



**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2845, S.D. 1, RELATING TO FIREARMS.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 **TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016 and Videoconference

TESTIFIER(S): **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.**
(For more information, contact Mark S. Tom,
Deputy Attorney General, at 586-1160)

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments on this bill.

Section 2 of this bill proposes to add to chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), a new section to prohibit any person from selling, offering to sell, distributing, or otherwise transferring ammunition to a person under the age of twenty-one. It makes it a misdemeanor to do so, except under circumstances where a seller has a reasonable belief that a buyer has attained the age of twenty-one. The bill would also prohibit any person under the age of twenty-one from owning, possessing, or controlling any ammunition, with exceptions for law enforcement and correctional personnel, members of the military performing their official duties or traveling to or from their places of duty, and those engaged in hunting or target shooting pursuant to section 134-5, HRS. The bill would make it a misdemeanor for a non-exempt person under the age of twenty-one to own, possess, or control ammunition.

First, we believe that there may be a conflict between the new section being added by section 2 of the bill and section 134-5(a), HRS, which authorizes the carrying and use of "any lawfully required rifle or shotgun and suitable ammunition" for hunting and target shooting, including by minors and adults under the age of twenty-one. To

address this apparent conflict, at page 2, line 16, in section 2, we suggest adding the following wording to the end of subsection (a):

; provided that it shall not be a violation of this section to sell, offer to sell, distribute, or otherwise transfer ammunition to a person who:

- (1) Meets the criteria to possess a firearm under section 134-5;
and
- (2) Is actually engaged in hunting or target shooting or going to or from the place of hunting or target shooting.

Second, we note that section 134-11(a), HRS, already provides that section 134-7, HRS (except for section 134-7(f)), does not apply to law enforcement officers, members of the military in the performance of their duties, or other employees of the State or the United States in the performance of their duties. These exceptions overlap significantly with the exceptions to the proposed new subsection (g) being added to section 134-7 by section 3 of the bill. To avoid redundancy and make the exceptions clear and consistent, from page 7, line 19, through page 8, line 12, in section 3 of the bill, we suggest replacing the wording of the proposed new subsection (g) with the following:

(g) Except as provided in section 134-5, no person who is less than twenty-one years of age shall own, possess, or control any ammunition for any firearm; provided that this subsection shall not apply to a person in an exempt category identified in section 134-11(a).

Third, to facilitate enforcement and promote compliance with the law, we suggest revising the *mens rea* standard that appears in subsection (a) on page 2, line 14, of the new section proposed to be added by section 2 of the bill by replacing “knowingly” with “intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly”.

Fourth, to further facilitate enforcement and promote compliance with the law, we suggest replacing subsection (b), on page 2, line 17, to page 3, line 2, with subsections (b) and (c) that would read as follows:

(b) Any person who sells, offers for sale, distributes, or otherwise transfers ammunition for any firearm shall check the government-issued

photographic identification of the buyer or recipient to establish the age of the buyer or recipient before making the transfer.

(c) It shall be an affirmative defense to subsection (a) that the seller, distributor, or transferor of the ammunition had requested, examined, and reasonably relied upon a government-issued photographic identification establishing the age of the buyer or recipient as at least twenty-one years of age before making the transfer of the ammunition.

The existing subsection (c) on page 3, lines 3-4, should be redesignated as subsection (d).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:42:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Ley	Testifying for County GMAC	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As County GMAC district 4 representative, I strongly oppose SB 2845. What right do you have to stop people under 21 from being able to enjoy hunting and put food on their table. They can enlist in the military at 17 and fight for our country but can't come home to Hawaii and go hunting? These ridiculous laws that can't be enforced need to stop. Hawaii has real issues that need to be addressed instead of pandering to a political party. Once again I strongly oppose SB 2845

Brian Ley County GMAC district 4

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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February 21, 2024

The Honorable Karl Rhoads
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads:

On behalf of the members of the National Rifle Association in Hawaii, I would like to communicate our strong opposition to Senate Bill 2845 (SB 2845).

