) for pistols for many years, but our law fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and LCMs for those weapons, allowing these dangerous weapons to proliferate. This becomes more dangerous every year, with the number of assault weapons and LCMs being purchased here.

The 1994 federal Assault Weapons Ban prohibited assault weapons and LCMs and resulted in fewer mass shootings, but the law expired and Congress has failed to re-

enact it. Hawai'i can and should close the loopholes in our own assault weapons ban to fill this void.

Assault weapons and LCMs are uniquely designed to be capable of mass violence. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense.

The rate of public mass shootings has tripled since 2011. The US now has more mass shootings each year than there are days in the year. Hawai'i has not been immune. We should do our best to prevent another mass shooting here.

The sooner assault weapons and large capacity magazines are banned, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of these dangerous weapons in Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Silbiger

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 6:48:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Mayo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**First: Amendment II**

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Our forefathers gave us this guarantee for a good reason. We are a country of Patriots and are required to defend our Republic from all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Second: A few facts from the FBI

In any given year, for every person murdered with a rifle, there are 15 murdered with handguns, 1.7 with hands or fists, and 1.2 with blunt instruments. In fact, homicides with any sort of rifle represent a mere 3.2 percent of all homicides on average over the past decade.

Given that the [FBI statistics](#) pertain to *all* rifles, the homicide frequency of “assault-style” rifles like the AR-15 is necessarily lesser still, as such firearms compose a fraction of all the rifles used in crime.

**With an average of 13,657 homicides per year during the 2007-2017 timeframe, about one-tenth of one percent of homicides were produced by mass shootings involving AR-15s.**

Third: Using our reason

**We know the problem is not the lifeless instrument. It is the wicked heart of man who inflicts harm on his fellow human beings. When a man is convicted of senseless violence on another because he was driving his car under the influence of whatever, we do not take everyone's cars away. He is punished for his crime. Our police do a good job of patrolling our island and keeping us safe.....but in Chicago, with the STRICTEST guns laws in our nation-more people have died from gang violence and senseless killing that all the brave boys we have lost in Iraq. The solution is education and good police work: not punishing law abiding citizens who harm no one: Ever!**



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 7:06:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Abraham Antonio sr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill just doesn't make sense thanks for your time

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 7:56:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Abigail Hamman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

According to the Second Amendment of the US Constitution, "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed." Semi-automatic firearms are not assault weapons.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:41:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Samuel Dunn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a non gun owner I am opposed to this measure. It punishes legal gun owners while those in possession of illegal firearms will no be bothered to follow the same rules. Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation and there is still a vibrant community of firearm owners as seen at kokohead range every weekend.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 11:40:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dean Sensui	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am testifying in opposition to SB301 as some of the proposed measures are unnecessary. A few of the measures are excessive.

Section 1 states that, "The legislature finds that the State has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation," and "additionally, Hawai'i had the lowest number of gun deaths per capita among the states in 2017."

This bill points out that, relatively speaking, Hawaii has a low number of violent gun crimes. Probably because of the people who live in this state and the values many of us share.

Has there been a statistical study that has determined the types of weapons used in crimes? Otherwise the proposed ban is simply a wild guess based upon false assumptions.

In what types of crimes are guns used? For example is domestic violence a common factor? If so then those situations need to be the focus and not the weapon used in the crime.

Some of the firearms being prohibited include older military rifles that are collectors items. This bill doesn't address what should become of these weapons if they become illegal.

In the event the State capriciously classifies them as "assault weapons" and orders their confiscation, collectors should be properly compensated for their loss. The same would need to happen if real property were condemned and acquired by the State for what it perceives to be for the public good. The cost of that confiscation should be addressed in this bill.

Item 9 of the "assault rifle characteristics" list specifies threaded barrels. There's a valid reason for that feature. Some allow the installation of "compensators" that reduce recoil and muzzle jump. Shotguns used for competitive skeet and trap all have threaded barrels to allow the installation of different chokes to control the shot pattern as well as inserts that permit the use of different gauge shells in the same shotgun.

Please reconsider this bill and look at the root cause of violent crimes, and not just the objects that are sometimes used in the commission of a felony.

Mahalo,  
Dean Sensui

Aloha,

My name is Thomas Kaiawe II. I would like to say mahalo for allowing me to submit my testimony in opposition of SB301. This bill will create harsh and unfair legislation where none is needed, and it will also demonize and criminalize law-abiding gun owners.

The AR-15 has long been a focal point for gun control legislation and has been the main target of the gun control crowd. AR-15s were originally designed as sporting guns and were called Modern Sporting Rifles by Colt Firearms (the company that sold the M16 to the US Military). The AR-15 has received unfair criticism because, when compared to more “traditional” rifles, the AR-15’s ergonomics or its “detachable”, standard-capacity (30 round) magazines do nothing to increase the lethality of the round fired, and there are no real studies or evidence to prove otherwise. Additionally, there have not been any studies conducted or evidence provided showing gun crimes have been, or will be, reduced by limiting standard-capacity magazines to 10 rounds in pistols, rifles, and shotguns. Furthermore, there have not been any studies conducted or evidence provided to show how any of the characteristics of an “Assault Rifle” (as listed in SB301) makes a weapon more lethal than traditional rifles.

As it currently stands, Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the country. According to the CDC’s firearms mortality rate in 2019 (the most current data), Hawaii had the second least gun deaths in the nation with 62. In addition to the current gun laws, Hawaii also has a few other contributing factors as to why the gun deaths are so low. Hawaii’s remoteness makes it hard for offenders to leave the state. Also, there is a great possibility that the public either knows who the criminal is or is related to them. Furthermore, we have the one thing the rest of the country does not...Aloha. Aloha means so much more than “hello” and “good-bye”, it includes respect, patience, humility, and unity. The “us vs. them” mentality currently present in politics has done nothing for our citizens and has only been successful at dividing us. We now have a unique opportunity to show the rest of the country how gun legislation should be. If our elected officials work together with Pro-2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment groups, we will not only be able to properly educate the public on firearms safety, but also keep from infringing on the Constitutional Rights of law-abiding, legal gun owners.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that SB301, if allowed to pass, will create harsh and unfair legislation where none is needed, and it will also demonize and criminalize law-abiding gun owners. Thank you for your time and consideration, and mahalo again for allowing me to submit my testimony in opposition of SB301.

Respectfully,

Thomas Kaiawe II

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 3:28:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. This bill is unconstitutional. The ban would include any semi automatic rifles with detachable magazine over 10 rounds. This would essentially ban the most commonly owned and used legal rifles in the United States. These semi automatic rifles are used for hunting and self defense. They are very practical to own and operate and if you visit the firearm range on Oahu you will see that they are extremely common and likely outnumber non-semi automatic rifles.

This ban would also expand the ban on pistol magazine capacity of ten rounds, and now include all magazines that are over 10 rounds. The pistol magazine capacity limit of ten rounds is already hard enough, and really has no impact on public safety, but is a major inconvenience to legal law abiding gun owners. The limit also impacts the safety of law abiding gun owners if they were to use a firearm for self defense. Most semi automatic firearms come STANDARD with magazine capacities in excess of 10 rounds. Safety is diminished when law abiding gun owners must use reduced capacity magazines for self defense against the possibility of multiple attackers, or attackers armed with standard capacity magazines. This law would seek to expand the burdensome and ineffective ban on magazines over 10 round capacity to a new category of firearms, and it should not be passed. With the increase in brazen violent crime in Hawaii we should be doing more to empower the people of Hawaii to protect themselves, rather than hinder them.

This bill is all around unconstitutional and I strongly oppose all aspects of it as written. But the most egregious part of the bill is that there is no grandfather clause for law abiding gun owners who already own firearms or magazines that would be part of this bill. Some law abiding gun owners who have a passion for shooting, hunting and collecting of firearms may easily have tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of firearms and magazines that would be banned by this bill. And also some law abiding gun owners might have only one or 2 firearms altogether, and very little extra disposable income (especially during this pandemic), and if you were to ban the only firearms they owned without a grandfather clause, they would not be able to replace them with another firearm for hunting or self defense.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 4:57:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael J Mazzone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301 for the simple reason that it infringes on my Rights. I use both a semi-automatic rifle and hand gun to hunt for food to feed my family. I also believe it doesn't follow the US 2nd Addmendment.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 5:37:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
STANLEY RUIDAS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**I OPPOSE THIS BILL**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:21:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Seth Proctor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The proposed legislation will affect common rifles used by hunters and competition rifles.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 7:00:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kelii ho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 7:26:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Byon Nakasone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB301 for it violates my 2A rights!!!!!!!!!!!!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 7:28:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Yulia Muzychenko	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is an unconstitutional attack on 2nd amendment. Stop this bill!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:54:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jason Nallie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

***"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."***

Assault rifles and shotguns are a necessity to the security of Hawai'i. We protect and feed our ohana with assault rifles and shotguns. I oppose this bill and believe that the ban on assault pistols should be removed.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:58:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gene A. Castagnetti	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Please stop trying to infringe on our Constitutional rights. We don't have a gun problem in Hawaii for law abiding citizens. Spend your time and efforts elsewhere helping the people of Hawaii. Criminals will always continue to access guns, regardless of what gun laws are passed. Magazine capacity or rifle type restrictions are ridiculous and irrelevant. Mahalo.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:09:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jeremiah johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To: Chair Rhodes and members of the committee

Re: SB301

Hearing Feb. 12, 2021

I write this as a concerned citizen that sees our constitutional protections being stripped from us against our will. People must be able to defend their lives and property with the most effective means possible. There is no evidence that restricting types of firearms have done anything to make our lives any safer. I do believe that background checks and waiting periods are a good idea. But unless you have a plan to take all the high powered rifles out of the hands of criminals that currently possess them. You should not restrict the law abiding citizen from acquiring the same type of firearm.

Thank you.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 11:06:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carla Allison	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

My name is Carla Allison and I strongly support SB301. Many people are clamoring for increased safety measures. To me, this is a bill that will increase safety for all of us in Hawaii. I am not opposed to all guns and support training and safety classes for the use of sport weapons. Assault weapons, however, are designed for the battlefield and pose a serious public safety risk, making it easier for shooters to kill more people more quickly. Hawaii has no need for these weapons. Please help ensure the safety of Hawaii's families by supporting SB301. Thank you.

Dear Senator,

Recently gun control has become a bit of a national topic in the hopes that somehow making more, and more restrictive laws will somehow only take firearms away from criminals and the mentally ill. I cannot agree with this logic at all. The term assault weapon specifically refers to fully automatic weapons that are used by the military. Currently in Hawaii and in most States fully automatic weapons of any type are already illegal. A semi-automatic firearm does not have any increased rate of fire than other firearms. All the semi-automatic refers to is it cycles the bolt on its own mechanically instead of the shooter having to manually operate the bolt for each round. A well-trained marksman could fire the same number of shots just as fast with a revolver, bolt action or a semi-auto so I don't see how a semi-automatic firearm is more dangerous than any other firearm. Honestly can you really think of a single firearm that could not be used to assault someone? They are weapons just like any other dangerous instrument and need to be handled responsibly and with respect.

The second amendment of the US constitution is very clear in saying; A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. In 2008 The Supreme Court ruled in *The District of Columbia v. Heller*, (554 U.S. 570) that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm, unconnected to service in a militia and to use that arm for traditional purposes, such as self-defense within the home and within many longstanding prohibitions and restrictions on firearms. In 2010 *McDonald v. Chicago*, (562 U.S. 3025) the court ruled that the Second Amendment limits state and local governments to the same extent that it limits the federal government.

I have heard arguments made that the second Amendment was referring to flintlock muskets only because that is all they had at the time. I can't see how people intelligent enough to write the constitution could not have imagined that there would be new inventions and improvements to all manner of things including firearms. If we say that the second amendment only applies to certain types of firearms that are not modern, then couldn't the same logic be used to say that the first amendment doesn't apply to the internet or television as when it was written these were not considered. Or that the fourth amendment doesn't apply because they didn't consider cameras or DNA or other modern forensics. Our founding fathers wrote the 2nd amendment specifically meaning for the people to be as well armed as any country is, including our own, so as to give the people a means to defend themselves from the tyranny that we had just fought for independence from and spilled countless amounts of American blood for.

I have also seen people argue that, what do you need a semi-automatic AR-15 or AK-47 or other so called "Assault Rifle" for? They argue that they aren't good for hunting or home defense. If they were so bad for this purpose, then why do millions of people across the nation use them for it? Did Rosa Parks need to sit in the front of the bus? Did Susan B. Anthony need to vote? Or did any journalist ever need to write anything unpleasant or controversial? In the United States of America when has there ever been a requirement to prove a need to exercise a right?



I urge you as one of your constituents, who is also a registered voter, to vote against any measure that would make ownership of any firearm or part thereof by a law abiding, responsible, person in the United States of America and all 50 states illegal. The passing of any such law would only serve to strip us of our constitutional rights.

If you truly want to make an effective difference with gun violence instead go after the real problem. Find ways to help States prosecute and punish properly those who would use firearms maliciously to commit crimes. In every act out there that a firearm was used in a crime there was also a criminal disregarding the current laws that prohibited him from doing such an act. Also, we must find a better way to help the mentally ill to prevent them from being allowed to hurt themselves or others due to their mental instability. In each incident such as the Xerox shooting in Hawaii, the Theater Shooting in Colorado, The Sandy Hook Elementary shooting, Etc... Under current law all these people who did these abhorrent things were mentally ill and already under current law prohibited from firearm possession or ownership. If they had access to proper medical help or counseling perhaps these tragedies could have been avoided.

Thank you for your time in reading this and for your service to the great State of Hawaii as Senator.

Aloha

Robert Mosteller

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 11:41:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
desiree deter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. 2nd amendment is for a reason. Once you start messing with our rights, it gets scary. Stop. Stop introducing asinine bills and focus on HELPING the people of Hawaii!!

Mahalo, Desiree Deter

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 9:44:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lance Seiki Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 12:19:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michelle Melendez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

GUNS DO NOT KILL PEOPLE! PEOPLE KILL PEOPLE!

STOP TRYING TO TAKE AWAY OUR FREEDOMS! THIS IS AMERICA NOT, AND AGAIN I SAY NOT CHINA!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:27:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cristan Miles	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is really bad idea. Only good people will turn in these guns. These type of guns not only protect us from criminals but also from any possible invading armies like China or Japan if politics in those countries changed to the worse.

Cristan

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:28:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gary Lockwood	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do NOT support SB301. More restrictions to law abiding gun owners is not what is needed to keep the people of Hawaii safe. This bill will prevent the private citizen from choosing a firearm that will best protect themselves and family members by limiting their options to many common makes / models of self defense firearms. Also there are currently similar bills and / or laws that are being challenged as unconstitutional in California. Any act done by an individual of unjustified violence is wrong and unlawful. That is where the focus of Hawaii state lawmakers needs to be if there is going to be meaningful laws that will keep the general popluation safer. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony. Gary Lockwood

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 6:55:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cheryl Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is no such thing an assault rifle and a assault shotgun. It is called a Armalite Rifle. As a female, I am more accurate with shooting my rifle and shotgun than a pistol for self defense and because body size. In many situations, there a multiple intruders that could do harm to me. A 10 round magazine would have to make me reload and it would be hard for me to reload if I had to do hand to hand combat with a male or multiple males. Men are always more stronger than women. I would probably be raped or killed by the time I reload my magazine. Hearing a lot of rape and kidnaping stories in HI makes me worried

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:47:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leah	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Goes against our 2nd Amendment rights! Stop pushing the people to not have the right to protect themselves...I sure as hell know that YOU, yourself have something to protect yourself and just because you are part of the "elite" you can get away with this, but us little average commom people end up with nothing to protect ourselves with!

What goes for ONE goes for ALL!



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:53:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jon Fia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law abiding gun owner I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 301. Defining an assault rifle or shotgun will do nothing to make our society safer. It is just one step closer to making citizens who have their 2nd Amendment rights more difficult to realize. If we truly want to make our society safer from gun violence it isnt coming from law abiding gun owners but rather the criminals. Perhaps Hawaii should enforce gun violence laws against criminals and make the consequences so severe that they will think twice about using a gun. In the mean time, I am seeing a rise in gun violence such as home robberies and car jackings. Perhaps that is because the criminals know most citizens are not armed and prepared to protect themselves. I have a right to protect myself and my family. So I took the steps and followed the rules in Hawaii to become a registered and responsible gun owner much the same as all the other gun owners I know.

Regarding the magazine ban proposed on magazines of more than 10 rounds it makes no sense considering that same ban in California was already struck down by the Ninth Circuit Court saying the law "violates the U.S. Constitution's protection of the right to bear firearms." If Im not mistaken the Ninth Circuit Court also covers Hawaii. So why would anyone waste time introducing a bill that has already been deemed unconstitutional?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 2:59:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Russell Takata	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this measure. This bill is poorly written and has nothing to do with firearm safety. Regarding the definition of "assault rifle," some of the characteristics listed are simply cosmetic or functional, and does not make a rifle unsafe. Paragraph (2) on folding or telescoping stock. This would include match competition rifles, both smallbore and centerfire, outlawed. Paragraph (3) on thumbhole stocks does not make a rifle more dangerous than without one. Paragraph (6) on shroud. This is simply a "handguard," another item that is not dangerous but functional to prevent hand burns.

Prohibition on magazines over ten rounds can result in modification of these magazines which can cause malfunctioning of a firearm and adverse safety conditions for the user.

