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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 3298, S.D. 1

March 31, 2022
1:30 p.m.
Room 308 and Videoconference

RELATING TO SHOOTING FACILITIES

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 3298, S.D. 1: establishes a working group within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to determine potential locations and requirements for a shooting facility on the island of Hawai'i; appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds for FY 23 as a grant-in-aid to the County of Hawai'i (COH) for the development of a public shooting facility on the island of Hawai'i; requires the COH to match the appropriated funds; and requires a report to the Legislature.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

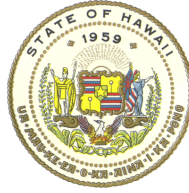
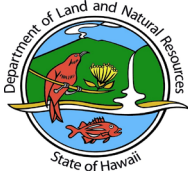
Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Thursday, March 31, 2022
1:30 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 308, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3298, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO SHOOTING FACILITIES**

Senate Bill 3298, Senate Draft 1 proposes to: 1) Establish a working group consisting of the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Director of Public Safety, and hunters and recreational shooters to determine potential locations and requirements for a shooting facility in the County of Hawaii; 2) Appropriate funds to establish the shooting facility in the County of Hawaii; and 3) Require the County of Hawaii to match funds appropriated on a dollar-to-dollar basis. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this measure.**

The establishment of a multi-use public shooting range on Hawaii Island is much needed to provide a safe and organized facility to practice firearms safety, hunting and recreationally shooting skills. The Department's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement and its Hunter Education Program, and other law enforcement agencies will also benefit from this range as it will provide a space to train and maintain their firearms skills at the highest level. The Department has been working closely with the County of Hawaii and community members on Hawaii to accomplish this goal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

SUZANNE D. CASE
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

ROBERT K. MASUDA
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

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LAND
STATE PARKS

SB-3298-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 9:43:09 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Ley	Hawaii county GMAC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Brian Ley, vice chair, county GMAC. We strongly support SB 3298. Hawaii island has needed a real shooting range for years. There is a great need for a public shooting range for our police, hunters, and recreational shooters to practice and learn in a safe environment

mahalo for your time and consideration. Brian Ley, vice chair, county GMAC



Senate Committee on Finance
HEARING: March 31, 2022 at 1:30pm
RE: SB3298 SD1 Relating to Shooting Facilities

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition **SUPPORTS SB3298 SD1.**

Having a full-featured shooting range on the Big Island is long overdue. A public shooting range is needed for instructors to teach firearms safety classes, host shooting events/competitions, and ensure hunters can zero and practice with their rifles and shotguns. Our Hawaii County members constantly complain about the lack of a public shooting range where they can practice and train.

A training range is needed with the upcoming US Supreme Court decision in *NYSRPA v Bruen* which is expected to overturn Hawaii's ban on handgun carry permits. Nationally on average, about 5% of the adult population has a handgun carry permit. It is projected that 7,000 Hawaii County residents will obtain a carry permit and will need a place for training and practice for it. Hawaii County needs a public range capable of handling that need. The current Morita Camp range is deficient for this purpose due to the range layout, lack of classrooms, the need for private shooting areas, and logistics issues.

A shooting complex in Hawaii County would draw people from around the State and overseas to attend competitions, hunting, and training classes. This would benefit the Hawaii county economy. Firearms ownership has grown greatly across the US in the past decade and people will travel to Hawaii for these events. This project would also bring in funds from the Pittman Robertson Act which provides matching Federal funds for range construction.

Please pass SB3298 to provide a safe training area for the community. Bringing the DLNR, County of Hawaii, and firearms community together on this project is the best way forward.

Mahalo,

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Submitted on: 3/30/2022 7:01:47 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jerry Yuen	Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB3298. Hawaii County needs a modern range training facility for sportsmen and law enforcement to practice marksmanship skills. Currently there is no ranges on the island to conduct sanctioned pistol and rifle matches for the general public.

Jerry Yuen

808-388-0206

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Submitted on: 3/28/2022 4:06:51 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael I Rice	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT this bill as it will provide gun owners on the Big Island a safe and legal place to practice with their firearms. Currently with no legal gun ranges, gun owners will either have to use their own property to practice on, or at an acquaintance's property. There's also the potential for them to shoot in 'unauthorized' locations, potentially on public property where a multitude of problems can arise.

A gun range provides a safe and sane place to practice and use firearms, and can have numerous safety measures and protocols in place that an 'unauthorized' location or even private property might not have, such as berms and overhangs, along with Range Safety Officers to monitor activity. There's also environmental concerns that can happen from such 'unauthorized' ranges, such as buildup of heavy metals such as lead, or through illegal dumping and trash which we see in such places on the mainland. On a public range these concerns can be mitigated through a number of processes and concentrated in one area that is known.

Such gun ranges can also attract tourism by hosting sport shooting competitions, having places where mainland hunters can zero in their rifles, and even business opportunities for 'Gun Tourism' from countries that do not have the right to bear arms.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2022 9:14:56 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have bin waiting for a Shooting range for over 50 years it is about TIME!!

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Submitted on: 3/29/2022 9:28:15 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven Cummings	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this measure. With the large number of firearm owners within the County of Hawaii, we need to ensure that that they have a safe place to shoot. This strongly supports firearm safety among the gun owners within the County. I would much rather have gun owners shooting in a safe place instead of shooting in the mountains in a manner which may present a hazard to others. In addition, private armed security people who reside in Hawaii County would have a place to train instead of having to travel out of County for training.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2022 9:55:43 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronsten Kossow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support recreational shooting sports.

mahalo!

Bronsten Kossow

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Submitted on: 3/29/2022 10:17:25 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stanley Mendes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB3298 we need this shooting range so we can have a safe place for shooting. People are now shooting in places where they are not supposed to be. We need a safe place.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2022 1:08:08 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
nani pogline	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Legislators!

Thank you for hearing SB3298 in FIN.

The need on the Big Island for a safe public multi-purpose shooting range for the general public, hunting communities, the County Police Department, and stakeholder groups is well established. Please support SB3298.

Mahalo nui!

SB-3298-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2022 8:13:09 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tony Sylvester	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and committee members,

Please continue your support for a safe and much needed shooting range by supporting this measure.

Mahalo,

Tony Sylvester

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Submitted on: 3/29/2022 9:44:55 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Botello	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in SUPPORT of the continued planning of a shooting range/facility on the Big Island. I believe this will be a great avenue to strengthen and diversify our economy. Not only will it be possible to bring in outside guests for future tournaments but it will enable our local communities to enjoy a competition quality range. This will help to keep local dollars in state and circulating within our local economy. It will also give participating Hawaii residents a chance to sharpen their skills and potentially compete with other shooters across the country. If run well, Hawaii could potentially become a destination for shooting competitions and build relationships with world class marksmen and influencers from around the globe.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2022 7:21:37 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2022 8:55:40 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

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Submitted on: 3/30/2022 10:23:56 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/31/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Grayson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi Chair: My name is Grayson Hashida. I am a Game Management Commissioner, hunter and resident of the Big Island.

This bill is extremely important for the Big Island. Please support this bill.

Aloha

Grayson Hashida