SB 2845 prohibits persons under the age of 21 from purchasing or possessing ammunition. SB 2845 follows a similar tactic taken by other anti-gun states, pushing laws that discriminate against young adults from lawfully exercising their Second Amendment Rights. The Second Amendment is not a second class right and should not be treated as such. Young law-abiding adults should be free to exercise their constitutionally protected rights and a critical element of the Second Amendment is the ammunition needed for firearms to function.

Further, this legislation will not offer a public safety benefit, as those who ignore the many existing firearm laws in Hawaii will surely ignore this one as well. Instead, young adults who wish to engage in the use of firearms for lawful purposes such as hunting, sporting purposes or self-defense will be negatively impacted.

For the foregoing reasons and many more we request your opposition to SB 2845.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Reid".

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February 27, 2024

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

Chair Karl Rhoads
Vice Chair Mike Gabbard
Sen. Brandon J.C. Elefante
Sen. Joy A. San Buenaventura
Sen. Brenton Awa

Re: SB2845 SD1 Relating to Firearms

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

The Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) addresses the social, political, and economic impacts of domestic violence on individuals, families, and communities. We are a statewide partnership of domestic violence programs and shelters.

On behalf of HSCADV and our 27 member programs statewide, **I respectfully submit testimony in support of SB2845 SD1. This measure would have a profound impact on public safety, survivors of domestic violence, their children, and the organizations that serve them.**

Perpetrators of domestic violence with access to guns use the threat of gun violence to inflict emotional abuse on their partners or escalate to homicide. The presence of a firearm in domestic violence situations increases the risk of homicide for women by 500%. Additionally, more than half of women killed by gun violence are killed by family members or intimate partners.¹ And the trend is worsening: in the ten-year period between 2008 and 2017, intimate partner homicides of women involving guns increased by 15 percent.² Adults are not the only victims. [On March 4, 2022, a father under a restraining order killed his three daughters during a court-ordered family visitation](#) at a church.³

¹ Campbell JC, Webster D, Koziol-McLain J, Block C, Campbell D, Curry MA, Gary F, Glass N, McFarlane J, Sachs C, Sharps P, Ulrich Y, Wilt SA, Manganello J, Xu X, Schollenberger J, Frye V, Laughon K. Risk factors for femicide in abusive relationships: results from a multisite case control study. *Am J Public Health*. 2003 Jul;93(7):1089-97. Doi: 10.2105/ajph.93.7.1089. PMID: PMC1447915

² Fridel EE, Fox JA. Gender differences in patterns and trends in the US homicide, 1976-2017. *Violence and Gender*. 2019; doi: [10.1089/vio.2019.0005](#). Data from this study were obtained by Everytown from the author James Alan Fox directly over email dated October 1, 2019 for this analysis.

³ <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/02/us/sacramento-church-shooting.html>



Under Hawai'i law, you can't buy a gun until you are 21 years old so you shouldn't be able to buy ammunition before that age either. SB2845 SD1 creates an age limit for ammunition that matches our firearms law.

Finally, eighteen to 20-year-olds are nearly four times more likely to commit homicide than those over 21 years old. Restricting their access to ammunition can help save lives if someone under 21 has managed to obtain an illegal gun.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Angelina Mercado, Executive Director



Submitted via web portal

RE: SB 2845 (Wakai): Relating to Firearms - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Honorable Members of the Committee:

Everytown for Gun Safety, and the Hawai'i Chapters of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America are writing in support of SB 2845.

Everytown is the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country with nearly 10 million supporters including parents, mayors, survivors, educators, gun owners, and everyday Americans who are fighting for common sense gun safety. At the core of Everytown are Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and the Everytown Survivor Network.

Moms Demand Action is the nation's largest grassroots volunteer network working to end gun violence. Moms Demand Action campaigns for new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our families, educates policymakers and parents about the importance of secure firearm storage, and works to create a culture of gun safety through partnerships with businesses, community organizations, and influencers. Since its inception after the tragedy at Sandy Hook School, Moms Demand Action has established a chapter in every state of the country, including Hawai'i.

Students Demand Action is a national movement of high school and college-aged volunteers working to end gun violence. Students Demand Action volunteers organize within their schools and communities to educate their peers, register voters, and demand commonsense solutions to this national crisis. Students Demand Action has active volunteers in every state and more than 500 groups across the country.