Overall, this measure does not make our State any safer, just another ill-conceived law to adversely affect Second Amendment rights and safety of firearm owners and public safety.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 3:10:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Samuel M. Aquino Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB301 for its unconstitutional nature against our 2nd ammendment rights as US citizens. It COMPLETELY does the opposite of "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Also the term "assault rifle" is a vague term being used to target specific rifle platforms despite its SEMI or FULL automatic capabilities. This bill is an outright infringement on our right to not just "regulate a free state" but also to protect the security of ourselves, our family, and our homes from violent attackers.

I also STRONGLY OPPOSE the arbitrary 10-round magazine limit aspect of this bill as well. We should not have to be limited to this limit and should freely be able to purchase higher capacity magazines as other states in the country have allowed them.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:16:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stella Lockwood	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB 301. This bill does not allow me to choose from many of the self defense firearm makes and models that are available to law abiding citizens such as myself. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony.

Stella Lockwood

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:52:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael A. Wee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB301. Here we go again, another useless measure that does nothing to reduce criminal behavior. This legislation only affects law-abiding gun owners; the only ones that will abide by these useless laws. Criminals don't care about laws like this, and never will.. All you accomplish is make it more restrictive for non-criminals (good guys) to enjoy their firearms for sport/collecting, and to provide for self-defense. I'm sure you actually know this, but it feels good to make more laws, however ineffective they may be!

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:33:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joel Bennett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**To whom this may concern**

**As a law abiding resident of the state of Hawaii of the United States of America, I am here to testify in writing in opposition to SB301. The bill across the board is evidently unconstitutional. The United States Court of Appeal of the Ninth Circuit already struck down a ban on high capacity magazines in the state of California.**

**The bill in its current form, bans virtually all semi automatic long gun firearms, every law abiding citizen would be appalled by this bill. It could also potentially put most gun stores in the state of Hawaii out of business or at risk of closure. A vast majority of long guns have a threaded barrel and other features targeted in this bill. Even most 'Ruger 10-22', .22 caliber respectfully, would be included because most of which take high capacity magazines, have threaded barrels, as well as flash suppressors. Even the 'M&P-15-22' would be targeted, which is currently legal in the United Kingdom under a strict licensing system. As worth mention the United Kingdom already banned all handguns; as that respected nation does not have The Bill of Rights or a 2nd amendment which originated the founding of this country as a result. Long guns that are legal under the United Kingdom's strict licensing system, such as 'bolt action' variants of an AR-15 would be banned in the state of Hawaii, as this bill primarily targets cosmetics of firearms.**

**Most firearms, double barrel shotguns, hunting rifles not included in the bill are probably expensive for most citizens ranging average over \$1000+. Handguns are already probiably expensive with the 8 hour training course to handgun affidavit costing average of \$150 to \$300; as well as purchasing the handgun averaging more than \$500 to \$1000+ and screening a 2 week background check, with receipt of a handgun, then permit pickup at a commercial gun store, then registration of pistols. Generally one pistol per background check.**

**Military grade weapons or Assault Weapons are already banned/regulated ever since 1986 under the Firearms Owner Protection Act. AR-15 does not stand for Assault Rifle or Automatic Rifle. It stands for ArmaLite Rifle-15, an umbrella term for sporting rifles.**

**The worst part is this bill does not even mention a 'grandfathering clause' which not only violates the 2nd Amendment, "The right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed", but also the 9th amendment, "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." Without a 'grandfathering clause', law abiding citizens are at risk of 4th amendment rights being violated from law enforcement agencies potnetially warranted unconstitutionally from legislative or a governor's order. Many prominent politicians have favored 'mandatory gun buybacks', in other words; gun confiscations, violating The Constitution in the worst possible way! Even the 1994- 2004 Public Safety and Recreational Firearm Use Protection Act, also known as the Federal Assault Weapons Ban of 1994 - 2004 had grandfathering provisions and only banned the manufacturing of certain firearms but those firearms could still be sold in commercial gun stores to citizens so long as they were manufactured before the bill existed; prior to its sunseting.**

**Furthermore if a citizen legally bought a long gun and registered it in Hawaii characterized as a so called 'Assault Weapon', traveled out of state for hunting, recreational, or competition shooting, returned to home and that citizen would be at risk of becoming a felon in the state of Hawaii if SB301 becomes law.**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:57:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kyle Sherrer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good morning,

While this legislation might be well intentioned, I do not think that this legislation will reduce crime, and criminalize otherwise law abiding citizens and tax payers. If you look at the annual FBI crime report rifles of all types account for less than 500 deaths in a nation of over 300 million people.....

The rifle features listed in this legislation bans features that are very common for firearms that are sold in the state of Hawaii, as well as across the nation. This legislation would hurt law abiding citizens in the state of Hawaii, and only empower criminal within the state, as criminal do not follow laws but law abiding citizens do....

Please do not pass this legislation.



SB301 violates the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the Constitution.

Constitution for the United States of America Second Amendment to The Bill of Rights (1791)

*“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed”*

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Furthermore, it violates the Constitution for State of Hawaii as follows:

## **State of Hawaii Constitution**

### **RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS**

**Section 17.** “A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the **right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed**”. [Ren Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978] Emphases added.

### Case

District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), was a landmark decision of the US Supreme Court ruling that the Second Amendment protects an **individual's right to keep and bear arms**, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and that the District of Columbia's handgun ban and requirement that lawfully owned rifles and shotguns be kept "unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock" violated this guarantee. Emphases added.

### Definition

**Infringed.** A breaking into; a trespass or encroachment upon; a violation of a law, regulation contract, or right. *Goodyear Shoe Machinery Co. v Jacson, C.C.A. Mass., 112 F.146, 50 C.C.A. 159.55 L.R.A. 692. Black's Law Dictionary Fourth Edition (1951 pg.920)*

The misuse and corruption of the word “assault” before a common use firearm implies that the firearms only purpose is to inflict harm against another. Similarly, would the word “assault” prior to the words knife, axe, bow and arrow, spear, and something as common as a pencil imply that its only useful purpose is that of “assaulting” another? This weaponizing language misleads and deceives and its only purpose is to infringe upon the rights of the people.

Firearms with use of magazines has been in use since 1860 and in common use till today. Adding an arbitrary label to any firearm for the only purpose to ban it from the people to lawfully possess, acquire, or obtain is an infringement of the Second Amendment and Section 17 of said Constitutions.

*“All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void.” Marbury vs. Madison, 5 US (2 Cranch) 137, 174, 176, (1803)*

*“The claim and exercise of a constitutional right cannot thus be converted into a crime” Miller v. US (5th Circuit) 230 F. 2d. 486 (1956)*

I am a lawful registered gun owner and have gone through all lawful requirements to obtain my firearm. I am well-trained, and my training is ongoing. In all of my training, by certified experts, the use of the word "assault" pertaining to a firearm is never discussed or implied. Assault is not, nor should it ever, be the intent of a responsible, legal, and lawful gun owner. This bill is an assumption that most of the firearms purchased and sold today is for the purpose of inflicting harm on another human being. That is not a fact, but in fact, a clear infringement on my rights. Any type of bill stipulating in detail the type of firearm I can keep and bear, as this bill does, is infringing on my rights, and the rights of all people under the law exercising a guaranteed and absolute right. SB301 is a usurpation of my rights and the Constitutions cited above, this cannot be allowed to happen.

**SB-301**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Sindiong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Senator,

I am staunchly opposed to SB301.

Gun control has become a huge a national topic, and the idea that somehow creating more, and more restrictive laws will be the fix. I do not agree with this logic at all. The often misused term "assault weapon" specifically refers to fully automatic weapons that are used by the military. Currently in Hawaii, and the majority of States, full automatic weapons of any type are already illegal, and a semi-automatic firearm does not have a rate of fire remotely close to them.. A semi-automatic simply cycles the bolt with each trigger pull instead of the shooter having to manually operate the bolt for each round. Its (a semi-automatic firearm) rate of fire is similar to that of a revolver, and this type of action is not only used in sporting firearms but also hunting firearms. Bannig this entire class of firearm, one in common usage across this entire nation, is most certainly an infringement on our 2nd Amendment rights. Additionally it would do nothing to get firearms, of any type, out of the hands of criminals.

The 2nd Amendment of the US constitution is very clear in saying; A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. In 2008 The Supreme Court ruled in The District of Columbia v. Heller, (554 U.S. 570) that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm, unconnected to service in a militia and to use that arm for traditional purposes, such as self-defense within the home and within many longstanding prohibitions and restrictions on firearms. In 2010 McDonald v. Chicago, (562 U.S. 3025) the court ruled that the Second Amendment limits state and local governments to the same extent that it limits the federal government.

I have heard all the arguments made that the 2nd Amendment refers to flintlock muskets only because that is all they had at the time. I fail to see how people intelligent enough to write the constitution could not have imagined that there would be improvements to all things including firearms. If we say that the second amendment only applies to certain types of firearms that are not modern, then couldn't the same logic be used to say that the first amendment doesn't apply to the internet or television as when it was written these were not considered. Or that the fourth amendment doesn't apply because they didn't consider cameras or DNA or other modern forensics. Our

founding fathers wrote the 2nd amendment specifically meaning for the people to be as well armed as any country is, including our own, so as to give the people a means to defend themselves from the tyranny that we had just fought for independence from and spilled countless amounts of American blood for.

I have also seen people argue that, what do you need a semi-automatic AR-15 or AK-47 or other so called "Assault Rifle" for? They argue that they aren't good for hunting or home defense. If they were so bad for this purpose, then why do millions of people across the nation use them for it? Did Rosa Parks need to sit in the front of the bus? Did Susan B. Anthony need to vote? Or did any journalist ever need to write anything unpleasant or controversial? In the United States of America when has there ever been a requirement to prove a need to exercise a right?

I urge you as one of your constituents, who is also a registered voter, to vote against any measure that would make ownership of any firearm or part thereof by a law abiding, responsible, person in the United States of America and all 50 states illegal. The passing of any such law would only serve to strip us of our constitutional rights.

If you truly want to make an effective difference with gun violence, go after the real problem/issues. Find ways to help States prosecute and punish properly those who would use firearms maliciously to commit crimes. In every act out there that a firearm was used in a crime there was also a criminal disregarding the current laws that prohibited him from doing such an act. Also, we must find a better way to help the mentally ill to prevent them from being allowed to hurt themselves or others due to their mental instability or being over medicated.

Thank you for your time and for service to the great State of Hawaii as Senator.

Very respectfully,

Mark Sindiong

Opposed to SB301

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chairman  
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chairman  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Nishihara; Vice Chairman Wakai,

I am writing to register my **strong opposition** to Senate Bill 301 (SB 301), the proposed prohibition on so-called "assault rifles", "assault shotguns" and "large-capacity" firearm magazines.

I oppose this bill for many, many reasons. To enumerate a few:

- 1) It would seek to ban legal sales, transfer, and ownership of a wide variety of commonly owned firearms including the AR15, possibly THE most common civilian held firearm in the United States. In times of increased violence and with the burgeoning growth of criminal gangs such firearms are the most effective form of self-defense a citizen can employ with reasonable expectation of success. This bill would take away tools that help provide protection and defense for private citizens and their families. And that is precisely what the 2nd Amendment is all about.
- 2) It would seek to ban ownership of what are in fact, Standard Capacity magazines, to law abiding firearms owners and will absolutely NOT stop criminals and those dedicated to mass murder from carrying out their terrible acts. The only thing that this bill, should it be passed into law, would be certain to accomplish is to deny ownership of these useful tools to those who will not use them for evil against their fellow citizens. Those who in fact should be able to rely on the extra edge they confer during a confrontation should they, if worse comes to worst, end up having to defend themselves and their loved ones from violent assault. Nothing is certain when it comes to self defense, especially against multiple assailants, but every advantage helps. Please don't take away this important advantage.
- 3) Making these firearms and their common-capacity magazines items illegal for existing owners will place a huge burden on folks who have done nothing wrong! It will punish those who purchased these tools in good faith, and for an honorable purpose. Those of us especially, who retain a significant collection of Standard Capacity magazines will have to find the time to take leave from work to go down to the police station to dispose of them. And the police, who already have plenty on their hands as it is trying to enforce the law, will have to deal with a large influx of people dragging boxes of materials in to them so that they can fill out mountains of paperwork. None of which makes any sense. Of course criminals will not be affected by any of this, even though it is THEY that cause the problems. Once again, the wrong people will be burdened, taxed, and (in effect), punished.
- 4) This bill is bad from a Constitutional standpoint. Yes, it DOES violate the 2nd Amendment, both in spirit and action. The semi-automatic rifle and the Standard Capacity magazine are vital parts of an effective self-defense for the citizen. When an effective firearm or a vital part thereof is banned, the effect is to infringe on the right of Citizens to keep and bear arms. And this infringement is forbidden by the 2nd Amendment.

5) This bill is bad because it is unfairly and blatantly biased. It tacitly admits the usefulness of Standard Capacity magazines for personal defense by specifically exempting Law Enforcement Agencies and Officers from compliance. The terrible conclusion to be drawn from this is that agents of the State are far more privileged to defend themselves from violent attack than law abiding citizens, something that goes against everything for which our Constitution stands.

So. PLEASE vote AGAINST this bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rob Kay  
3663 Lilinoe Place  
Honolulu, HI 96816

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:01:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glenn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To our leaders in Hawaii Legislature,

I never grew up in a home that had firearms or had an interest in owning or operating guns. It is a new thing for me. In 2020 I joined the other estimated 8 million new gun owners in America because I believe in freedom and our Constitution and decided it was time to exercise my rights as a citizen of the United States and a citizen of Hawaii.

I did not realize how difficult it is to own a firearm in our state. I wanted to do it by the book so I paid for my wife and I to go through a firearms safety class. I subjected us to the long waits to get an appointment, filling out the paper work to acquire permits, appointments to register, have a background check and psych evaluation in order to be able to exercise that right. I also have paid a lot of money to buy safes, and built a cabinet that is secure to insure that my firearms are stored safety. It is *already* a hard and long process to obtain firearms, and now this bill will further restrict me, a *law abiding* citizen from owning a firearm that I can *legally* obtain and possess. This makes absolutely no sense.

This bill is unconstitutional as it infringes upon our Second Ammendment rights. During a time of national and local unrest private citizens have never been more vulnerable and the only way we have to truly live free and protect ourselves is to exercise this right to bear arms.

Any bill that seeks to limit or restrict *law abiding* citizens will only cause harm because it emboldens criminals to prey upon us. Pass legislation which empowers law enforcement or restricts criminal activity not the rights of *law abiding* citizens.

Restricting gun laws, by the way, historically has no affect on violent crime. In the UK, where their citizens are not allowed to own guns, violent crime still happens with knives. Look at Chicago, I can stop there, a place that has some of the most restrictive gun laws has one of the nations highest murder rates. How about Paris France, they have terrorist attacks on their citizens in broad day light!! Please do a better job than those cities.

Passing this bill is standing up for the rights of criminals or those who have criminal intent that have not yet been caught or held accountable for their crimes. Please don't

turn Hawaii into a Portland, Seattle, Chicago, New Orleans or Washington D.C. for that matter because you restrict *law abiding* citizens from responsibly and safely owning and operating firearms.

I plead with you as a father, a husband and a son. We have had about 2 occasions in the past 5 years that someone trespassed on our property, at night, Thankfully they were just running through to get away from others. One of those times, was a person who was driving a stolen vehical that was trying to get away from the cops and ditched the vehicle right in front of our house and ran through our property. He later broke into a neighbor's home and was subdued by the neighbor until the cops came. Had he had a deadly weapon, we could have had a hostage situation or worse yet a homicide.

Pass legislation that will allow us to protect our property and our loved ones as *law abiding* citizens. Pass legislation that will teach all of us to safely use our firearms and provide training that will equip us to de-escalate situations to avoid deadly confrontations but don't restrict us from doing *all* we can to protect our loved ones.

Believe me, I do not want to ever take a life but if it comes to keeping harm from my wife, elderly mother or my kids I would not hesitate. Don't criminalize the actions of a *law abiding citizen* who simply wants to stand in confidence that if I am ever put in a situation that would require decisive action against someone who would cause bodily harm, that I could take that action boldly and not fear being criminalized by my state government.

If you vote to pass this bill you will open the state up to law suits because it is in clear violation of our fundamental rights as US citizens and Citizens of Hawaii to keep and bear arms. Yes our own State Constitution protects this specific right for us as citizens of Hawaii.

It is the one amendment that protects all the other ones namely the 1st Amendment. The only reason we live as free people, really the *only* free people in the world is because our government can't tyrannize us. That was the intent our founding fathers had when they penned the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Stand for freedom and democracy, not for government over reach and tyranny. Don't hand cuff *law abiding* citizens. Work to fight crime and criminals and reduce violent crime in our state. Look at states that protect the rights of people to bear arms, you will see that they don't have as much crime.

Please do what is truly *pono* in this matter and strike this bill down.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to submit testimony in this matter.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 10:05:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sterling Luna	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose... I strongly oppose! Being a registered voter, law abiding citizen, an outstanding member of society is personally disturbed by the proposal of this type of legislation. This sb301 is extreme in its nature and surely will lead to further legal litigation against the state of Hawaii, but more importantly grossly affects thousands of law abiding citizens and future generations. Stop the attack on the 2nd Amendment and uphold the oath you took when you were elected by the people not your personal agenda. As a matter of fact there are more pressing matters that should be focused on like how to move us into tier 3 and open the capitol to the PEOPLE!

