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WRITTEN ONLY
TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 3298

March 2, 2022
10:15 a.m.
Room 211 and Videoconference

RELATING TO SHOOTING FACILITIES

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

Senate Bill No. 3298: 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.

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Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

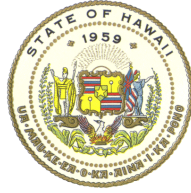
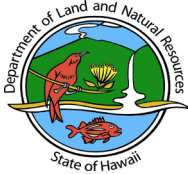
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Abraham Antonio sr	Testifying for CHAIR OF HAWAII COUNTY GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISION	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha all i strongly support this bill to create a working group so one day we can establish a legit shooting range on hawaii county. To improve gun saftey for the islands and give the community a legal place to shoot and for schools and shooting clubs to hold events.

Thanks for your time sincerely, Chair Abraham Antonio Sr.

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022
10:15 AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 211, Via Videoconference,

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3298
RELATING TO SHOOTING FACILITIES**

Senate Bill 3298 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.

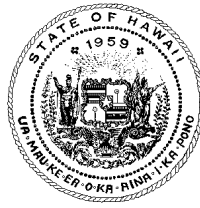
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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3298
RELATING TO SHOOTING FACILITIES.

by
Max N. Otani, Director

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 2, 2022; 10:15 a.m.
Via Videoconference

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 3298, which proposes to establish a working group to determine potential locations and requirements for a shooting facility in the County of Hawaii; and requires the County of Hawaii to match funds appropriated on a dollar-to-dollar basis.

The Department of Public Safety would benefit from having a shooting facility in the County of Hawaii, because it has hundreds of law enforcement and correctional officers in the County, who are required to qualify for firearms and less lethal weapons on a regular basis. A working group that is tasked to submit a report to the Legislature is necessary in order to identify appropriate locations and requirements for a shooting facility in the County of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2022 1:03:27 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brian Ley	Testifying for Hawaii county GMAC	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha senators

Brian Ley, vice chair county GMAC.

GMAC strongly supports SB 3298. Hawaii island desperately needs a real shooting range. Hawaii has a high percentage of gun owners on the islands. Last one I read was that 45% of homes have a firearm and there are more firearms than legal aged adults. People need a place to practice and train new hunter's and people who just enjoy shooting sports.

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



LATE

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
HEARING: March 2, 2022 at 10:15am
RE: SB3298 Relating to Shooting Facilities

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition **SUPPORTS SB3298.**

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: 2/25/2022 8:49:23 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
christy gusman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill and hope to see this also happen for the Island of Kauai as well. Please make this happen. It provides safe environments for people to enjoy the sport.

Mahalo,

Christy K Gusman

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Submitted on: 2/26/2022 8:37:11 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael I Rice	Individual	Support	No

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.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2022 12:48:47 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
nani pogline	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hawaii Island is certainly in need of a multi purpose safe public shooting range for a variety of users, including the Police Department.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2022 7:22:34 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Something that we have Needed for more than 40 Years. It is about time you do something for the People!!!

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 1:22:36 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Grayson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hi. My name is Grayson Hashida and I live on the Big Island. I am also the District 6 Game Management Commissioner. Please support this bill. We really need a proper and safe shooting range.

Thank you

Grayson.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 2:12:47 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Stanley Mendes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB3298 we need a good and safe range here on Hawaii island. We have people making illegal ranges and someone will get hurt we need a safe place to shoot

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 8:40:08 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

STRONGLY SUPPORT

big island has NO public range...

SB-3298

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 8:53:42 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/1/2022 11:51:55 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alvin K Pelayo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.