SB 2845 prohibits the sale of ammunition to any person who is under the age of twenty-one and creates a new misdemeanor offense for selling ammunition to any

person under the age of twenty-one. In doing so, SB 2845 creates an age limit for ammunition possession that matches Hawai'i's law for possession of firearms. This bill is a prudent step to harmonize firearms and ammunition laws in the state. Research shows that eighteen to 20-year-olds commit gun homicides at triple the rate of adults 21 years and older.¹ Restricting easy access to ammunition for people under 21 can help save lives if someone under 21 is able to obtain an illegal gun.

For these reasons listed above, Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action, and Students Demand Action support SB 2845.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Sumadi".

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¹ Everytown analysis using FBI Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) and US Census American Community Survey data 2016–2020.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:45:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I would like to voice my opinion in strong opposition toward this bill. This bill not only unconstitutional but will deprive the young generations to come of the ability to learn proper fundamentals and discipline with arms.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:55:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wayne S Enay	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against and oppose this bill, sb2845.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:56:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:58:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 3:25:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Age is no indicator of the ability of an individual to properly possess or use firearms or ammunition. I'd trust our intermediate and high school riflery competitors far more readily than I would the average adult without firearms training or experience. We trust young people in the military to handle and use firearms responsibly in their duties, so why not in their recreational activities? A blanket prohibition only punishes the responsible young people - go after the young people engaged in criminal activity instead.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:37:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Hammond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My Name is Eric Hammond and I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill!

It makes no sense for ammunition to be banned for under 21 years old. You are literally creating a “solution” for a problem that does not exist. Even HPD has spoken against this bill. The overwhelming testimony was opposed to this bill. Yet the creators of the bill decided to push it through anyway. Regardless of the shear amount of opposition.

Your job as a senator is to listen to the people. We are a republic, you represent us.

18 year olds are legally adults. They can be charged as adults.

They can serve in the military and be charged with vast amounts of firearms and fire power. Yet they are not responsible to be able to buy ammunition? The same people we ask to protect us from foreign enemies? Suddenly in their own country, their own state, they are considered to be too young and irresponsible?

This is utter hypocrisy. It make zero sense.

Stop this bill in its tracks.

Again, I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill.

Eric Hammond

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:55:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gisele Hammond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My Name is Gisele Hammond and I oppose this bill.

My husband and I have had many discussions about this bill. We have children who have been educated from a young age in firearms safety. They know how to properly handle firearms and ammunition.

Not long ago, many kids used to take their rifles to school and hunt on the way home. Did these firearms suddenly become extremely dangerous? Or is it just that people have become paranoid of firearms because they are taught to fear it?

Children are extremely capable. Way more than our current society believes.

The current age of 18 years old to buy ammunition is good.

18 year olds are adults. They operate in combat to fight in our wars. Does it make sense that they can go to war with far greater fire power and firearms and then come home and they are not able to buy ammunition for private use?

Does this seem logical?

Unfortunately, logic does not seem to dictate the writing of these firearms bills.

Again, I oppose this bill.

Gisele Hammond

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:06:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ben Robinson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT!

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:41:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
scott shimoda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This would make anyone under the age of 21 not able to target shoot or hunt in Hawaii. Why would you do this? Is there any thought of those living on the neighbor islands who use hunting for food? If you are caught breaking this new law you are not allowed to own firearms and ammunition for 20 years?

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:27:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isabella Zingray	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully submit testimony **in support of SB2845 SD1.**

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(3) <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/02/us/sacramento-church-shooting.html>

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:53:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dustin Deponte	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose against SB2845