I oppose this bill. Here are some FACTS and not propoganda when it comes to deaths in Hawaii. Courtesy of the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/states/hawaii/hi.htm>):

- Infant mortality rate – 6.8 deaths per 1000 live births
- Leading cause of death – Heart disease
- Drug overdose rate – 14.3 deaths per 100,000
- Firearm death rate – 4 per 100,000
- Homicide rate – 3.1 per 100,000

Firearms don't even break the top 10 leading causes of death in Hawaii. Here's the top 10 from highest to lowest, again, courtesy of the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/states/hawaii/hi.htm>)

1. Heart Disease
2. Cancer
3. Stroke
4. Accidents
5. Influenza/Pneumonia
6. Alzheimer's Disease
7. Chronic Lower Respiratory Distress
8. Diabetes
9. Kidney Disease
10. Parkinson Disease

Other facts:

- Hawaii gun ownership numbers exceed over 120,000 firearms based off of registration counts from 2016-2019 alone. (<https://ag.hawaii.gov/cpia/rs/specialrpts2013/>)
- In 2019, there were 4 reported homicides in Hawaii due to firearms. There were 311 rape incidents and 1,214 aggravated assault incidents in the same year. (<https://crime-data-explorer.app.cloud.gov/explorer/state/hawaii/crime>)
- Paul Perrone, the Chief of Research and Statistics for the Hawaii Department of the Attorney General, Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division, had this to say about Hawaii's law abiding gun owners, "Regardless of how one might feel about Hawaii's firearms and gun registration laws, one end result is we know that our legal gun owners are perhaps the most squeaky-clean, law-abiding group one might find," Perrone said. "By definition, they're a group who are least likely to be involved in violent crime." (<https://www.civilbeat.org/2018/10/gun-crimes-are-rising-in-hawaii-but-still-below-historic-levels>)

The desire to put restrictions on law abiding citizens who are already bending backwards because of prior fallacies is a clear overreach. To enforce such laws, are local police officers going to be forced to conduct door to door raids on their own friends and neighbors? Do you see that going well in the community? Do you think it's a good idea to turn law abiding citizens into criminals because of the poorly conducted research and severe lack of education on the part of those proposing such laws be put in place?

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 6:58:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Clay	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB301 will not save any lives in Hawaii

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 7:30:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jana Soli	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I am submitting testimony in opposition of SB301. Hawaii gun restrictions are already very prevalent, and it is not in the best interest of the citizens of Hawaii to be further restricted in their lawful right to own, purchase and sell firearms. This bill is so restrictive that it would make owning many different types of firearms, not just "semi automatic" guns, difficult if not impossible. This bill claims to be acting for safety purposes in keeping with current gun laws. However our gun laws are already restrictive enough, and the citizens of Hawaii do not require further governmental overreach in their personal dealings or possessions. Please stop this bill from being enacted into law. Thank you for your time.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 7:49:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
mark fergusson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill disregards the constitution of the United States and denies law abiding citizens the right to bare arms. This bill will empower criminals and make law abiding citizens more vulnerable. I live on the north shore. We have limited police coverage. My neighbors house was broken into and vandalized by a person who was later shot and killed by police. They identified the criminal because he left blood on the walls of my neighbors house. My neighbor has a wife and three small children. Had he been home at the time an AR 15 would have been a very effective deterrent. I was there when the police arrived. My neighbor asked the police what the best measure of protection would be. The policeman said "buy a gun". We live far from police out here. Drug addicts and Criminals are allowed to live freely on the Waialeale land next to my home. There was prostitution, drug use and car stripping going on for years and despite overwhelming community complaints the powers that be did nothing. This is a perfect example of government selectively enforcing laws and leaving law abiding citizens vulnerable.. In these situations law abiding citizens should be allowed to take responsibility for their own protection. The government has recently cleared the area but for how long? Why are you denying law abiding citizens the right to protect themselves? And yes my AR-15 will be a very effective deterrent if I need to protect my family and my neighbors. If there is a tsunami or a hurricane we could go weeks/months without any police protection. A few year back we were told by police to evacuate our home. I stood up on Pupukea road waiting for the tsunami to wipe out my house. If that tsunami hit it would have wiped out roads and bridges and isolated our community and made law abiding citizens vulnerable to criminals. We have the right and the duty to protect and defend our families. This law takes that right from us and empowers criminals.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:12:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jordan Carinio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB301 for these reasons. First, I the standard U.S. Military detachable magazine capacity is greater than 10 rounds. As a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Military, it is imperative for me train with these self-defense firearm tools to maintain my expert operation of the pistol or long-guns. With my level of training on these firearms, I can safely instruct and train service members on how to safely handle, operate, and be proficient on these self-defense firearms. To be safe and proficient requires correct and safe repetitive training. I maintain my skills on my personal time at home or at shooting events within or outside of Hawaii. This is much more training than the U.S. Military offers their service members, which is once a year or sometimes less.

Secondly, because I'm an expert in handling these defensive firearms, it is my responsibility as my family's protector to safely train them. My family members are safe and proficient firearm operators. My family uses very similar self-defense firearms to defend and protect our lives in our Hawaii home, or myself when I travel for a military assignment.

Finally, pushing this magazine ban forward to become a statute would be unconstitutional to U.S. Citizens, according to the Ninth Circuit Court.

Thank your for your time and an opportunity to provide my testimony.

Aloha.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:14:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donn Nagamine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Committee members,

I would like to voice my strong opposition to SB301. In reading the premise of this bill I find little if any reason why it should be passed. It's intent is to prevent crime, but how? This bill will only affect legal, law-abiding gun owners. Criminals are already prohibited from legally owning firearms and ammunition. If they obtain firearms and ammunition it is through illegal means. So a new "law" will not stop them from continuing to do so. In this time of a pandemic we are living in, crimes are not only increasing in numbers but are being committed with an increased brazenness. We as citizens need the ability to protect ourselves. This bill would rob us of that ability to protect ourselves effectively. A gun is only as good or bad as the person using it. Don't take it away from the good guys and give the bad guys more victims.

I am also deeply disturbed that this bill would prevent us from transferring our legally purchased guns to other people. Laws are already in place in Hawaii that facilitate legal transfers with background checks. Once again if the intent is to reduce crime, I do not see it affecting criminals, only law-abiding citizens. I am looking forward to teaching my son and daughter the shooting sports and would like to one day pass on my guns to them. It would be unconscionable for the government to simply take my legally firearms from me and not allow me to give or sell them to a law-abiding qualified individual or to even offer a market value compensation for something that was legally owned.

I strongly urge you all not to pass this bill.

Respectfully,

Donn Nagamine

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:28:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chad Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello my name is Chad Teixeira I oppose SB301 and ask you not to support the passing of SB301.

I am a firearms owner and don't feel like my property should be criminalized because of others' abuse. We need laws targeting criminals, not legal gun owners.

Thank you for your time. Have a good day.



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:29:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
joseph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi my name is Joseph and I oppose this bill and I am also asking that the senators not support the passing of SB301 Tomorrow. I am a responsible firearms owner and don't feel like my property or family should be criminalized or that I should be restricted of my rights to bear arms because of others' abuse. I believe we need to focus on more laws targeting criminals, not legal and responsible gun owners like myself..

Thank you for your time. Have a good day.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:34:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
alfred janneck	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

As a law abiding citizen and gun owner I oppose this bill and call upon our elected officials to not criminalize me or my possessions , take away my rights due to others amd their criminal actions. Hold those criminals responsible and allow the law abiding citizen to protect himself and loved ones if necessary...

thank you

Alfred Janneck

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:41:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Byron Chong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello and Aloha,

My name is Byron Chong. I'm writing in to oppose and ask that everyone not support the passing of SB301 tomorrow.

I am a firearms owner and don't feel like my property should be criminalized because of others' abuse. We need laws targeting criminals, not legal gun owners.

I live in an area that just 5 years ago we used to feel safe in our own homes. Safe when we are home. Feel safe leaving our grandparents and elderly neighbors home alone and not have to worry about anything. With each passing day, crime increases at an alarming rate. We must be able to defend our homes and be able to help our fellow law abiding citizens if there is ever a threat against us or our hard earned property.

Thank you for your time. Have a good day.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:41:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Duarte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My Name is Mike H. Duarte, I am submitting my testimony against SB 301 as it pertains to firearms. The state of Hawaii has the most antiquated laws when it comes to firearms than any other state. Additionally trying to create a magazine capacity ban and an assault rifle or shotgun ban is deemed as infringement upon our Second Amendment rights. The creation of this bill or approval into law will only serve to allow criminals to continue in a business as usual fashion. Our state laws protect these criminals more so that the law abiding citizens of this state. We are the ones paying our taxes, our insurance doing what is correct by buying safes to ensure that our firearms will not be used improperly yet we are the very ones thieves are coming after. Why? Because they know that as criminals they will use illegally gotten firearms in commission of their crimes without worry of a law abiding citizen being able to defend themselves with equal force. We as taxpayers and law abiding citizens work hard for the things we own and to know that we are not allowed to protect ourselves, our families and our belongings are fed up and frustrated. Instead of this SB 301 why don't you create stiffer penalties against criminals especially thieves. Why don't you start allowing us a true Concealed carry licensing so that the thieves of this state will finally know that the next person they may try to rob at gunpoint may be trained and able to defend themselves. This stupid caveat of if the criminals in question have their backs turned to you is foolish and nonsensical. it is also why we need larger prisons. In the middle east property theft is at a minimal because if you are found guilty of theft they will cut off your hands and feet if you tried to flee after stealing things. This punishment is not completed in a hospital facility but carried out on a public street with what looks like a mere kitchen knife. Imagine creating a law that would make criminals fear enforcement of that law so much to the extent of them not wanting to commit those crimes. That is a law that we need, not one that will further restrict and limit our ability to protect our families and homes. The second amendment was created to allow the citizens of this nation to protect themselves not only against criminals but against tyranny and oppression from those in power over us. Any further restrictions will only stand to ensure the citizens of this country can be turned into no less than slaves because we are ill equipped to defend ourselves against such tyranny and injustices. The United States Of America is supposed to be the land of the free and home of the Brave. We look more like the land of the slaves and home of the oppressed than anything. I strongly urge you to strike down and remove this bill from ever becoming law, your Constituents who understand what it takes to defend this country, and it's people will thank you for it.

In closing I strongly urge that this bill not be permitted into law.

Mike H. Duarte (Corporal USMC)

Senator Rhoads, chair

Senate Judiciary Committee

Re **SB301** Relating to Firearms

11 Feb 2021

This testimony is submitted on behalf of Mark Matsunaga and Blake Yokotake, two lifelong Hawaii residents. We **oppose** SB301. This testimony is submitted on our own and not on behalf of any organization.

SB301 would unnecessarily penalize thousands of law-abiding kama‘aina who have acquired these firearms and magazines in good faith and deny thousands more in the future. We have patiently complied with a growing tangle of state and county restrictions. This bill is unacceptable.

SB301 addresses a non-existent problem. Hawaii Revised Statutes already ban “assault pistols,” automatic weapons, and other devices. Hawaii has the lowest rate of gun deaths among the states, and most of those deaths are suicides – not something easily accomplished with a rifle or shotgun.

Responsible shooters acquire guns for defensive, sporting, and historic purposes, not to “assault” someone. Some relish the challenge of improving our skills and keeping up with technology.

People who are not famous or powerful know that police might not be able to protect our families when needed. Home invasions and other violent crimes are common in Hawaii. A devastating natural disaster is always possible. Today, HPD cannot even register guns as promptly as the law requires. Owning modern guns capable of meeting likely threats is a matter of prudent self-reliance.

This bill would ban virtually all rifles (and replicas) issued by the US military from World War II to today. One of your constituents is a veteran who has an AR-15 that he modified and painted to resemble the M4 he carried in Iraq (without automatic fire ability, of course). SB301 would bar him from passing that on to his offspring in Hawaii, no matter how well-trained and responsible they might be. SB301 would cost the estates of many gun owners thousands of dollars. For many, high-capacity magazines alone represent a four-figure outlay. SB301 would immediately ban these. Who will pay?

SB301 also would deny current military personnel the opportunity to train off base on their own time with rifles, shotguns and magazines similar to the ones they are issued. The ability to train off-duty is especially valuable for reservists, who don’t have as much duty time to work on weapons proficiency. Guns are not books and military armories are not libraries.

SB301’s effect would be akin to outlawing the importation or transfer of all cars with automatic transmissions and limiting the rest to 50 mph top speeds and five-gallon fuel tanks. The Legislature should do that first. After all, Hawaii’s traffic fatalities each year far exceed the number of gun deaths. Yes, it’s an imperfect analogy. Driving is not protected by the United States Constitution.

We urge you to file SB301. The Legislature and taxpayers have better things to do.

Mark Matsunaga

Blake Yokotake

## SB301 Testimony – OPPOSE

Please see testimony below in opposition to SB301.

On August 14, 2020, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled California’s “high capacity” magazine ban (any magazine holding more than 10 rounds) is **unconstitutional**. This is an absolute nonstarter for Hawaii, or any other state under the Ninth Circuit, to even remotely consider a similar ban. Link below to the ruling.

<https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2020/08/14/19-55376.pdf>

The ban to assault weapons has no statistical data indicating it would reduce or prevent any crime in Hawaii. A firearm is tool or implement criminals select to commit their illegal acts. But what drives them to do so? Poverty, lack of education/opportunity, addiction, mental health, hopelessness, and a multitude of other reasons. These are the symptoms which will remain untreated as it appears bills like SB301 aim to shift blame to inanimate objects only as capable or dangerous as those who wield them.

In the face of an ongoing pandemic, a crumbling economy, crippling unemployment, sky-rocketing crime, rampant homelessness, and many other clear and present problems, it’s disheartening to see Hawaii pursuing unconstitutional laws toward a non-issue.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:02:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Duane Sosa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha!!!

Despite being disqualified from legally owning or operating a firearm here in Hawaii myself, due to my mental/emotional diagnosis, I strongly believe that SB301 is a direct violation of legal gun owners' second amendment rights. According to statistics, you are actually more than likely to be confronted by a criminal using a KNIFE more often than a FIREARM. It is a citizen's God given right, to defend their God given life.

Mahalo



**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:04:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Coster	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing in opposition of SB301. Continued insults to citizens natural rights protected under the second ammendment to our U.S. Constitution are becoming a tiresome and expensive exercise in the robbing of individual freedoms here in Hawaii.

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:11:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kekaulike Tomich	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha mai

I do not support SB301.

As public servants we all swear to up hold the Constitution, whether you swore on the US or Hawaii's state constitution, both read that the people have the right to keep and bear arms and that right shall not be infringed. I ask that you all reread the constitution and up hold it in all your votes. Regarding SB301, I own several of these arms that are proposed to be banned of further sale and transfer, if I were to pass away and my wife fails to turn in said arms, are 15-20 state agents with these same prohibited weapons going to come to our house to confiscate them? How do you enforce theses rules? I work in forest conservation, there have been instances where multiple ungulates have breach our preserve and the 30 round magazine have been useful in their removal. There's a great meme "if you require 30 rounds to hunt you suck at hunting, if you require a disarmed populace you suck at governing." I will admit that I'm not the best shot, how do you rate your ability to govern?

Malama pono

Kekaulike Tomich

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:11:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Norman Batino Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The Second Amendment clearly protects an American's fundamental right to own firearms—and I believe it is clear the Constitution extends that protection to AR-15-style rifles. The AR-15 is a Semi automatic weapon just like a handgun. It is NOT an automatic rifle which is considered to be an assault weapon.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:16:21 AM  
Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Findlay	Testifying for National Shooting Sports Foundation	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Chairman and members of the committee:

As the trade association for America’s firearm, ammunition, hunting, and recreational shooting

sports industry, the National Shooting Sports Foundation (“NSSF”) seeks to promote, protect,

and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. NSSF has a membership of more than 9,000

manufacturers, distributors, firearm retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen’s organizations and

endemic media outlets. Our manufacturer members make the firearms used by law-abiding

sportsmen, the U.S.military and law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

**This is to notify you of the opposition of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) to SB 301.**

Sincerely,



Michael Findlay

Director of Government Relations – State Affairs

The National Shooting Sports Foundation

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February 12, 2021

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 204  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 301, Relating to Firearms

I am Brandon Yamamoto, Captain of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD has concerns regarding Senate Bill No. 301, Relating to Firearms.

Per the definition of an "assault rifle," as written in this bill, obtaining supplemental rifles which are authorized for use by HPD officers will be prohibited. Additionally, the bill states that individual law enforcement officers would not be able to purchase, transfer, or obtain any rifle defined as an "assault rifle" for personal use as a supplemental rifle while carrying out their performance of duty. These personally obtained and owned rifles are necessary for law enforcement officers. Law enforcement agencies do not have a sufficient inventory of rifles within their arsenals to assign them to every police officer on duty. Under current introduction, there is no exemption for individual law enforcement officers.

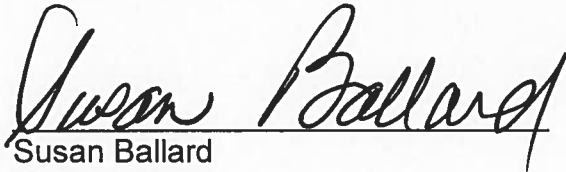
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
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February 12, 2021  
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The HPD is requesting clarification on SECTION 4 of this bill, which inserts amendments to Section 134-8 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The proposed amendment states, "assault rifles, except as provided by section 134-32(f); assault shotguns, except as provided by section 134-32(f)..." Section 134-32(f) does not exist within the HRS. Therefore, the HPD would like to know if this is in reference to the proposed amendment of section 134-4(f) or section 134-32 of the HRS?