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:02:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Troy Souza	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, as a liberal and strong democrat, vastly oppose this bill. I don't understand how removing my rights will protect our state and my home. This bill if becomes law will be challenged in court by many as it is our right to own these types of firearms. What I do support is further or stronger background checks as guns in good hands are not the problem. You can not remove the right for me to protect my family. I live in Mountain View and it takes the police over 10 minutes to get to my home. In that time my family could be murdered and no traces left. I need that right to defend myself.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:11:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steve Skipper	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill penalizes and discriminates against young adults that are old enough able to join the military and fight/die in foreign wars but NOT engage in law abiding hunting and shooting sports activities as law abiding citizens of the USA. This is another unconstitutional law aimed at curtailing 2nd Amendment rights under the United States Constitution. It will likely generate law suits that will waste \$\$ that could be used to construct safe public shooting facilities and provide gun safety training to the shooting sports community irrespective of age. This bill and SB3196 are both attempts to thwart the Bruen decision by SCOTUS and discriminate against certain members of the community simply because of their age or interest in hunting and or recreation shooting.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:13:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joshua Dodo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I highly oppose SB2845 as it violates my 2nd amendment rights in the US Constitution

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:34:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tyler Kukona	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2845

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:35:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Mefford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 & SB2845. These bills serve no purpose other than violate the rights of honest law abiding citizens "We the People". They are another clear example of the Legislature attempting to determine what is right for the People rather than representing us. They are in clear violation of the 2nd Amendment as it is written in the Bill of Rights and clearly defined by the Supreme Court. I am 86 years old and enjoy benchrest target shooting with a precision 22 long rifle semi automatic rifle at our public land shooting range. These bills will make illegal one of the few pleasures I have left. Please vote NO! against these overbearing, unnecessary bills.

Alan Mefford

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:43:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matt salboro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:57:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tad Sumida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and others like it.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:01:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jadeen Freitas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Why is everybody trying to ban guns. Guns have no part of anything only the person behind the gun. I understand send everybody classes to learn a gun to buy a gun but taking guns away is a big NO really think about how us Elderly going to feel with no protection.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:03:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Brown	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a proud owner of a gun taking away guns why? What doesn't that have to prove. Making it only harder for us elderly to feel safe at our OWN HOUSE. Really think of this why. Gun makes me feel safe and makes my family feel safe

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:06:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Marsh	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am emailing you today to demand that you OPPOSE ALL of the anti-gun bills being heard in the legislature.

Yet again peaceable individuals are being scapegoated and punished for the actions of others. Yet again, the state is incapable of doing anything besides reaching for tired, old, and failed policies that abuse the natural rights of their constituents.

As the state has become increasingly weaponized against peaceable people, faith in the institutions of this state has also increasingly diminished.

I demand that you oppose SB 3196 and SB2845. Each of these bills attacks peaceful gun owners at the expense of their safety and natural rights. the criminal doesn't care to break the law, and won't listen to anything you pass. All you are doing is supporting them by making their targets defenseless.

I expect to see your opposition to these measures, and FPC will keep me informed

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:08:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sviatlana Burko	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:44:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Medeiros	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Alan Medeiros. Oppose bill sb2845 in it's entirety . This will impact our way of life. Young hunters and shooters from feeding their families and kupuna. The problem doesn't lie with legal and responsible gun owners but yet you want to punish all of us. I am a strong believer in our constitution and was brought up on its core values and I taught my two sons the same way and you the politician you work for us and you swore an oath to uphold the US Constitution. Hunting for food for my family will be impacted if this bill.passes. have you been shopping for meat lately If allow this nonsense bill to pass my old folks and I who live off of meat the younger generation bring home will be gone.

Kupuna will be left short on food and that is not the way it should be.

I OPPOSE OF Bill SB2845

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:19:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kalei Chong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in opposition of SB2845

I am opposed to this bill and any other firearms-related bills that are being submitted to this legislature. All of them are submitted under the pretense of “safety” and anecdotal intentions, but there’s no hard evidence or objective research that backs this supposition that this, or any other bill that further restricts our firearm rights “...will help to ensure the safety of residents and reduce incidents of ~~gun~~ [criminal] violence in the State.”

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:42:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
grant williams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

enough already

history has proven time and time again...genocides follow the governments controlling our freedom too defend ouselves through there "laws"

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:48:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Skyler Tehero	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this decision.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:50:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB2845

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:33:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Duke malczon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:46:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
floyd bucklin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Watching a country turning on itself is a reall sad .If you want a strong country that is capable of being strong and self reliant..... stop with this kind of thinking

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:48:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glenn	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb2845

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:54:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **oppose** this Bill.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:06:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clifford Deanson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB2846.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:47:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wayne K K Mattos Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill SB2845

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:55:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Fromme	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hunting is a valuable experience (and often sustenance) for many, including those 18 years and older. Should under-21 hunters use slingshots or spears? Limiting acces to those under 18 makes sense, but not legal adults.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:01:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alvin Dalisay	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This Bill impacts our hunting lifestyle because we have children under 21 that enjoy hunting and some younger kids that I may want to teach the sustainable lifestyle and safety of hunting. I could loan a rifle or shotgun to my 18-20 yr old, but I can't give them ammo. My Son was allowed to take and earn his hunters license but can't hunt.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:53:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Domingcil	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose to the above bill.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:10:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Apuakeakaolapainalani	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Raising the age to buy guns and ammo is limiting people to provide food for themselves and their families and having the necessary protection. They can fight for their country but can't buy a gun. As a service woman I highly disagree with being able to fight and die for your country with a gun or by a gun but not able to use one for your own protection or to hunt and provide food for yourself.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:18:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Napihaa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:20:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tracy Gillard	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is violating our 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution. Also, in Hawaii a lot of families rely on hunting for food and the children begin hunting at a young age.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:22:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wendy Bowman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2845, as it violates our 2nd amendment rights.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:22:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dean Bowman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL BECAUSE IT IS A VIOLATION OF MY 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHT
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SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:56:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Abraham	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2845

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:02:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicole Bowman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:08:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Kilkenny	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:09:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mahina Kilkenny	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:36:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anthony Fujii	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vote no on this. I vote in every election and have not missed a single one I. I donate A LOT. I will not be supporting any of you who brought this bill. Dont know why Rhoads you still win. I think this district likes ugly people. Legislators are mostly lawyers who can't make it in law. Rhoads did you even practice?

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:52:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marciel Saldares	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:59:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ben Greenwell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I appose sb2845 because it infringes on my 2nd amendment rights

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:03:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jordan kilkeny	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Iam opposed to this bill because it infrindges on my second amendment right!

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:04:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Moylan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:07:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Derrick Fukushima	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:16:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gregory Michael Shiwota	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2845. If a person can enlist in the US military at 18 and train to use firearms in the protection of our country, they should also be able to purchase ammunition when 18.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:21:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
brittney fukushim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i oppose

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:29:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noah van Aardenne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it will discourage young adults from pursuing outdoors activities & hunting.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:57:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nadine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

February 21, 2024

To our Hawaii State Senator Joy San Buenaventura proposing SB2845:

Aloha, my name is Rachel Fronte. I am 23 years old, and I live in the Puna District of the County of Hawaii. I strongly **oppose** this bill because it will take away the right from parents to teach their children about safe gun handling. **The decision on whether a child should handle ammo should be left to the parents of that child, not the government.** It will discriminate and criminalize Hawaiian families who want to pass down their generational knowledge and experience about firearms and hunting with their minor sons and daughters.

My parents taught me when I was very young the knowledge of proper gun handling, and I shot my first 22. lever action rifle when I was 11 years old. The result of them teaching me at an early age helped me mentally attain all the basic knowledge of a firearm to this day and I can look back on those wonderful memories of the time I had with my parents. I certainly want to have the opportunity to teach my future children my knowledge of firearms and have them be comfortable and respectful around them.

I believe parents should be encouraged to teach their children about proper gun use like learning how to clean their rifles, load magazines, and shoot safely and effectively as young as they can and the serious consequences of misusing a firearm. Besides this bill infringing on the 2nd Amendment, criminalizing a child for even possessing ammo is really hitting below the belt. Mrs. Buenaventura, if you vote for this bill, you will lose my vote in the next election.

Regards.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:50:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chester Holt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose in every way.

would like to point out the fact that this senate is protected by 18 year old soldiers who serve in the US military. They fight and die for your rights to decide they are not mature enough to buy ammunition when they are off duty.

Though I'm sure you don't trust yourselves to be responsible with firearms, there are plenty of educated reasonable citizens under the age of 21 who would be willing to teach you. This law will only restrict law abiding constituents and embolden criminals who never listened to your laws anyway.