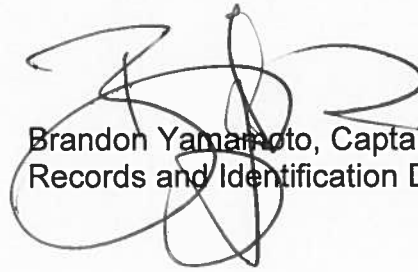
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,



Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police



Brandon Yamamoto, Captain  
Records and Identification Division



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February 11, 2021

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Committee on Judiciary  
Thirty-First Legislature 2021  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: SENATE BILL 301 RELATING TO FIREARMS**

Dear Senator Rhoads and Committee Members:


While we are appreciative that Hawaii has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation and the due diligence when it comes to allowing guns into the state, the bill as written may be problematic for law enforcement and for those responsible gun owners with a legitimate purpose for owning firearms.

The act defines assault weapons as being semiautomatic when there should be a distinction from automatic weapons. It also does not address exemptions for law enforcement officers who are owners or want to acquire these weapons. Currently, police officers are allowed to carry and utilize their department authorized personal weapons while on duty, which include semiautomatic rifles and shotguns. This is advantageous to our police departments as officers will purchase, maintain, and train on their own weapons.

There are some well-intended points written into the act but an outright ban across the board will adversely affect police officers as well as other legitimate gun owners.

Accordingly, the Maui Police Department OPPOSES the passage of SB 301. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
TIVOLI S. FAAUMU  
Chief of Police



**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:32:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rodney Rego	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good morning Senators

Jarrett Keohokaloe , Laura Acacio , Donna Mercado , Chris Lee

My name is Rodney Rego and I am writing you in opposing SB301 because of its infringing nature into my second amendment right. This proposed law will make all my sporting firearms illegal property that I own . Please oppose SB301 so many of can continue use sporting rifles and handguns.

v/r from district 47 NS

Rodney Rego

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:33:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melvin Casio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this bill.

This is limiting my right to bear arms and is unconstitutional. This bill is not helping current gun owning law abiding citizens but crushes their way of being able to protect their friends and family in time of need. This would also crush local gun shops here in Hawaii and would limit their options of firearms selection and could potentially shut their business down. Covid-19 already has been devastating and this would add to the growing number of loss.

Also I believe that we do not have an "assault weapons" issue, but rather need to focus our resources on helping individuals in need. If someone is going through mental and emotional stress, I believe that we should put our resources and efforts through more community aid programs. Anyone can use any object and turn it an assault weapon, it's just a matter of the persons capacity to do so. I have my firearms for personal protection specifically and choose that route in order to ensure the safety of my family and friends if a threat ever occurs at my doorstep. Please do not overstep on my 2nd Amendment rights.

Thank you

**LATE**

**Vote NO.**

The imbecile who introduces and/or writes these **treasonous** civilian disarmament tropes needs to get off his meds. This person must be on some serious mood alteration prescriptions because in bill after bill, year after year, he forgets to change the “rationale” Section 1 absurd illogical “arguments” section that still use “statistics” from 2016 and 2017. (Note to introducer: **It's 2021**. The CDC and Giffords have updated their data numerous times since your quotations. But I guess we know you have no interest in actual facts; or you are a liar.) That the introducer is too lazy or forgetful or ignorant of his own bill that he simply re-introduces the exact same preface material year after year after year speaks volumes for the sincerity, truthfulness, and knowledge of the oath-of-office-violating (“**shall not be infringed**”) promoter of numerous endlessly repetitive **Constitution-violating** bills again and again and again.

That and the fact that **there is no evidence** of any kind from anywhere (I'm omitting the outright lies from the leftist locust fascist authoritarian statist civilian disarmament groups in the pocket of the CCP) that banning the lamely- and absurdly-defined “assault weapons” has any benefit to “public safety”.

**Vote NO.**

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:59:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Benel Piros	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is unconstitutional and I work hard for my firearms and accessories which I LEGALLY obtained.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 10:01:17 AM  
Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Miki Jones	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill SB301, because I am a new petite mother and I want to protect my baby from criminals. Our neighborhoods and communities have been having a lot of violent robberies and I want our right to defend my new baby and family. This will put me and my baby in danger because I am a SAHM. Please do not support this bill SB301.

Mahalo,

Miki Jones

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 10:02:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
NICHOLAS FIDELIBUS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please do not pass this bill. This is in direct violation of our 2nd amendment rights, this is a dire time for our nation and our state. Foreign influence is increasing, as I'm sure you know. You need to allow your constituents to protect themselves from all enemies foreign and domestic.

The definition for assault pistol is not listed. The definitions of assault rifles is misconstrued and removes the rifles that many people enjoy shooting. These rifles are what everyone has, because you can modify them to fit your personality. Banning, as you define the assault rifle, you are banning your constituents from expressing themselves by being able to modify their rifle. They are able to make them pink, green, all kinds of colors, adjust sights that make it easier for them to use and stocks and foregrips so that they can hold them better. This bill is discriminatory to women and smaller people. You're requiring that rifles be longer, heavier and less grips for someone to hold them. This alienates smaller people like myself. This is unfair.

Section 134:4 also contradicts itself. It states that no one is allowed to possess another's firearm, but then says a firearm can be lent to another but for no more than 15 days...Which is it?

Lastly, this firearm bill will not make us any safer. This is more legislation that will not do anything. The bad guys will still have firearms while you take them away from law abiding citizens. You cannot guarantee safety by limiting freedom.

**Do Not Pass this Bill!!**

Sincerely,

Capt. Nick Fidelibus



**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 10:14:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Victor Ganoy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB301.

Clearly it is an infringement on our constitutional rights!

This bill aims to demonize the law-abiding majority of Hawaii's 2nd Amendment community!

Hawaii already has one of the most strictest set of gun laws in the country that all law-abiding Hawaii gun owners comply with to even possess, own, or purchase a firearm.

SB 301 is insidious in nature and stands to destabilize our constitutional freedoms!



**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 10:23:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lissa Cockett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**In OPPOSITION to SB301 due to unconstitutionality and insensitivity to present times.**

**SB301** is further infringement to the 2A rights of the American people. As stated here in the intro of this Bill, (See below) Hawai'i **ALREADY** has **STRONG** gun laws in place, with a pretty terrific rating for gun violence in the state. Probably the best in the nation. It is interesting however that this proposed ban on AR's relates nothing to gun violence in our state. Ask any law enforcement officer here, AR's are **NOT** tied to violence even though there is a very high population of AR owners here. This clearly shows gun owners dont need the over stepping of govt to micro manage a God given, 2Amendment Constitutional right.

As elected leaders of our state, you have taken an oath to uphold the constitution. This means you are to **PROTECT** the rights of the people here so that we can successfully manage them with all the proper tools afforded to do so. The public has every right to protect themselves and to utilize firearms for extra curricular use/training etc. *And thankfully, our state has some very qualified, hyper safety sensitive individuals and organizations who assist in proper firearm safety & training. They also deserve much credit for their overall efforts that directly reflect the high safety ratings in Hawai'i. There is something to be said about acquiring knowledge & training in an area vs over regulating it. About empowering vs oppressing.*

I would also like to point out that this proposed Bill does not take into consideration the historic times we are in. The devastation that our Island state is currently suffering, most especially small businesses, including gun shops. The heavy handedness of this Bill is an attempt to further oppress the people of this great state while they face so many uncertainties through covid... unemployment, devastated economy, etc.

It appears that none of this has been considered when penning SB301. This proposed

Bill shows insensitivity to the absolute overall needs of Hawai'i and its survival. Every moment, all time and energy should be put forth to help turn this state around immediately vs sticking to the status quo of limiting the rights of the people, your constituents. This measure doesn't reflect the will of the people but just a handful in our state capitol.

It is time to have eyes to see and ears to hear what the needs of this state are. I respectfully ask that each of you committee members take a step back, look around to see how you can REALLY make a difference in these times. How you can enable the people of this land vs trying to further oppress them with bills such as SB301. We will see fruitfulness in the days, months & years ahead when the public is EMPOWERED to succeed through trying times vs instilling MORE heavy handed legalities on an already oppressed population.

Mahalo nui,

Mrs. Lissa Cockett

INTRO TO SB301: SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation, and in 2016 Hawai'i received an A-minus rating from the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Additionally, Hawai'i had the lowest number of gun deaths per capita among the states in 2017, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The legislature is committed to protecting the safety and well-being of its citizens. The fact that Hawai'i is the only state with an assault weapons ban that fails to ban assault rifles and assault shotguns is inconsistent with this commitment.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 10:30:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael VanDoorne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as the magazine(s) supplied with the firearms I have purchased are (STANDARD CAPACITY) and to arbitrarily force an undue cost such as permanently altering perfectly functioning accessories of my firearms is foolish and will accomplish nothing beneficial to the law abiding citizen. Additionally, no criminal will follow this absurd proposal.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 10:45:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Zach Follis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a veteran of the US Army, I am well aware of the need for responsible gun ownership. Hawaii has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the country. While I agree with the thorough vetting of an individual that intends to buy a firearm for the first time, I do not agree with restrictions on those weapons. Law abiding citizens do not need these laws, because we ARE law abiding. All these restrictions will do is give criminals the upper hand, because criminals are NOT law abiding. Please oppose firearms/magazine capacity restrictions, we do not need them. We already have an adequate vetting process for potential firearm owners. Thank you for your time.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 11:01:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Hiroshi Nakauye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello,

I strongly oppose SB301.

Not only do I believe that it is in violation of our constitutional rights beyond the state laws that have been already established it will also have a negative impact upon the small businesses that sell and service such firearms. Also it would be far too costly to implement and would impose undue burden upon the owner.

As Hawaii stands with the impact of covid all of the firearm retailers and repair shops would suffer as a byproduct of this bill. Negatively impacting people's ability to make a living.

It is also unfair to people who use it for home defense. For a lot of people, trying to push laws like this make the appearance that you are defending criminals and punishing law abiding citizens.

We have a large military presence with out of state soldiers living in this state for an extended period of time. They also privately own firearms that fall under the classification that has been laid out in this bill.

Finally you will be taking away privately owned firearms from law enforcement.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 11:15:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Diane Neuman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301, assault weapons ban. It is our right as an American citizens to own guns under the Second Amendment. If this passes it will ban 90% of rifles in common use and ban all magazines with more than 10 rounds, and put gun stores in Hawaii out of business. We do not want to go down this road, becoming like China and other countries. There is a reason why our forefathers created the Second Amendment. Please I am asking you to not support SB301. Mahalo, Diane Neuman

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 11:16:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brett McHenry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Hawaii Legislators,

My name is Brett McHenry and I strongly oppose SB301. Regulating magazines to a 10 round maximum capacity has absolutely zero quantifiable data in correlation to reducing violent gun crime. California, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, etc. has all banned magazines over 10 rounds and since doing so, gun crime has not decreased. I have heard that this bill also would not grandfather those individuals who already have magazines over 10 rounds (rifle). If this is true, how would you impose an unconstitutional surrender order of standard capacity magazines? We all know that this simply would not work and is a 'slap in the face' of all responsible gun owners. I ask you to please follow the constitution and treat the people of Hawaii with equality and respect. Making thousands, if not tens of thousands, of law abiding Hawaii residents felons with the passing of this bill is a shame, nor is there any logical and data driven studies to justify doing so.

Thank you for your time and please represent the people who elected you.

Sincerely,

Brett McHenry M.Ed

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 11:19:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julie Ching-Sindiong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Senators,

I ask that you oppose SB301.

As a constituent and voter here in Hawaii, I staunchly oppose this bill as it's an overreach by government and hugly unconstitutional. Again please oppose SB301.

Thank you for your time,

Julie Ching-Sindiong



**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 11:45:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Shi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Chairman Rhoads, Vice Chairman Keohokalole, and distinguished Members of the Judicial Committee:

My name is Jerry Shi. I am a private citizen grew up in Honolulu, HI., and also a Company Commander in the United States Army Reserves. I have been heavily involved in the community safety initiatives, and the right to repair measures.

Having a correct understanding of the reality of current gun-related violence-its scope, ownership rights, and exacerbating factors its important to create good public policies. Just as doctors must form a correct diagnosis based on an accurate assessment of symptoms if they are to recommend a effective treatment plan, policy analysts and policymakers must have an accurate understanding of the societal problems they are seeking to combat. Unfortunately, too many policymakers appear completely uninformed about basic factual realities related to guns and gun violence.

Honestly assess the characteristics of so-called "assault weapons", the reality of gun-related violence in the United States, and the limited role those weapons play in that violence, it turns out that they do not pose a serious threat to public safety. In short, the public perception of these semi-automatic rifles is not consistent with reality. Semi-automatic rifles are simply not used in vast majority of gun deaths. These types of firearms are rarely used to commit crimes, they are used countless numbers of times every year by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes, including self-defense.

**The Characteristics of "Assault Weapons" Makes Them Safer for Lawful Use, Not More Dangerous.**

The term "assault weapon" does not have one official definition, but typically denotes firearms that have a range of features associated with modern semi-automatic rifles such as the AR-15 (AR is an acronym for the model of rifle that the company ArmaLite, Inc. who invented the rifle produces). It should be noted that the phrase "assault weapon" is not a technical or legal term, but rather appears to have become popular as part of a concerted effort by gun control advocates to manipulate those with limited knowledge of firearms into confusing certain semi-automatic rifles with "assault rifles," which are functionally distinct and heavily regulated by the federal government. However, unlike "assault rifles," which are distinguished from other rifles based on features that affect a firearm's mechanics and allow for faster rates of fire, "assault weapons" are universally

categorized based on cosmetic features alone. The addition of these cosmetic features, such as barrel shrouds, pistol grips, forward grips, and collapsible buttstocks, do not change the lethality of the round fired or increase the rate at which those rounds can be fired. In fact, these features exist for the purpose of making the firearm safer to operate and easier to fire in a more accurate manner.

For instance, barrel shrouds are a component of “assault weapons” that protect the operator’s hand by partially or completely covering the rifle barrel, which can often become hot enough to cause serious burns after as little usage as shooting through one standard magazine at a range. The protective function of the barrel shroud is so fundamental to its existence that recently proposed legislation to ban its use defined the feature as: “a shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles, the barrel of a firearm so that the shroud protects the user of the firearm from heat generated by the barrel.” And yet, despite the fact that the entire function of a barrel shroud is to protect lawful users from injury during lawful use, gun control advocates routinely point to this feature as something that must be banned because it also protects unlawful users from injury.

Similarly, collapsible or folding stocks do not affect the mechanics of a firearm, but allow its length to be adjusted to better suit the operator’s specific height, wingspan, and firing stance. Prohibiting the use of collapsible stocks for civilian purposes because criminals might also take advantage of those features is the logical equivalent of prohibiting the use of seat adjustment settings in a car so that would-be drunk drivers have a slightly more difficult time comfortably operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The prohibition does not meaningfully affect the ability of the drunk driver to break the law and put lives in danger, but it does make it significantly more difficult for many lawful drivers to operate standard cars in a safe manner.

The same reasoning is true of prohibitions on the use of pistol grips and forward grips, which allow the operator to gain a more stable shooting base and fire in a more accurate manner. Accuracy is objectively less important for a would-be mass shooter, whose goal is not meaningfully thwarted if some rounds miss the intended target and strike another. But for the recreational shooter, the hunter, and the individual utilizing a firearm in self-defense, accuracy is vital. For someone relying on a firearm in self-defense, in particular, the ability to accurately hit a moving target and end the threat can mean the difference between life or death.

In short, proposals to ban “assault weapons” are, for all intents and purposes, proposals to force law-abiding citizens to use firearms that are harder to fire accurately and more likely to cause them injuries, even when being used for lawful purposes. As will be expounded below, this logic is even less persuasive in light of the fact that semi-automatic rifles are not a significant factor behind gun violence of any kind.

## **Conclusion**

Nothing in the data about gun violence in the United States or the technical aspects of semi-automatic firearms supports a policy of stripping law-abiding gun owners of rifles that are often used for lawful purposes and rarely used to commit crimes. There are, unfortunately, many Americans who will conclude that I do not care about protecting innocent life and that I harbor a callous disregard for those affected by mass shootings.

While it is certainly the case that I believe public policy should be based on an accurate assessment of reality, a defense of semi-automatic rifles is more than an exercise in data and technical functions.

At the end of the day, this about me and my family. I'm a son, a father, and a Soldier. I pledged an oath to protect this wonderful nation that offered my family and I the safety and freedom that not many other nations on earth provides. With that freedom and safety in mind, the constitution gives us the right as Americans to bear arms to protect not only ourselves but others in time of great need. So, Chairman Rhods, Vice Chairman Keohokalole and Members of the committee I urge you NOT to pass SB301.

Thank you.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 11:49:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joseph zbin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill does not make me feel safer or does anything to combat crime. Criminals do not care about gun laws and most can't legally own any firearm yet still commit crimes with them with little punishment. This bill punishes legal firearm ownership, makes it more costly, and difficult. Please go after Criminals not legal gun owners.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 12:07:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bobby J Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am staunchly in opposition of SB301

At this stage of the argument as well as the relentless pursuit of further unconstitutional restrictions on the law-abiding citizens of the state of Hawaii, and yet showing no concern by our elected officials in regards to the rising crime, the total anarchy in numerous states across the country it seems that you are simply determined to make sure that the law-abiding citizens of Hawaii are vulnerable, and that you are determined to further restrict and take away our constitutional rights and further ruin small businesses under the guise of your "infinite wisdom" that the common people of the state for some reason obviously do not possess. It is absolutely asinine that the democratic politicians continue to push further "useless" gun restrictions under the false narrative of "safety" And can't give me even a single argument as to why it would be so important to you to constantly try to strip the people of Hawaii from their most basic constitutional rights.

**I know that every politician in the state is well aware of the request of an additional \$8 MILLION BY HONOLULU POLICE CHIEF BALLARD, why? In order to fight the rising crime.** A rise in crime such as numerous local gangs who thrive in low income communities, who thrive in the small business communities, and who even have their hands in the pockets of some of our elected officials, such as the notorious Mike Miske. And yet each of you have decided that the people of this state, many who have already been victims of violent crimes, we do not deserve the right or the means to defend ourselves.

*A close friend of mine, John Nolan, a former sportscaster/news anchor was brutally murdered in Chinatown, and because of Hawaii's already restrictive gun laws, he didn't even have the ability to defend himself.*

The 10 round magazine capacity is also ridiculous. Do you have any idea how many law-abiding gun owners in the state have a number of magazines? Do you want to make those same residents of this state felons with the stroke of your pen? Because that's what you're doing.

There have been absolutely NO crimes committed in which a high-capacity magazine was the culprit, or the outcome of the crime would've been different because of a 10

round restriction. And I would like to further point out that while you, our democratic politicians are working daily on ways to slowly strip every one of us of our constitutional rights, I would like to remind you of the entire year of 2020, from June until now, the nonstop attacks on innocent people by hoards & mobs of violent people who have tried to commit murder on police officers, have tried to burn down the Portland federal building, numerous acts of mob violence, we've all witnessed over entire zones of Seattle under a flag of anarchy, and entire mobs of hundreds of people have forced innocent people out of their homes because the color of their skin, and you, the politicians of Hawaii are determined to make sure that we, the people of the state will be potential victims.

How many home invasions have taken place in the past two years in Hawaii? Because in Hawaii, the criminal element, being brazen is a common motive, because it gives the criminal street credibility. It's a rite of passage for them to openly commit crimes.

Luckily, Hawaii does not even compare to some of the larger democratically controlled states in the union who suffer from the high crime and gun deaths which take place daily in those states because the law-abiding citizens are not allowed the right for the privilege to defend themselves or their families.

I ask you, as our representatives, when is enough, enough? We know that Karl Rhoads has been on a mission to disarm the people of Hawaii for many years. And the fact that you can take an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution and in the very same breath consider taking our rights away from us, is asinine and insane.

As Hawaii continues to suffer under the stringent restrictions imposed because of Covid 19, this bill is going to force closure of even more small-businesses. And while I am quite sure that every politician has been told, explained to, and even read the actual definition of "assault weapon", you continue an endless pursuit of trying to build eyes millions of families who own one of the most popular sporting rifles of the past century.

It is a travesty indeed that for 124 years, the politicians have been doing this to the people of this great state, and continue to do so without ever taking a moment to talk to the people that might have of you which is different than your own.

In closing, I would welcome calls from any of my local politicians who continuously try to strip me of my constitutional rights. And I vehemently oppose SB301

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 12:25:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joshua Drye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We are law-abiding citizens.. it is our second amendment right to own our firearms just because they are semi-automatic or look intimidating does not mean you should ban them or take them away.. over 99% of all crimes are with illegal firearms or from somebody with issues.. these are not military grade weapons in any sort so calling them assault weapons is just ridiculous.. taking away our firearms is not going to stop crying it will actually cause more by taking away our right to defend ourselves.. taking away our registered legal firearms is not going to stop those with illegal unregistered firearms All it's going to do is cause us from being able to protect ourselves.. please do not pass these bills and reconsider..

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 12:31:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bradley Gantala	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose any and all legislation that seeks to ban or infringe on America's right to keep and bear arms for two very sound reasons.

1) It is a very well known fact that strict gun control does not stem gun violence. If that were the case, Chicago and Washington D.C. would be the safest places in the country as their gun laws are the most onerous in the country. On the contrary, both cities have the highest rates of gun crime found anywhere. As Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1764, "Laws that forbid the carrying of arms . . . disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes . . . Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

--Thomas Jefferson, quoting Cesare Beccaria in On Crimes and Punishment (1764).

2) Upon assuming office, you took a solemn oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States. The Second Amendment is a vital part of that Constitution you swore to uphold and is a primary guarantor of our unalienable rights, rights granted by our Creator that can never be surrendered to or granted by any government for any reason. Consequently you can never separate the sanctity of the unalienable right from the guarantor of that right without incurring the certain loss of both.

You are therefore obligated by the Constitution and your solemn oath of office to oppose any and all infringements on Americans' right to keep and bear arms and I expect you to abide by that obligation in every way.



**LATE**

**SB-301**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Sakamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Infringes on my constitutionally protected right.

Targets small business by not allowing them to sell the most popular type of firearm and accessories for that firearm.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 1:12:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica Gellert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a mother and responsible gun owner, I strongly oppose SB301. This bill will not keep the community safe. You are only hurting responsible gun owners who have the constitutional right to keep and bear Arms.

Please stop attacking responsible American citizens. Please uphold our Constitution and oppose SB301.

**Second Amendment** - A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 1:25:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bronson Stewart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Senators,

As an American, Hawaii resident/homeowner and private citizen who loves the US Constitution, I whole heartedly oppose any lawas which restrict my Second Amendment rights, in any way.

This will only make the illegal sale of related firearms or accessories a bigger problem, and this does absolutely nothing in the interest of public safety. There is no evidence that suggests that this would be the case.

Vote No on SB301. Your constituency demands it.

Respectfully,

Bronson C. Stewart

Kailua-Kona, HI, HI House District 5, HI Senate District 3

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 1:30:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Max	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi my name is Max Andrade.I am writing ask the senator to not support the passing of SB301 Tomorrow.

I am a firearms owner, retired corrections staff and currently in the security unit at a federal trade school and don't feel like my property should be criminalized because of others' abuse. We need laws targeting criminals, not legal gun owners.

Thank you for your time. Have a good day.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 1:48:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raymond DeCastro III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

my name is Raymond DeCastro.

I strongly oppose bill: sb301.

The first thing is the bill is really only banning something that looks like some thing dangerous. Like a red Ford pinto may look like a demon on the streets but can barely make the speed limit on the freeway. The term "assault rifle" is a destination of a rifle that has the capabilities of firing multiple shots on a single pull of a trigger. It is already illegal and law abiding citizens don't have them! What you are trying to ban by description is a semi-automatic rifle that looks like it's illegal counterpart. The outside of them are similar but the internal mechanisms substantially different. In this case, they are akin to people. It doesn't matter what color or shape you are, it's what is in the inside that counts. You shouldn't judge a book by its cover!

Semi-automatic rifles and shotgun are already in widespread use by law abiding citizens. Their common use has been protected by the supreme court's 2008 Heller decision and protects it from ban.

The proposed bill will do nothing for the real criminals, but could instantly make criminals of law abiding citizens .

Think of it like the war on drugs: illicit drugs are illegal, yet they seem to be everywhere. They are everywhere and it's like no one is doing anything about it. Illicit drugs are the root cause of many crimes and degradation of our communities. Focus on that and we will better our communities. Strip away our right to defend ourselves ,with bills such as this, and watch our communities fall deeper into oblivion! The criminals will then have an easier time committing crimes against the undefended.

As for the magazine ban: same thing as the proposed ban on semi-automatic rifles. It's in wide spread use and would eventually get an unsuspecting law abiding citizen thrown in jail, because we tend to be honest and trusting. Where as the criminals that use a firearm in a crime don't care and is willing to risk going to jail for a long time whether or not they had an illegal magazine. It's like tacking on an extra day to a life sentence. It

doesn't mean anything. Please don't think the criminals don't have access to what ever they want. Please don't think the criminals are honest enough to dispose of anything one deems as illegal for the sake of righteousness.

If you've made it this far: Thank you very much for taking the time and energy to go through my testimony. May I ask one more favor of you and have you please, open your minds and consider my feelings I've poured into this testimony as a fellow law abiding citizen and previous quiet bystander.

I, Ray DeCastro, strongly oppose bill sb301.

Aloha!

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 1:53:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John M Cummings III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good afternoon-

My name is John M Cummings III. I am firearms owner and hunter and I am voicing my strongest opposition to SB301.

SB 301 is extremely unfair to law abiding firearms owners as well as our local firearms shops. **We should not be criminalized nor targeted** because of others' abuse. We need laws targeting criminals, not legal gun owners and firearms shops. Again, please focus your efforts and resources on criminals not your law abiding constituents who support you by voting you into office.

Thank you for your time and have a good day.

Aloha,

John

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 2:01:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dan Miyahira	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hawaii's gun laws are already too restrictive. This bill is too broad and does not allow for the grandfathering of guns already owned.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that California's ban on large-capacity ammunition magazines is unconstitutional, violating the Second Amendment. The panel of judges found that such firearm magazines are protected arms under the Second Amendment and are not "unusual arms" that would fall outside its scope.



**LATE**

**SB-301**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laurie Puglia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 2:04:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kamalu Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill will further erode our 2nd amendment rights. It will also only affect law abiding citizens, criminals will not turn in their 30 round magazines.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 2:06:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matt Hoeflinger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

.Aloha,

Hawaii has some of the most restrictive gun laws in america. Further restrictions will only harm law abiding citizens of there rights and do nothing to keep firearms away from criminals. Please oppose this bill

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 2:11:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marlee Kamakaala-Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301. I believe the proposed HRS is unconstitutional and violates our Second Amendment. The proposed bill would ban most commonly used rifles that are used by law abiding citizens. The proposed bill is especially egregious because it does not include a grandfather clause for current law abiding citizens with legally registered rifles. The proposed bill would make law abiding citizens with legally registered firearms, criminals. I strongly oppose SB301.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 2:16:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ramona Hussey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senators:

I fully support the proposed ban on assault rifles. This is the bare minimum we expect of our government - to protect us from individuals with guns. Our police & military have guns. I believe that is sufficient. There is no rational reason for regular citizens to also have them.

Ramona Hussey

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 2:27:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mysia Kamakaala-Ishii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301. I believe the proposed HRS is unconstitutional and violates our Second Amendment. The proposed bill would ban most commonly used rifles that are used by law abiding citizens. The proposed bill is especially egregious because it does not include a grandfather clause for current law abiding citizens with legally registered rifles. The proposed bill would make law abiding citizens with legally registered firearms, criminals.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 2:32:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Geordie Ishii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301. I believe the proposed HRS is unconstitutional and violates our Second Ammendment. The proposed bill would ban most commonly used rifles that are used by law abiding citizens. The proposed bill is especially egregious because it does not include a grandfather clause for current law abiding citizens with legally registered rifles. The proposed bill would make law abiding citizens with legally registered firearms, criminals.

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 2:35:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support and Im telling you to not support the passing of SB301 Tomorrow.

I am a firearms owner and don't feel like my property should be criminalized because of others' abuse. We need laws targeting criminals, not legal gun owners.

I witnessed first-hand in this state of a person negligently if not first-degree murder killing another person with a vehicle he only received eight years, but yet vehicles are not being criminalized.

Stop infringing my rights I have done nothing wrong in my life to hinder me from owning anything.

We read the Second Amendment "shall not be infringed."

Murder, rape assault Etc. already against the law I should be allowed to protect myself anywhere at anytime. Start to enforce the laws that are already on the book and take away the nonsense laws.

Thank you for your time. Have a good day.



**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 3:13:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marc Shimatsu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it bans all sale, transfer, and import into the State of all semi-automatic rifles with a detachable magazine and semi-automatic shotguns with a detachable magazine or revolving cylinder. These types of firearms are the most popular and commonly used by numerous law-abiding gun owners. It also bans the sale and possession of magazines over 10 rounds which are also currently in common use, commonly owned, and seeks to make criminals out of law-abiding owners.

This bill does nothing to make us safe, takes legally owned property away from law-abiding gun owners, weakens our ability to defend ourselves from criminals, and ensures criminals retain the advantage over law-abiding citizens.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 3:34:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chandler Mato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose the bill as written because it would violate our second amendment rights. This ban will bam most of the rifles and magazines in common use by law abiding Hawaii citizens.

This bill is especially troubling because it does not include a grandfather clause for the law abiding citizens who have spent hundreds or thousands of dollars on these rifles, and magazines for hunting, self defense, and target shooting activities. These law abiding citizens purchased these firearms legally and followed all the rules when purchased, and under the proposed law without a grandfather clause, they would have to turn in or sell these firearms for a massive loss of money, and have no viable replacement for effective self defense.

Please don't take away our second amendment right. It's not fair that you all have armed security guards with fences while we the public need to defend ourselves.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 3:47:09 PM  
Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melanie Mato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose the bill as written because it would violate our second amendment rights. This bill will ban most of the rifles and magazines in common use by law abiding Hawaii citizens.

This bill is especially troubling because it does not include a grandfather clause for the law abiding citizens who have spent hundreds or thousands of dollars on these rifles, and magazines for hunting, self defense and target shooting activities. These law abiding citizens purchased these firearms legally and followed all rules when purchased, and under the proposed law without a grandfather clause, they would have to turn in or sell these firearms for a massive loss of money, and have no viable replacement for effective self defense.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 4:22:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erwin Paulino	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Thank you for making it easy to submit a testimony since I work two jobs to be able to live here in Hawaii and am normally too preoccupied to get involved. I humbly ask that you folks oppose SB301. This will hurt some tax paying businesses in Hawaii as well as infringe upon the rights provided by the second ammendment. Besides, SB301 will not stop criminals from violating these laws, and Hawaii's gun laws are very strict anyway so please oppose SB301.

Mahalo!

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 4:25:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Alves	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

My name is Anne Alves and I am a teacher and concerned member of the Leeward community. I am submitting testimony in support of SB301: RELATING TO FIREARMS.

One of the most positive aspects of our islands state is that we have extensive gun control laws. Needless to say, we are facing very difficult times globally. In these difficult times, both mental health disorders and crime have been on the rise. People are being robbed in broad daylight as others become more and more desperate due to lack of basic needs. Even Honolulu Magazine reported last year that we are seeing "brazen attacks" on the rise as we deal with the ripple effect of this pandemic (<https://www.honolulumagazine.com/crime-watch-whats-with-all-the-brazen-attacks-in-honolulu-the-past-year/>). Who in their right mind would find it even borderline acceptable to allow high capacity weapons to enter our "bubble", especially given the circumstances? The right thing to do is to further limit such "instruments" that serve no purpose but destruction in our fragile community.

Additionally, as a teacher, I need to point out that all school shootings are carried out by high capacity assault rifles. Having participated in school shooting training sessions led by current and retired members of multiple law enforcement agencies, I can only tell you what has been told to us. The deadlier the weapon, the less likely chance we have of escaping unharmed. High capacity weapons can shoot through multiple layers of furniture and through doors of ALL of our island classrooms. Our chances of survival are slim if the person holding that assault weapon are out on a human hunt. Our keiki are going through enough hardships right now. We must guarantee their safety as best as possible.

At a time where tensions and levels of desperation are high, mental health is at an all time low, and crime continues to rise, we must do EVERYTHING we can to keep that which could potentially cause us deadly harm far away from us! That is why you should increase measures of public safety for our fragile community by APPROVING SB301.

Mahalo for your time,

Anne Alves



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kristofor gellert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this gun and magazine ban. I use these firearms for hunting and protecting my family in my home. This bill is an infringement on our constitutional rights! if we cannot own these items the government should not have them also! this bill will only hurt law abiding citizens.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Garris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Semiauto rifles and shotguns are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States 2008 Heller Decision.



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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 5:16:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Isaac Moon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose

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Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thomas Corn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

My name is Thomas Corn. I am writing to ask that you not support the passing of SB301 on 12 February. I am currently in the process of becoming a legal firearms owner in Oahu and do not feel like I should have my rights criminalized because of the negligence and abuse of irresponsible adults and individuals. We need laws targeting criminals, not legal gun owners abiding by the constitutional right of the Second Amendment.

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Thank you for your time and have a wonderful day. Mahalo!

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 5:25:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
PHILIP LAPID	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support this bill because it is against a good tax payer person that wants to buy firearms for a hobby and recreational activities.

Please create more bills against the citizens of which the way of living is to cause pain, loss of properties and peace of mind, anger, and suffering towards the good citizens.

A person of crime does NOT care at all about any of these bills in the house or senate. They do not need to write any testimonials.

It is never the intention of a good person to do crime at home with family, but to love, cherish, and protect them. It is never in the mindset of a good citizen to do crime in the workplace but to earn for a living and feed the family.

Now the mindset of a criminal is to cause pain, loss, anger, and altogether destruction of peace of a normal person that is a law abiding citizen as well as the society and the community.

Restricting law abiding firearm owners from owning large caliber firearms makes no sense. A firearm is a firearm, a tool, an object. There is no need or sensibility to restrict or ban such categories of firearms and much more destroy local businesses in Hawaii.

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 5:51:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ron Hashiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose bill SB301.

The specifications contained in the bill do not describe characteristics of an assault weapon. Limiting the capacity of a magazine to ten rounds is inadequate for home defense for home invasions.

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 5:57:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Hunter C. Patterson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners, the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus!

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 6:04:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amy C. Patterson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors)
- Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 6:05:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mery Ann Luna	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. I am a legal abiding citizen who owns firearms and I feel this is taking my right away to own guns. When it says detached magazine over ten rounds, isn't it already at 10 rounds max. So why is this even an issue unless the attempt is to ban all firearms gradually? I hope that one day I can compete in a 3gun sport and guess what type of firearms you think it intells? Assault rifle/shotgun!!! So not only you are trying to remove my right to bear arms, you also want to take away a sport I someday would like to compete in. If you are to pass this bill, you should also remove all assault rifles and shotgun from the very people that protect you! The police officers, our military, licensed security officers and secret service. Many of these people come to us citizens for training. How do you expect those that protect you to have the training they need to ensure your safety. As I said, I oppose this bill for many reasons.