Go visit a veterans grave and gain some perspective and gratitude for what you have.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:23:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimo Gugudan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose this bill

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:43:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Mueller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB2845

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:00:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cy Macanas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 2846

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:15:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Georgia Rawlings	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Bill SB2845

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:37:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chase Yamashiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:15:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Megan Iobst	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb2845. If it is legal for a person to own a firearm and use a firearms they should be able to purchase the ammunition or be given the ammunition to use the firearm for its lawful intended purchase and use. If they are under the legal age and accompanied by an adult they should be able to be given the ammunition to use for proper use such as hunting or sport shooting. By allowing sb2845 to pass you would eliminate all opportunities for a person to use a firearm under the age of 21 as they would not be allowed to possess the ammunition to use the firearm. This proposed legislation is illogical and should not be considered in any capacity.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:19:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
CRISTON KAM	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Here is another perfect example of the continuation of politicians trying to strip us of our rights. It not only states in the constitution of the United States "the right to keep and bear arms", it's in our state constitution as well. The ruling on the Brien case by the Supreme Court stated going forward any and all laws and bills going forward must comply with historical text and plain language of the constitution.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:37:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor James	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is over reaching and especially ignores neighbor island tradition, needs and wants. How about you meet with stakeholder groups opposing this legislation? Mahalo.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:42:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emerald Felmley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this proposed bill. If a U.S. Citizen can be drafted off to war at 18, then they should be able to purchase ammunition. No ifs, ands or butts about it.

There are many hunters in Hawaii and an 18 year old and above should be able to do so. What we need to do is spend money on positively promote guns and gun safety. Everyone I know who grew up shooting a rifle at a young age has respect for the gun and respect for others. As long as we have this in place, a person can buy a 1,000 rounds and still have no intent on intentionally harming another human being. Period. It's never the gun that's a problem, it's the person behind the gun. As a representative sworn to uphold our constitutional rights, you have an obligation to do so.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:42:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Iaela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose this bill, SB2845 in that it is unconstititutional. It is a violation of our rights both on the federal and state levels per both the U.S. and Hawaii State Constitutions as well as a blatant violation of the 14th Amendment, Section 1 "equal protection under the law" clause.

William Iaela

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:01:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andy Berky	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill penalizes law abiding citizens such as myself. It is a violation of my second amendment rights and recent supreme court decisions. As a voter I oppose this bill !

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:33:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeremiah Judd	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:42:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Nguyen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose the contents of this bill as well as the ill-intended nature of the bill. At a time where the rights of a citizen are constantly under scrutiny, the continual erosion of individual liberties and rights that we are born with come under fire.

There is not a direct causation of the State having the strictest gun laws in the nation and having a lower than average gun related homicide rate. This is very false and a fallacy in and of itself.

Many other states have a fusillade of strict gun laws preventing certain firearm characteristics or right to carry or purchase certain firearms.

Those states actually have a significantly higher than average firearm related death statistic.

The state of Hawaii has a low violence rate and low firearm related violence rate due to something entirely separate of the current legislature or proposed legislature.

The state of Hawaii possesses a unified culture of inclusion, family, and in short- Aloha.

There is no other state in the union that possesses such a culture where children refer to complete strangers as "Uncle" or "Auntie". There is no other state that encourages family values and community mindedness such as the Islands of Hawaii. With such an enclosed community geographically, we are here on this Island together. These unique geographical boundaries and historical events all comprise a culture that cares.

This proposed bill will not cause any meaningful change to lower the current gun violence. It will only harm those who choose to follow the law.

Those who operate outside of the confines of the law will continue to commit crimes regardless of the laws. In fact this proposed bill and others like it will cause sensitive groups and individuals to be under more attack from those who wish to violate the fabric of this unique society here in Hawaii.

These bills have a provision to exempt members of Law enforcement from the mechanisms of what is proposed. I believe that will encourage a police state and create more victims in society. As opposed to the self governing society that cares, and self polices their own neighborhoods.

As the proposals of bills go, they are intended to help the community, and help the state in its progression towards Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. In Hawaii, these bills should encourage the spirit of Aloha.