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 6:33:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Greg J. Patterson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a violation of the 2nd Amendment, a right which shall not be infringed!



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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 6:55:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Wikoff	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- **IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources toward helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 7:02:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Pitman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 7:30:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yeung Yeung Yu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- **I oppose this measure for the following reasons:**
  - **IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
  - **PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?
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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 7:30:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Craig Nomitsu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose SB301.

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:39:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
samantha tanginoa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB301. As a responsible gun owner I feel as though this bill is attacking my second amendment rights and further criminalizing responsible gun owners like myself.

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:52:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wilfred Lum	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good Evening Senators,

I am writing this testimony in regard to SB301 and my **full opposition** of this bill as it is written. I believe that it will do very little towards making Hawaii a safer place. There is one sentence in this bill that is blatantly incorrect. The sentence reads, "The legislature is committed to protecting the safety & well-being of it's citizens". Contrary to this, the Legislature's actual job is to create laws which everyone should live by and should outline consequences.....the actual protection of myself, and of my family, is ME. When bad things happen, is a legislator there to "protect me". **No**. Is a police officer there to stop the crime from happening? **No**. The very first line of defense for me, my family and the loved ones in my care begins with me.

By definition, a criminal holds very little regard for the law. This proposal to somehow "define" and then prohibit a firearm that has general characteristics that are shared amongst many guns/rifles (and not just the "scary" ones) will do little to protect our citizens. A criminal does not follow any law, so this defining and prohibiting of certain firearms will only PREVENT law-abiding citizens from obtaining the means to protect themselves should someone wish to do them harm. And let's not go into the long arduous steps required for us to get a legally owned firearm in the State of Hawaii. That can be discussion for another day.

Every day we hear of a citizen being robbed, or their home is burglarized by multiple assailants and sometimes held hostage. Who are you to say how much ammunition I am allowed to carry in my firearm to protect myself? Contrary to popular belief, movies are not real life and rarely does a person wishing to do harm fall after being hit by one bullet. So how is it that the "magic" number stops at 10? Is there scientific and hard data to show that 10 will be enough? I can prove through common sense that having more than 10 bullets will be way better against multiple assailants, of which most physical crimes nowadays are being shown to be committed by.

And again to the point of attempting to define & subsequently prohibit certain firearms based on certain general characteristics....your list of definitions is laughable. How does having a flash suppressor on a firearm make it more dangerous than one without one. Or having a thumbhole stock? And a shroud over the barrel? It is apparent to anyone that reads this knows that the author of this bill has no intention of

making Hawaii safer because he/she is identifying **visual** characteristics of the device and not the mechanics of it. A mechanical feature would be something like it being fully automatic vs semi-automatic. And guess what...we cannot own fully-automatic weapons currently. This bill is an attempt to play on people's emotions and try to pass a bill that will take away our 2nd Amendment rights to protect oneself and to limit the choices in which to do so. The government does not have the right to limit the choices in which a law-abiding citizen can choose from.

Instead of wasting time on making laws that do little to protect law-abiding citizens, work on making laws to punish the criminals. Give us the right to stand our ground in our homes, on our property, or at our place of business. Make criminals think twice before deciding to commit that crime against us, and our kupuna. You are elected to make laws...do so, but make sure you do more good than harm.

And just so I may put things in perspective, I am a victim of crime. I live on a large property and it is very isolated from the main road. My home and warehouse has been burglarized twice & there have been trespassers on my property multiple times. Lucky for me, I wasn't home when these events happened, but I always worry about the next time and if I will be home when it happens. It is disconcerting to know that a stranger was in my home, looking around, seeing my family pictures, knowing what I look like and me not knowing what they look like if they passed me on the street. But above all that, it is more disconcerting to know that there are elected representatives wanting to pass bills such as this one, that will limit the available types of firearms that can be used to protect law-abiding citizens such as myself.

Please do not pass this law. Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Wilfred Lum

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:26:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Hepuamahiluikaleiohelo Spalding	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB301 would severely infringe upon the second ammendment rights of all Americans, which states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

A bill such as the proposed SB301 not only places law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage to those who willfully break laws, bans simply do not work; an example of such is the Haw. Rev. Stat. § 132d-1 through 132d-21, as hundreds, and I dare say, thousands of people blatantly disregarded this statute on December 31, 2020 through January 1, 2021.

What Hawai'i needs, is laws that target criminals, not law-abiding citizens. The passage of SB 301 would essentially criminalize law-abiding citizens that possessed contraband items listed in the bil.

Thank you for your time,

Hepuamahiluikaleiohelo Spalding



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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:30:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Benjamin Kern	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to express my opinion on SB 301 and why I strongly oppose this bill.

As a retired veteran and law-abiding firearms owner, I simply do not understand why our elected officials propose bills like SB 301. If this bill becomes law, thousands of responsible owners of semi-automatic firearms and magazines with more than 10 rounds are robbed of their constitutional rights to own said items.

The firearm community here in Maui consists of law-abiding citizens, that simply enjoy shooting guns on the local range and share their enthusiasm for this great hobby. Several very good friends of mine, that work in the local firearms industry, would be pushed out of business instantly and lose their foundation to earn money and support their families during an already challenging time.

As someone who served this great country, I can simply not sit still and watch this injustice take place without expressing my opinion. SB 301 is not only unfair to all the responsible firearms owners and hard-working people that simply try to make ends meet during a global pandemic, but it is also against the constitutional rights of every freedom-loving American citizen.

I fulfilled my oath to protect and defend the constitution of the United States and I will have to live with the disability that resulted from my service for the rest of my life. All I ask from you is to oppose this bill and live up to the oath you swore when you were elected into office.

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:36:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marta Prescott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. This bill will only benefit criminals. I am a law abiding citizen that never had any trouble with the law. Why should I be penalized by the wrong doings of a few? A bad person will do bad no matter what. Taking away from a good person the means to defend herself only embolden the ones on the wrong side of the law. Please I ask that you reconsider and do not pass this bill. It is our second amendment right, granted to us law abiding citizens to serve the purpose of defending ourselves. To take this right away is unconstitutional. Do what you may to make sure good people are the only ones getting their hands in these. But please don't make us more vulnerable to the criminals we all know are out there just waiting on an opportunity to harm us working law abiding citizens.

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 10:12:37 PM  
Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Neal Fujii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB301.

Mahalo

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 10:16:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Curtis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

[COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY](#)

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

Aloha & Thank you for receiving this Testimony.

There is no logical reason to limit gun ownership by calibre. If .50 calibre, then .223, then what?

This consideration appears to be encroaching on Rights guaranteed in the US Constitution.

I appreciate your service to our community.

Aloha, Michael Curtis

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 10:49:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elyse Bowman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose the bill as written because it would violate our second amendment rights. This bill will ban most of the rifles and magazines in common use by law abiding Hawaii citizens.

This bill is especially troubling because it does not include a grandfather clause for the law abiding citizens who have spent hundreds or thousands of dollars on these rifles, and magazines for hunting, self defense and target shooting activities. These law abiding citizens purchased these firearms legally and followed all rules when purchased, and under the proposed law without a grandfather clause, they would have to turn in or sell these firearms for a massive loss of money, and have no viable replacement for effective self defense.

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 10:55:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rodney K Arias Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Rodney K. Arias Jr. and I am a registered voter in Palolo (Senate District 10). I strongly oppose SB301 for I feel it infringes on my 2nd Amendment rights of the Constitution of the United States to keep an bear Arms.

Mahalo,

Rodney K. Arias Jr.

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 11:41:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dwayne Lim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am, Dwayne Lim, a Federal Firearm Licensed dealer and owner of Danger Close Tactical; a member of National Rifle Association and certified Basic Pistol Instructor; a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, honorably discharged, qualified in small arms, earned initial marksmanship medal for pistol and consecutive marksmanship medal w/bronze star for rifle; member of the Hawaii National Guard Marksmanship team, rifle team achieved third place at the Chief, National Guard Bureau Postal Match Championship; recreational shooter and collector of firearms; and of Hawaiian lineage, a father, a husband, a son, and a responsible member of society.

I strongly oppose SB301, Titled: Firearms; Assault Weapons Ban; Assault Pistols; Detachable Magazines. This bill is mixing words and is setting a disturbing precedence. The term "Assault weapons" fully-automatic firearms. Politicians use this term as a political term to incite fear and prejudice against gun owners who legally possess modern sporting rifles, and is directed toward the population who are not firearm owner for political gain.. According to The National Firearms Act of 1934 (NFA) requires the registration...of fully automatic firearms (termed "machineguns"), rifles and shotguns that have an overall length under 26 inches, rifles with a barrel under 16 inches, shotguns with a barrel under 18 inches, and firearm sound suppressors (termed "silencers"). The Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA) placed "destructive devices" (primarily explosives and the like, but also including firearms over .50 caliber, other than most shotguns) under the provisions of the NFA. In 1994, the Treasury Department placed revolving-cylinder shotguns and one semi-automatic shotgun under the NFA." In addition, "The GCA prohibited the importation of fully-automatic firearms for private purposes and a 1986 amendment to the Act prohibited the domestic manufacture of fully-automatics for private purposes." What this bill describes and defines are standard features of the AR-15 modern sporting rifle. The AR-15 is a semi-automatic rifle, according to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Gun Control Act definition its trigger mechanism fires a "single projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger."

I also oppose the "Expand the ban on pistols with a detachable magazine with over ten round capacity to any firearm with a detachable magazine with over ten round capacity." According to the CATO Institute, "there is little evidence that high-capacity magazine restrictions have any positive effects on public safety...the connection between crime and the magazine is conjectural at best..." furthermore..."The Parkland shooter fired

150 rounds over the course of about seven minutes, reportedly using 10-round magazines that would be compliant with almost every current and proposed magazine restriction.<sup>39</sup> Assuming the shooter used fifteen 10-round magazines, he would have reloaded fourteen times over the course of seven minutes. If he had spent three seconds per magazine change (an estimate on the slow side), he would have spent a total of 42 seconds reloading and 378 seconds firing, averaging one shot every 2.5 seconds. Would using 30-round magazines have made him significantly more lethal? Probably not. Reloading four times instead of fourteen while firing the same amount of ammunition would have allowed him to fire one shot every 2.3 seconds. Such a minuscule difference in practical fire rate would be unlikely to have any appreciable effect on lethality.” So, magazine capacity again is fear mongering to the population who are unfamiliar with firearms.

Senator Rhoads author of SB301 has introduced a bill that presents an imminent threat to the right of firearm owners of the State of Hawaii branding them as criminals if non-compliant with SB301. As elected political officials by the people of the State of Hawaii I petition all in favor of this bill to do you due diligence to get to know your constituents who own firearms, take a real interest in who they are and why they own firearms, go to Kokohead Shooting Complex and talk to the staff and public, communicate with Federal Firearm Licensed dealers to get a good idea of the firearm community and of their business. Get out from behind your desk and meet the firearm owners, you will learn a lot from them. Firearms owners cover a full spectrum of professions, and we all enjoy the right to own firearms, to collect them, to use them to compete, and to have as a force multiplier if needed to defend one’s family against threat of death. Do not just follow party lines as a matter of convenience because you do not have the desire to enlighten yourselves to the real issues of public safety. Cease riding along the party lines, and think for yourselves, and do not pass this cookie cutter bill that will do nothing for public safety. Where are the facts to back-up SB310? This bill is not a blanket fix for society. Elected politicians need to punish the individual for the crime and fix them to provide for public safety. Do what WE THE PEOPLE of Hawaii pay you for and make laws that REALLY make sense and REALLY provide for public safety. WE are not the enemy, WE are not terrorist, WE are not criminals, and WE are not mentally ill.

SB301 is undeniably a violation of elected official’s oath of office to defend the Constitution of the United States and to protect the rights of the individual to legally own and possess firearms for sport and self-defense. I do not consider any politician who will support this bill as a leader. Any politician who supports this bill is a puppet to special interest groups and lobbyist who pay to play. They are not loyal to their constituents.

Closing fact from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, “Source of firearms Overall, an estimated 287,400 prisoners possessed a firearm during their offense. Among prisoners who possessed a gun during their offense, 90% did not obtain it from a retail source. More than half (56%) of prisoners who possessed a firearm during their offense had either stolen it (6%), found it at the scene of the crime (7%), or obtained it of the street or from the underground market (43%). Fewer than 1% had obtained the firearm at a gun show (0.8%).”





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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 11:45:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jad	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for taking the time and reading our testimonies.

We stand opposed to this poorly written bill. We first believe that the language of this bill is written in a way that can be broadly interpreted. As anyone who is in the shooting community, hunting and/ or a gun enthusiast knows, if the law is open to interpretation, HPD and our Police Chief will interpret it how ever they wish. This comes at a high cost to our community .

This S.B 301 bill is currently written in a way that will affect a wide range of common firearm platforms. Much like S.B 307, where we clearly saw a lack of firearms knowledge and a lot of short sightedness. This bill again is no surprise following that same course. For a law maker that claims to be very passionate about a subject but take no time to actually educate himself on that subject makes it appears as if maybe that individual is just passing lip service. As written S.B 301 will make common home defense and sporting firearms illegal to buy over night. Common firearms like the Ruger 10/22, one of American"s most loved 22 caliber rifles could be interrupted and lumped into a category as an "Assault Weapon!" What are we doing that the firearm most of us as kids grew up learning how to shoot, A firearm most spent their childhood hunting squirrels with is now a "Assault Weapon."

Numerous studies have been completed on the National Assault Weapons Ban's effectiveness. Department of Justice's own report in 2004 at the very best showed mixed results. Both political parties are guilty of cherry picking the data from numerous studies to support their widening point of view. So we will not sit here and sight any of them but instead we will just use common sense. Do we as a State have a problem with semi auto, magazine fed, rifles and shotguns? The answer is no. So we feel putting forward a bill that will in turn affect a wide range of legal and safe activities, a bill that will effect a wide range of Firearms not previously classified as "Assault Weapons" to address a problem we do not have is a waste of our time, tax payer dollars and will only result in far more over reach then intended. It once again continues a behavior of infringement and erosion on a constitutional right. This bill along with the Magazine restrictions will be sent to the courts and over turned, much like we have seen with

California's Magazine ban that was overturned. I suggest reaching out to the community and educating your self on the subject before purposing poorly written bills.

This is why we stand against bill S.B 301

Respectfully,

Jad Doherty

Rook Customs / RookWorx

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 11:45:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelly Lim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am, Kelly Lim, a Federal Firearm Licensed dealer and owner of Danger Close Tactical; recreational shooter and collector of firearms; and immigrant of China, a mother, a wife, a daughter, and a responsible member of society.

I strongly oppose SB301, Titled: Firearms; Assault Weapons Ban; Assault Pistols; Detachable Magazines. This bill is mixing words and is setting a disturbing precedence. The term "Assault weapons" fully-automatic firearms. Politicians use this term as a political term to incite fear and prejudice against gun owners who legally possess modern sporting rifles, and is directed toward the population who are not firearm owner for political gain.. According to The National Firearms Act of 1934 (NFA) requires the registration...of fully automatic firearms (termed "machineguns"), rifles and shotguns that have an overall length under 26 inches, rifles with a barrel under 16 inches, shotguns with a barrel under 18 inches, and firearm sound suppressors (termed "silencers"). The Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA) placed "destructive devices" (primarily explosives and the like, but also including firearms over .50 caliber, other than most shotguns) under the provisions of the NFA. In 1994, the Treasury Department placed revolving-cylinder shotguns and one semi-automatic shotgun under the NFA." In addition, "The GCA prohibited the importation of fully-automatic firearms for private purposes and a 1986 amendment to the Act prohibited the domestic manufacture of fully-automatics for private purposes." What this bill describes and defines are standard features of the AR-15 modern sporting rifle. The AR-15 is a semi-automatic rifle, according to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Gun Control Act definition its trigger mechanism fires a "single projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger."

I also oppose the "Expand the ban on pistols with a detachable magazine with over ten round capacity to any firearm with a detachable magazine with over ten round capacity." According to the CATO Institute, "there is little evidence that high-capacity magazine restrictions have any positive effects on public safety...the connection between crime and the magazine is conjectural at best..." furthermore..."The Parkland shooter fired 150 rounds over the course of about seven minutes, reportedly using 10-round magazines that would be compliant with almost every current and proposed magazine restriction.<sup>39</sup> Assuming the shooter used fifteen 10-round magazines, he would have reloaded fourteen times over the course of seven minutes. If he had spent three seconds per magazine change (an estimate on the slow side), he would have spent a

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 12:42:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ri	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this legislation. Not only does this bill violate the constitution of this country and state but does nothing for the citizens of Hawaii. This will prevent law abiding citizens of exercising their rights (while criminals are at an advantage). Statistically you are more likely to be murdered by blunt force trauma then the firearms in question, yet we are not trying to ban baseball bats and metal pipes. This law is based in fear mongering and ignorance and not in fact and logic. I hope you do right by those who you represent and uphold our constitution.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 1:39:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jarek de Vera	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The 2nd Amendent of our Bill of Rights states;

"A well regulated Militia, being neccessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Infringe

Infringed; infringing

Transitive verb;

1. To encroach upon in a way that violates law or the rights of another.
2. Obsolete.

What part of that amendment or the meaning of "infringed" is unclear?

This is yet another bill aimed at our rights with the intent of ultimately destroying the very right our elected leaders, you, swore on oath to protect. Enabling such bill will disrupt and destroy even more businesses, adding more to the count of honest businesses that have closed their door due to this poor leadership. Enabling this bill will cause even more unrest in this society and jeopordized the safety and lives of more citizens. Enabling this bill will add more fuel to the fire that this state is not ready to put out. Whether it's the magazines, caliber, style, etc. Its all part of the Arms we the people are to bear. And it shall not be infringed.

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 1:45:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dean Fujishima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose the passing of SB301.



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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 1:58:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shane Cayetano	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This doesn't make any sense.

(6) A shroud that is attached to or partially or completely encircles the barrel and permits the shooter to hold the firearm with the second hand without being burned;

Obviously so we don't burn our hands.

# Security Equipment Corp.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary  
HEARING: February 12, 2021 at 9:15am  
RE: SB301 Relating to Firearms

## In OPPOSITION TO SB301

To whom it may concern,

This written testimony is in reference to bill SB301 and how it will affect our business, Security Equipment Corporation.

Considering the ever-evolving definition of “assault weapon” with no generally accepted universal definition currently and will leave gun stores in a position of constant guesswork and financial insecurity. Looking at this bill the definitions are, generally speaking, features of the firearm that do not affect the overall function of the firearm. Some of these features are integral to the safe and accurate use of the firearm. Gun stores will now have inventory that will now be considered an “assault” rifle for containing any one of these characteristics and cannot be sold in the state. Financially they are on the hook for it and will essentially have no way to get the cost back let alone attempt to make any money off of said inventory. To be clear characteristic number 6 would extend to nearly all firearms including basic hunting rifles and the like. The entire purpose of the front part of the stock or forend is to keep a person’s hand from being hurt by a hot barrel, allow them to accurately aim, and safely handle the firearm. This characteristic alone would apply to nearly all firearms we have in stock.

As far as characteristics pertaining to a folding/telescoping stock, a thumbhole stock, a second handgrip, and a flash suppressor are all features that allow a law-abiding citizen to more comfortably, more accurately, and more safely handle a firearm. It is akin to having power steering for your vehicle. They are a feature that allows better handling and overall an easier and safer experience with the firearm. Which arguably is more important for all present and future gun owners. This would impact our store greatly as it would increase the hurdle for new, law-abiding gun owners to get used to and safely handle their firearms. Every person’s body is different and having these features allow a person to customize a firearm slightly to their body’s frame/build. Again, akin to customizing the operational characteristics/features of a vehicle to make your driving experience easier, without affecting the overall functionality of the vehicle. A ban on these features would eliminate a large chunk of our accessory section of the store and we would again be stuck with the inventory we cannot sell and have no recourse financially for the inventory.

Industry standards include a bayonet mount and a threaded barrel. Having to find non-standard barrels without threading as well as a lack of bayonet mounts on the fixed front post style

firearms places an added burden on our store as well as an added cost to the customer overall. Being different from the industry-standard means having to find manufacturers that actually supply that option as well as the increased cost of nonstandard firearms.

The current the listed bill does not list the definition for “assault pistol” which plays into the everchanging definition of features to be considered an “assault weapon”. This again would run the risk for gun shops of having firearms in inventory that are now considered “assault” for having features that would simply make it easier for a new firearm user to safely use the firearm.

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Judiciary

February 12, 2021 at 9:15AM

SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: BARRY AOKI BA

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(optional)

I OPPOSE SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 301.

THE OUGRWHELMING MAJORITY OF OWNERS OF THESE FIREARMS  
ARE LAW ABIDING CITIZENS OF HAWAII.

THIS BILL WILL NOT DETER OR STOP CRIMINALS BECAUSE  
THEY DON'T FOLLOW LAWS ANYWAY.

THIS BILL WILL RESTRICT MY ABILITY TO PROTECT MY  
LOVED ONES AND MAKE ME DISADVANTAGED IN FORMAL  
COMPETITIONS

OPPOSE THIS BILL

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Judiciary

February 12, 2021 at 9:15AM

SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Alex Dedeker

EMAIL: Alex dedeker 68@gmail.com  
(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

I oppose it because there is all ready laws on the books that keep us safe. why are we introducing new laws when there was not any issues under the current laws. ~~aff~~ No grandfathering would result in the loss of thousands of dollars i've spent.

Multiple horizontal lines for writing additional testimony.

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Judiciary

February 12, 2021 at 9:15AM

SB301 Relating to Firearms (Assault weapons/magazine ban)

NAME: Robert McGrath

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(optional)

I oppose SB301.

(Fill in above: OPPOSE, support, or comments only)

Write your testimony below. Why do you oppose, support, or commenting on this bill.

~~I~~ I oppose this bill because as a shop owner  
It will hurt my business.

Also it will hurt the hunting community

Governor Ige issued Emergency Declaration for  
the Deer in Maui and these are the kinds  
of TOOLS hunters use to help remedy  
the Deer problem.



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I OPPOSE SB301

This bill shows how misguided the hawaii lawmakers are. In 2019 the CDC reported that hawaii had 4.4 gun deaths per 100,000 residence. This is not even the number of murders, That includes suicides as well. (If someone really wants to take their life they will find a way even without a gun.) The way this proposed law has been pushed on us makes it sound like there are gunfights in the streets on each and every island when in truth Hawaii has one of the lowest gun death rates in the country. If the threshold for passing overly restrictive laws that strip law abiding citizens of their rights is set at 4 people per 100,000 per year then there are many many issues lawmakers need to be addressing as well. Drug overdoses outpace gun homicides 7 to 1, what are you doing about that? Even medical malpractice deaths in Hawaii outpace that of gun deaths each year, should we outlaw doctors?

In a time where hawaii has been wrecked by the covid 19 lockdowns there are many other issues that we as a state need to be addressing. The local economy has been destroyed, hawaii is projecting a fiscal loss of 1.4 billion dollars a year for each of the next 4 years, homelessness is skyrocketing, people are losing their homes and lives they have built, depression and drug use is following right behind the trend and somehow you think the problem we need the lawmakers to solve is that standard capacity magazines exist in the state??? I beg you to leave your ivory towers and come see the parts of hawaii that don't make it into the tourism commercials. Come see the parts of hawaii that are truly hurting and that desperately need help and tell me that our biggest problem we face right now is that someone can have more than 10 rounds in their firearm. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

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**LATE**

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I OPPOSE SB301

Aloha

As a resident of Waimanalo I strongly oppose this bill sb301 because it will not prevent the criminals from breaking the law but just disarm law abiding citizens and make law abiding citizens criminals. Let us not forget what happened back in Nazi germany because we are on our way there.

The constitution of the United States second amendment says the right to bear arms shall not be infringed! It looks like infringement to me.

Please oppose sb301

Mahalo

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2nd amendment is the right to bear arms and we the people need this to protect and defend or any intruders. Please allow guns and ammo for our state. I'm against this bill

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Dear Madam and Sirs,

During these uncertain times of protests, riots, pandemic, I am writing you asking you to honor your oath. Protect the Constitution. Oppose any and new gun restriction proposals. Support, stand and protect the 2nd amendment rights of the people, not infringe and restrict. Rights that weren't given by you and should not be restricted by you. Hawai'i has and already is one of the most strictest states in the nation regarding gun laws and ownership. Passing any more will not make any change, but turn many law abiding citizens into criminals. You'll have thousands overnight. Laws will not stop the acts of a madman. Assault is an action, it could be done with bats, sticks, knives, hammers, vehicles and even empty handed, I don't see you go after those. Inanimate objects are harmless without the intentions behind it. On the flip side they can be used for good. Tools to build, fix and repair, sport, family time and protection. Please oppose SB301 it will not stop shootings, but will harm law abiding citizens as myself.

Sincerely,

Daniel Yoro Sr.

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I OPPOSE SB301

As a competitive shooter and hunter I can't support this measure and strongly as that you reconsider.

Restricting semi automatic rifles and shotguns to this degree arbitrarily sets a capacity limit that effectively prevents ownership of even the most basic configurations used for hunting or sport shooting in any reasonable capacity.

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**IN COMMON USE:** Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

**PENDING LAWSUITS:** Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone. There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds. In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors) Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

**MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

**THE GRANDFATHER TRAP:** While this bill provides grandfathering for existing owners of these long guns, we know from many other examples across the country that this is just the first step toward confiscation at a later date.

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Anti-gun bills and restrictive ownership only harm those that follow the laws and are responsible. You are infringing on our right to bear arms and protect our families. These new laws will not prevent ongoing crimes and suppress criminals.

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I see this bill as unconstitutional, ineffective, and dangerous. First, any bans or restrictions fly directly in the face of not only our founding fathers, who designed the template for a highly successful nation based on individual freedom, but also all those who have fought and died to protect that freedom. Second, any bans and restrictions will be complied with by law abiding citizens, but will be ignored by criminals. Anyone who plans to commit a crime with firearms will have access to weapons and magazines already in existence, which leads to my third point. If this bill becomes law, law abiding firearms owners will be at a disadvantage in any defense scenario against an illegally equipped criminal. Isn't the point of the 2nd amendment to preserve our right to self defense? Please consider these points when making your decision, thank you.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I oppose Bill SB301. We have been using Semiauto rifles and 10+ magazine capacity for many years and I do not feel it should be banned. The Constitution should not be infringed upon because it is a sound foundation for our freedom.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I am an owner of a firearm that would be banned by this bill and urge you to VOTE NO ON SB301. The right to bear arms is one of the bedrock rights in our Constitution and the primary role of the elected representatives of the people is to fight for the Constitution and the rights it preserves for the people.

The bill states that Hawaii has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation and that Hawaii had the lowest number of gun deaths per capita. The bill fails to mention if ANY OF THE GUN DEATHS ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FIREARMS BEING BANNED BY THIS BILL. That is because these types of firearms are not the cause of the gun deaths. That means more people in Hawaii have died because of drunk driving and drownings than the firearms being banned. It is completely illogical to propose solving a problem by banning something that has no causal effect to the problem especially if Hawaii already has so few gun deaths. If saving lives are important, then the priorities of our legislators should be for things that are really causing harm to our population, not spending time and resources on a problem that doesn't exist.

I am very concerned that our rights are being slowly taken away by well meaning people who do not stop to think of the unintended consequences of their actions. The best example is how many lives, marriages, and businesses have been ruined by overreaching lockdowns due to covid19. Sometimes the best intentions create a bigger problem than it is trying to solve; please do not do this with SB301.

As freedom loving people, we cannot sacrifice freedom and liberty frivolously. Every law that gets proposed, every rule that is written needs to be measured against the freedoms that the Constitution guarantees. If there is any possibility that these rights will be diminished, it is the responsibility of the representative to go slow and only take action if it is measured and tries to preserve the rights of the people, solves a real problem, and is supported by the people. SB301 fails on all of these measures.

Please represent the will of the people, solve real problems, and do NOT pass SB301.

Thank you.



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I OPPOSE SB301

I am a law abiding person who just happens to hunt, I sometimes use a semi automatic rifle for its functionality! Different game sometimes requires different tools. People argue against using them claiming no need for a gun that holds that many rounds, but no one wants to ban cars that have the capability of exceeding the speed limit and I believe cars kill more people than guns!

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I OPPOSE SB301

Semiauto rifles and shotguns affected by this bill are the most popular and numerous in gunowners hands.

This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

PENDING LAWSUITS: Likewise magazines that hold ammunition over 10 rounds number are also in common use, with over 100,000 here in the Aloha State alone.

There is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds.

In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors)

Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

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I highly oppose this bill. First of all, do you really think limiting the amount of magazine capacity and type of rifles will really deter crime?? The answer is no, it's been tried and tried again and a great example is Chicago. Chicago has such strict gun laws, but gun crime and general crime is at an all-time high. Also, it's been proven that a high majority of the guns used in the crime as illegal guns, brought in through illegal practices. All this bill would do is just hurt, legal gun owners and small gun store businesses that already have to follow very strict laws. This is why I STRONGLY OPPOSE bill SB301.

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This is a clear violation of the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Further, there is already a court case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision on the California ban of rifle magazines over 10 rounds.

In addition, there is a pending court case seeking to overturn the ban on pistol magazines over 10 rounds (ABBOTT vs Connors)

Why are the authors and sponsors of this bill pushing for a ban on magazines that may result in costing the state millions of dollars to the tax payers of the State?

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus!

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**LATE**

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I OPPOSE SB301

Aloha, this is for SB301. I strongly oppose this bill. This bill is infringing on our right to bear arms! It also is unconstitutional! Criminals don't care about laws or what are banned. They find some way to get it. Banning semi-automatic rifles and standard capacity magazines leaves us, the law abiding citizens vulnerable to the Criminals. You want to restrict our rights to bear arms and restrict our rights for self defense that is unconstitutional and dangerous for us the law abiding citizens. Again I strongly oppose SB301.

Mahalo,

Matthew Fernandez

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I OPPOSE SB301

Dear Senators

I Strongly Oppose SB301, regarding the ban on semi automatic firearms.

I believe this bill infringes on our rights because nearly all modern firearms are semi automatic. There are millions of illegally obtained arms in America and a bill to ban these arms would only affect law abiding citizens such as myself, not criminals. I went through the long and arduous process of obtaining a background check, been fingerprinted and registering my firearms just to have the ability to protect myself and my family.

If the 1st amendment protects free speech on modern platforms such as facebook and twitter, then i believe that the 2nd amendment should protect the use of modern firearms such as the ar15.

Thank you for your time.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I appose SB301!!!

I AM AN ADVOCATE FOR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY NOT UNNECESSARY  
& UNEDUCATED OVER REGULATION. (Any firearm is safe in the hands of a responsible person - even a section of pipe is unsafe in the hands of a criminal).

I TEACH SAFETY, RESPONSIBILITY & CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

1. BOTH GUN AND MAGAZINE RESTRICTIONS ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL (Recent 9th Circuit Court Ruling)

2. THERE IS NOT A GUN VIOLENCE ISSUE IN HAWAII (List Statistics) 2010 listed 5 gun related murders for 1,389,000 Citizens. None were assault weapons, no 12g, no HCM were an issuer.

3. RESTRICTING LAW ABIDING CITIZENS DOES NOTHING TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY. (Clinton's AW & HCM law had little to no effect on crime) AS LAW ABIDING CITIZEN WE DON'T COMMIT THE CRIMES. WHY INFRINGE OUR RIGHTS?!

4. DEFINING CERTAIN FIREARMS/AMMUNITION AS EVIL OR MORE DANGEROUS IS DISHONEST AND DECEITFUL MARKETING FOR POLITICAL ATTENTION AND GAIN. (I don't like abortion. IMO it is the taking of a human life. However I DO believe in the right of an individual to make that choice for themselves. Because someone does not like guns does not give them the right to make that choice for me.)

LISTING A 12g IN THE SAME BILL AS A .50cal IS UNEDUCATED & RIDICULOUS. (A 12g is a short distance smooth bore firearm designed for multiple projectiles (bird shot). A .50 cal has a rifled barrel designed for a single long distance projectile). IT IS COMPARABLE TO PUTTING ROCKET FUEL IN YOUR HYBRID AND CALLING IT A MISSILE.

INCORRECTLY CLASSIFYING FIREARMS AS AW DENIES ME THE RIGHT TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP. (Shooting is a family activity. Some families restore classic vehicles or golf... we shoot. Imagine, upon your death for example, your classic vehicle or gold clubs being confiscated and destroyed. THAT IS CRIMINAL).

Do what you were elected to do. I know there is overwhelming opposition to this unconstitutional bill that you are trying to put forth. Just know that this bill goes against the constitution and therefore you are breaking your oath to protect our constitution. Do what your job is. Listen to the people. AND OPPOSE SB301!!!

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As the content of this bill appear to be a violation of the restrictions imposed on Government, under the 2nd Amendment , which states that the ...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed, in that the bill will clearly infringe on legal owners of Arms having a free choice in determining the type of weapon they deem best fulfill their defense and sporting needs.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I strongly opposed SB 301 as it violates our second amendment rights as law-abiding citizens who are responsible gun owners and users. These are important tools for safety, protection, hunting and food provision. This is an overreach of government authority and urge this committee and our Senators to listen to the people. Please do the right thing and uphold our constitutional rights!

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I OPPOSE SB301

I oppose this bill strongly because we have the right to bear arms according to our Constitution of the United States of America !

It is unjust to ban this privilege and honor, to responsibility citizens as myself . America was founded with the right to bear arms ! You cannot take away my rights !!!

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I OPPOSE SB301

Dear Sirs and Madams

I oppose Bill SB301. Passing of this Bill will limit my ability to defend my family and home. Not only will you be hurting and taking away the rights and safety from a responsible citizen, but you will be giving the criminals the upper hand.

Please uphold our Constitutional rights.

Thank you for your time

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I OPPOSE SB301

I strongly oppose this bill as it is a waste of state resources. Also, this bill will cause severe limitations on self-defense and many people hold these types for firearms for self defensive purposes.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I oppose SB301 Assault Weapon's/Magazine Ban.

Our rights, as Law Abiding Citizens, and legal gun owners, will be negatively affected by this Ban.

I strongly oppose this Ban!

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I OPPOSE SB301

There are bans on Fully Automatic Weapons that's enough!!! responsible Firearms Holders are safe and no threat to anyone!!!

why not confiscate all illegal weapons that the criminals have? do your job! stop harassing tax payers!!!

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I OPPOSE SB301

I oppose this bill.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I oppose this bill because it bans all sale and transfer of all semi-automatic rifles with a detachable magazine and semi-automatic shotguns with a detachable magazine or revolving cylinder.

These firearms are the most popular and commonly used by numerous law-abiding gun owners. It also bans the sale and possession of magazine over 10 rounds which are also currently in common use and seeks to make criminals out of law-abiding owners.