These proposed bills neither encourage the progression of Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness. They do not encourage the Spirit of Aloha.

Instead they encourage citizens to become subjects of the state. Depending on an armed police force to do community work at a time where the police are already strained and under budget. They encourage citizens to continue to be subject to the whims of a government that is operating on a principle of fear and control. They do not encourage the spirit of Aloha in caring for their own community. They instead fix to make what would be lawful abiding citizens with firearms that are completely lawful in a majority of states in the union, into Class C Felons that will now serve time and have a permanent mark on their record for things that would otherwise be "Common-Use" in the majority of the Union.

I strongly oppose this bill and I do not believe that this is constitutional, or hawaiian in nature.

February 21, 2024

OPPOSE - SB2845

To: Senator Joy San Buenaventura (Puna District)

I am the mother of five children. They were all born and raised in the Puna District on the Big Island of Hawaii. My husband and I have taught them the proper handling and use of many different rifles and pistols from an early age. We are hardworking, law abiding, voting, and tax paying, legal gun owners along with our (now adult) children. We enjoy hunting and sports shooting. We love to harvest our own pigs, sheep, and other game and put food on the table. We also have a fundamental right to protect our families from those who may choose to harm us.

We ask that you vote "NO" on SB2845 – this bill will take away our parental right to pass down our knowledge of firearms to our children and grandchildren at an early age as we see fit.

It is ridiculous to think that making it illegal for our minor children to hold ammunition will stop a criminal from committing a violent crime with a weapon – any weapon, i.e: knives, bats, fists, cars and or guns.

This bill seriously impacts our families here in Puna that hold long hunting traditions that are passed on to the next generation. The best time to learn gun safety is when they are young.

A vote for this bill will be an automatic "NO" vote for you. And we will get the memo out that you voted for this bill to all in PUNA and you will lose their votes too.

KILL THE BILL !!

Elizabeth Fronte

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:53:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank Barber Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2845 Is another overreach to subvert the rights of citizens. We can join the military and send our children to War at age 18, but not buy ammunition. This is another example of government overreach and should never be voted on.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:54:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aaron Ishimine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:54:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glennon T. Gingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thanks for considering my testimony on this Bill.

I oppose this Bill as it creates further impediments in enjoying shooting sports and marksmanship training.

An individual can drive a car at 16 with a permit, enlist in the armed services and serve at 17...

This Bill is neither reasonable or rationale in its restrictions.

Thank you

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:55:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tracy Lawson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii Legislator, as an 18 year old, I served my country. I was taught to fight, shoot and defend our great nation and its constitution. This legislation passes absurd requirements for someone to be 21 years of age to purchase or possess ammunition. What exact problem is this solving? If you can be 18 to join the military, you should be able to learn to shoot as well. I support safety, I am a safety professional by trade. I do not support the stripping of rights of anyone to learn and have the right to defend themselves. This is just an attempt to strip rights by taking an end around on ammunition. Stop attacking our constitutional rights to defend ourselves and start doing your job to fix all the other serious issues wrong with our State!

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:02:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Arnold	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop infringing on my unalienable rights. Stop wasting my time and my tax payers dollars. The 2nd ammendment is absolutely clear. Uphold your oath of office and the constitution you swore to uphold.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:05:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Kikukawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose this bill as it would greatly reduce the ability to conduct firearms safety training. Education is the number one way to prevent accidents with firearms and by making it impossible to teach firearms safety to people under 21 with live ammunition you are eliminating the best form of education.

In addition you are able to join the military at age 17. I was in the military before I was 21 and we would routinely rent firearms at ranges and purchase ammunition to practice with. In a profession that requires you to be the best with your tools or you or others may die, there is never enough training available. By making it illegal for people under the age of 21 to purchase ammunition you are making it illegal for military members to practice a skill that is critical for their job in their off time.