This bill does nothing to make us safe, takes legally owned property away from law-abiding gun owners, weakens our ability to defend ourselves from criminals, and ensures criminals retain the advantage over law-abiding citizens.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I oppose Bill SB301, and agree with HIFICO.

Bill SB301 is an infringement of our 2nd.

Amendment rights, and the future of legal American Citizens and our God given rights.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I'm a law abiding citizen and I have these tools to protect my wife and kids.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I'm a law abiding citizen, who feels I have a right to protect and defend my home and my family.

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I OPPOSE SB301

To the Legislative Body of Hawaii

I submit my testimony in opposition to Bill SB301. I feel this Bill limits responsible gun owner's home defense but will empower criminals. It would destroy the gun communities, such as the recreational gun enthusiast and small businesses. Passing this Bill will be an infringement to the 2nd Amendment, our Constitutional right.

Thank you for your time

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I OPPOSE SB301

When you get rid of your armed body Guards you can ask for my weapon.I have the same rights that you have of protecting myself my family and my property. Second amendment of the constitution for you to know, just in case you have forgotten.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I am a lifelong resident of Hawaii. I strongly oppose SB301. As a law abiding citizen, I oppose having my right to bear arms stripped away, or any increase to firearm related restrictions. Law abiding firearm owners are not the problem.

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Why do you think this is a fair law. When you deem a weapon dangerous in your mind. You need to realize weapons don't hurt people. It's the violent criminal, that pulls the trigger that hurts people. As we know criminals don't care about laws. Most of these criminals are prior convicted felons, and by law can't even be in possession of firearms. Instead of wasting your time trying to make more gun laws. For law abiding citizens. You should concentrate on how to take these monsters off the street. In my opinion the only gun laws you should be tougher on, are keeping guns out of the hands of Convicted Felons. There the ones you need to stop. Not the Hard Working, Law Abiding, Taxpayer. That enjoys shooting there gun at the range, or going hunting. With there friends and family.

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**LATE**

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I OPPOSE SB301

Aloha!

My name is Ray DeCastro and I strongly oppose bill: sb301.

The first thing is the bill is really only banning something that looks like some thing dangerous. Like a red Ford pinto may look like a demon on the streets but can barely make the speed limit on the freeway. The term "assault rifle" is a designation of a rifle that has the capabilities of firing multiple shots on a single pull of a trigger. It is already illegal and law abiding citizens don't have them! What you are trying to ban by description is a semi-automatic rifle that looks like it's illegal counterpart. The outside of them are similar but the internal mechanisms substantially different. In this case, they are akin to people. It doesn't matter what color or shape you are, it's what is in the inside that counts. You shouldn't judge a book by its cover!

Semi-automatic rifles and shotgun are already in widespread use by law abiding citizens. Their common use has been protected by the supreme court's 2008 Heller decision and protects it from ban.

The proposed bill will do nothing for the real criminals, but could instantly make criminals of law abiding citizens citizens .

Think of it like the war on drugs: illicit drugs are illegal, yet they seem to be everywhere. They are everywhere and it's like no one is doing anything about it. Illicit drugs are the root cause of many crimes and degradation of our communities. Focus on that and we will better our communities. Strip away our right to defend ourselves ,with bills such as this, and watch our communities fall deeper into oblivion! The criminals will then have an easier time committing crimes against the undefended.

As for the magazine ban: same thing as the proposed ban on semi-automatic rifles. It's in wide spread use and would eventually get an unsuspecting law abiding citizen thrown in jail, because we tend to be honest and trusting. Where as the criminals that use a firearm in a crime don't care and is willing to risk going to jail for a long time whether or not they had an illegal magazine. It's like tacking on an extra day to a life sentence. It doesn't mean anything. Please don't think the criminals don't have access to what ever they want. Please don't think the criminals are honest enough to dispose of anything one deems as illegal for the sake of righteousness.

If you've made it this far: Thank you very much for taking the time and energy to go through my testimony. May I ask one more favor of you and have you please, open your minds and consider my feelings I've poured into this testimony as a fellow law abiding citizen and previous quiet bystander.

I, Ray DeCastro, strongly oppose bill sb301.

Aloha!

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I OPPOSE SB301

I am not in support of this bill.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I strongly oppose sb301. These firearms are used not only for defense purposes but also hunting to gather for our families. I feel this is unnecessary because even though you are trying to ban all these firearms from people who are registered gun owners, there will always be these types of firearms on the streets used by criminals, gangs and other dangerous people. So you are basically hurting the people who don't deserve to be punished just because you are paranoid. Same goes for magazine capacity. It' doesn't matter because they are wide spread in use.

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**LATE**

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I OPPOSE SB301

I oppose this bill cause this infringe the 2nd ammendment of our constitution.

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I OPPOSE SB301

Oppose SB301.. Each US citizens has duty to protect the US constitution, under this is 2nd amendment derive from our Oath of allegiance even at Supreme Court recognize this under 2008 (SCOTUS) Heller decision.

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Is there a pattern of law abiding citizens in Hawaii misusing semiautomatic rifles to commit crimes? No there isn't. In fact, just saying that sounds ridiculous. Are our elected leaders in Hawaii so corrupt and drunk with power they feel they can strip the rights of their constituents to fix a non-existent problem? Or are they in possession of some crystal ball that gives them the ability to see a future where their citizens are running wild with their semiautomatic rifles?

I understand some intentions are meant in good faith. But the facts of this issue does not support, at all, the need for these proposed actions. It is simply wrong.

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I OPPOSE SB301

DO NOT SUPPORT SB301. This bill serves no purpose but to demonize gun owners and make criminals out of law abiding citizens. In addition, this bill is in direct conflict with the 2nd amendment of the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I oppose this bill for many reasons but the most basic of all is that it does nothing to prevent violence with a fire arm and only emboldens and empowers criminals.

Criminals will not comply with this law and will not turn in their firearms.

IF the law abiding citizen turns in their fire arm, it only un-arms them making them more susceptible to the criminal.

If you do pass this law and believe it will decrease illegal fire arm use, all law enforcement should turn in their fire arms as there will be no need to have one as all citizens would be unarmed and use of a fire arm by law enforcement would constitute excessive force.

There are very few firearms I can think of that do not fall under your description of an assault weapon.

first of all, your description of an assault rifle from the very start is incorrect as an assault rifle by it's correct definition is a FULLY AUTOMATIC firearm.

Many firearms can utilize a 10 rnd magazine but are also capable of using similar magazines with a larger capacity.

Threaded barrels allow the use of a flash suppressor, muzzle brake or a suppressor (which should be legalized as a health issue).

None of these or a folding or telescoping stock make a firearm more lethal than painting it black.

I suggest everyone on this committee go out and take a firearms class from a reputable sanctioned instructor.

I would recommend HRA's Lessons In Firearm Education.

It's very name is what you need to make wise decisions.

Thank You

And grenade launcher ?

Seriously ?

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I OPPOSE SB301

This law will only affect law abiding citizens. Rifles are rarely used in crimes. In light of the increasing home invasions and boldness of criminals, you are seeking to take away our best means of self defense.

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I OPPOSE THIS BILL

As a Maui hunter we use these types of firearms to help control the Deer population  
the state will not be able to afford a buy back program as this type of firearms are used often  
we should focus our resources on feeding the people and encouraging hunting and out door  
activities  
hunters can help feed people affected by the pandemic.  
Stop wasting what little tax money we have left we are already in debt

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**LATE**

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I OPPOSE SB301

I am against this bill SB301. It will take away my 2nd amendment rights.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I oppose SB301 it is a bill it will take away law abiding citizens rights.

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I OPPOSE SB301

I'm against SB301 because it infringes on my 2nd amendment rights

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I OPPOSE SB301

I'm against SB301 because it infringes on my 2nd amendment rights

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I OPPOSE SB301

Please oppose this bill as many of these firearms are used for competition and recreational shooting!

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I OPPOSE SB301

Restricting law abiding firearm owners with magazine capacity limits does not prevent any crimes from being committed.

Magazines or firearms do not cause issues; a wayward individual does. Criminals will still have their illegally obtained firearms, but you'll be disarming the law abiding citizens. The citizens that voted you into office.

Be aware that 160,000,000 to 200,000,000 people have been killed by their totalitarian governments around the world. Some estimates are as high as 262,000,000 There is a correlation between the citizens being disarmed through gun control and the mass murders by their own government. There appears to be a relationship between the mass murders and gun confiscation imposed by rulers and despots who knew that the only way they could continue to brutalize their people and stay in power was by disarming them.

Examples of governments killing disarmed citizens is a very powerful rationale for the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. Our Founding Fathers were brilliant and they knew what could happen if a government subjugated disarmed citizens. They experienced it first-hand in Europe and the Colonies.

Our forefathers did not arm the American people for the purpose of hunting, but rather to protect themselves from those who were doing the hunting, namely the tyrant King George.

Our Second Amendment shall not be infringed on. Period.

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**LATE**

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I OPPOSE SB301

I respectfully oppose this bill. The vast majority of citizens that own and use the items affected by this bill are responsible and law abiding in their use.

The banning or further regulation of these items will not curb criminal use. These types of laws penalize responsible gun owners and do not change criminal behavior.

Thank You for Your Consideration,

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**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 5:52:16 AM  
Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Roller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Magazine capacity limits will not prevent violent crimes from being committed. Firearms or magazines do not cause problems; deranged persons do. A law abiding citizen should not be punished for owning an AR style semi-auto rifle. How can anyone defend themselves, family or property when faced with a similar possibly "illegal" threat?

Milita organizations of any type do not appeal to me.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 6:39:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Nagai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose SB 301. We need to stop putting blame on inanimate objects for human behavior. If someone uses a baseball bat to hurt or kill someone do we call it an assault bat, if they use a car in the same fashion do we call it an assault car. We're not outlawing baseball bats, knives, cars or other objects used to kill, so why go after guns?. Is it because it could injure or kill a number of people in a short matter of time?, then I ask you, Is the shock and awe of killing more than one person in that short is time frame greater than killing one say with a knife? Shouldn't we feel the same when either one or many is injured or killed by any object. Have we come to accept that injuring or killing of one is acceptable?. The difference here is that none of the inanimate objects I mentioned is a right protected by the constitution except for the firearm which is, like the baseball bat, hammer, car, knife, axe, etc... used for many purposes. You took an oath to defend and uphold the constitution of the United States of America, Please do so.

Respectfully,

Scott Nagai

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 6:58:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cory Glatt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

this is an infringement on my constitutional rights



**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 7:03:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Charlene Dierking	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As stated:

The legislature finds that the State has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation, and in 2016 Hawai'i received an A-minus rating from the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Additionally, Hawai'i had the lowest number of gun deaths per capita among the states in 2017, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Why ban more firearms when Hawaii is doing well with very few gun deaths? Go after the criminals, not the firearms. The 2nd amendment in our U.S. Constitution still exists!

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 8:22:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Carvalho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Having served in the Hawaii Air National Guard for nearly 30 years now, fighting for and protecting the constitution and ALL rights granted has been the forefront reason for service. While I believe that the lawmakers are proposing legislature to "protect its citizens", I can't help but feel that the actual intent of this bill is NOT pono to the people, both that take advantage and oppose the 2nd Amendment. Yet they, both side of the table, are able to still exercise and claim their right to voice their opinions and be heard. Our current gun laws already make it incredibly difficult to LEGALLY own firearms. How will MORE legislation actually prevent/stop crimes? It can't be said enough that criminals don't care about laws.

Thank you.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 8:27:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
R. Eric Beaver	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Karl Rhodes and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I testify in opposition to SB301 relating to a ban on semi-automatic rifles and shotguns.

This measure infringes on the 2nd Amendment and is therefore unconstitutional. Such a ban goes against the rights of the people to be secure and protected in their homes and on their property. Passage of this law will 1) favor criminals who do not abide by any gun laws and 2) spur more litigation challenging the constitutionality of such attempts to curtail 2nd Amendment rights.

Friends and family in law enforcement have confirmed, even more so recently, that law abiding gun owners and citizens are a deterrent to crime. Such citizens are not the cause of or the problem when it comes to gun violence. Decreasing the means to protect ourselves against criminals will only make the problem worse for responsible, legal and law-abiding citizens.

Please, I urge you decline passage of SB301. Thank you.

Sincerely,

R. Eric Beaver

Hawaii Resident

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 2/12/2021 8:37:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steve Hoag	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha and thank you for allowing me to testify in opposition to this measure.

Removing the ability of law-abiding citizens to reasonably protect themselves and their families from criminals, who will always possess potent firearms, is bad public policy. Further, heinous crimes are committed by psychologically unstable people, and just as easily with a vehicle driven into a crowd of pedestrians as with a gun.

Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation, but making things more difficult for law-abiding citizens to defend themselves will never prevent "nuts" from causing harm to others. If anything, these laws simply make it easier for the criminal element to prey upon the good people of our state.

Please represent your local constituency by deferring this measure, thank you.

**LATE**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paul Fukuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly Oppose

This bill is poorly written and infringes on our second amendment right. There are many commonly used firearms that have been in use for years that fall into these arbitrary rules. Common criminals will not follow any restrictions. The "we have to do something" mentality is flawed and is not protecting the public. It's the operator of the piece of machinery that causes problems not the machine itself. The gun didn't jump up and shoot by itself, focus on the person using it.

Paul Fukuda, P.E.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2021 8:50:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Osamu Makiguchi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please vote no on SB301. Hawaii gun owners have proven to be the most responsible firearms owners in the nation. Please focus on specifically limiting and penalizing ***crimminals*** using firearms and not pass legislation that penalizes law abiding gun owners.

Thank you.

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 2/12/2021 8:51:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James Washburn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

In a post Constitutional America, the Bill of Rights just gets in the way.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2021 9:09:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jesse Simonson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB301. It is a blatant attack on our Second Amendment right. When Senators are sworn into office, they take an oath to uphold the Constitution. The introduction of this bill violates that oath. The possession or sale of these so-called "assault" weapons should not be prohibited to the law abiding citizen. I trust that our leaders will vote wisely in unanimous opposition to this bill.



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Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ian Barrett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose the bill as written because it would violate our second amendment rights. This bill will ban most of the rifles and magazines in common use by law abiding Hawaii citizens. I direct infringement upon our second amendment right in this country and thus, unconstitutional

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 2/12/2021 11:53:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nils Konikson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law abiding gun owner I strongly appose any greater restrictions to gun ownership. Hawaii already has very strict laws and a very few crimes with weapons this bill is targetting. Additionally, any criminal can get a large magazine on the internet and shipped to them, so it will have no effect on real crime. You are only punishing citizens.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 12:57:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin Mederios	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha State Senators,

Senate Bill 301's intent is to improve the safety of Hawaii's people, but this is exactly what the document will take away from current law abiding gun owners and future generations. We have seen an unprecedented rise in the purchase of firearms due to reasons such as covid and political riots, which have proven that the police are not obligated nor capable of fully defending the citizen's life and property. As stated in the bill, Hawaii has one of the lowest gun crime rates in the nation, and statistically its gun owners are some of the most law abiding citizens in the state. In criminalizing commonly owned semi-automatic rifles and standard capacity magazines, this bill will directly deprive citizens of their legally owned private property, their constitutional right to bear arms (which includes military arms for the purpose of self defense against all enemies foreign and domestic), and the human right to self preservation by reasonable means which the individual deams fit so long as they are not causing harm to others. This bill turns thousands of Hawaii's citizens into criminals when no crime has been committed. Instead, legislation should be empowering citizens to exercise their second amendment safely.

Assault rifle as it is defined in the proposed document, is incorrect and inconsistent with the term's common usage. An assault rifle is a select-fire rifle capable of fully automatic fire and typically uses a detachable magazine. Select-fire assault rifles have already been unjustly banned in Hawaii. The rifles you now intend to criminalize are in common circulation (5-10 million) throughout the entirety of the United States and are used for hunting, target shooting, self-defense instances (60,000 and 2.5 million cases per year), and most importantly serve as a deterrent against government overreach and tyranny. Examples of gun control (restricting the right to self defense) leading to government overreach and tyranny stretch back across all of human history, and more specifically to places such as Soviet Russia, Venezuela, China, and Hong Kong. These were places in which humans were subjected to unspeakable torture, death, political silencing, and the deprivation of fundamental human rights and dignities.

I strongly oppose this bill, and ask that you please consider your oath to uphold the constitution, and represent your constituents when voting on SB301.

Mahalo,

Justin Mederios

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**SB-301**

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 1:28:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jaron Goodspeed	Testifying for pacific project management	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill passing. Hawaii does not have a problem with quote unquote assault rifles and to take away are right to own these firearms is a dangerous and slippery slope all we will create is more criminals out of law abiding citizens. Further more out taxes shouldn't go to buying back our own firearms. As a state you can't buy back what you never owned. Today it's this but tomorrow you will only want to take more. We need to draw the line and say no more infringement on our 2nd amendment.

**LATE**

**SB-301**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/12/2021 9:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tim Plett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Honorable Legislators,

My name is Tim Plett. I am married and a father of two high school children. I make my living in Honolulu as a government contractor.

I oppose SB301. SB301 is unconstitutional.

Our country's Constitution (and the Hawaii State Constitution, which mirrors the National Constitution) was written to protect it's citizens. The natural rights and freedoms stated in the Constitution are the main reasons our country has thrived for so long.

Submitting legislation that contradicts the Constitution can only weaken the State and Country. The Constitution clearly states, "the right of the PEOPLE to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed". That declaration is very succinct. It does not allow limits on those arms.

In closing, I appreciate your time in reviewing my testimony. I would respectfully remind all Legislators and Government Officials that when you take office and recite your Oaths of Office, you swear to uphold the Constitution.

Respectfully, Tim Plett