Lastly, it's a part of our culture and tradition to be able to live off the land and hunt. By making it illegal to purchase or possess ammunition until you are 21 you are robbing a huge part of our culture and tradition and may make it impossible for grandfathers/mothers to take their grandchildren hunting or target shooting before they pass.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:19:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Silas Decker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it will prevent anyone under the age of 21 from participating in activities such as hunting or sport shooting. This bill prevents children from learning proper firearm safety and handling.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:23:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Wela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Citizens can serve in the military yet be unable to purchase ammunition?

This has already been ruled unconstitutional in many cases yet you're trying to pass this law here. Charge and punish criminals and leave law abiding citizens alone.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:32:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David K. Jones	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha and thank you for accepting my testimony. I **oppose** this bill, as it will do little to prevent gun crime in our islands, but do much to restrict those under 21 years of age to **safely practice and learn how to use firearms**. How are you proposing that this be enforced? Is HPD supposed to patrol the shooting ranges, looking to catch anyone under 21 with ammunition in-hand? If a hunter is lawfully harvesting deer and asks their son or daughter to hold their rifle while they cross over an obstacle, is the son or daughter now a criminal? The police have enough to worry about, and this "feel good" bill will do nothing to alleviate their workload. Furthermore, citizens are waking up and realizing our politicians, prosecutors, and judges don't seem to care about our safety and would rather focus on just saying things to make us feel safe and make them look good.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:39:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Charles Josh Porter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As someone who grew up hunting and ranching in Hawaii, I want my children to grow up learning the same way of life. This way of life includes learning to properly and safely use a firearm. By making it illegal for my children to hunt - they miss the oppourtunty to learn from me. To respect firearms.

What's next - will we ban fishing poles too?

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:44:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Tanouye	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 2845 because I believe this bill restricts individuals aged 18-20 years old their second amendment rights. This will adversely affect recreational target practice and hunters. Simply making a law like this one will not deter criminals from obtaining ammunition. I strongly urge this bill not pass.

Thank you for your time

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:33:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alex Akui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:41:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Theo Kady	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This Bill is pushing laws that discriminates against young adults from lawfully exercising their Second Amendment Rights. I oppose vehemently.

Aloha kakou,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 3196 and SB 2845, relating to firearms. I hope you will take a moment to consider the statements below and understand my reasoning.

The Second Amendment to the United States 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.” This amendment was added to the Bill of Rights due to the experiences of our country’s founders in the time leading up to the American Revolution and Declaration of Independence. Their voices went unheard when the British monarchy created laws that placed undue burden on the people of the original colonies. When our founders refused to comply, the British military attempted to confiscate stores of ammunition and weapons in an effort to disempower them and force them to submit to King George III’s laws. These were the actions that instigated the battles of Lexington and Concord, starting the American Revolution. The founding documents of the United States of America were written to keep the power in the hands of the people, and the Second Amendment ensures that that’s where the power stays. It enshrines the inalienable right of the people to protect themselves, their family, their community, and their country. It prevents any power from infringing on that right.

I believe the legislation proposed in SB 3196 and SB 2845 is in direct violation of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, and is neither necessary or likely to be effective for the intended purpose (presumably to reduce violence where firearms are involved). Hawaii is blessed to have one of the lowest rates of firearms-related deaths in the country. Therefore, what is the need for the proposed legislation? It appears to be legislating away a problem that doesn’t exist. Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. We are required to have training, procure a permit from the police department (which requires a background check), and then register our firearms with the police department. Firearms purchased from FFLs will also trigger another background check for the purchaser. The people who complete all of these steps to obtain firearms are not interested in using them for malicious purposes. These people are purchasing them to be secure in their person and to provide them with the power to protect their family, community, and country. These people deserve the best available tools, to give them the best chance of protecting their life or way of life.

Many firearms are also used for recreational purposes. Common activities in Hawaii include target shooting, hunting, trap, skeet, sporting clays, and competition pistol and rifle shooting. These activities can all be done safely, and can be an excellent avenue for making friends, building community, and even teaching our next generation about safe firearm handling and providing them with activities that keep them engaged and away from drugs, alcohol, vandalism, or other forms of mischief. The proposed legislation in SB 3196 and SB 2845 will reduce the people’s ability to participate in these activities.

In summation, I believe that there is no need for these legislative measures and that they violate the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. I hope that you will consider the needs and rights of the people as these bills advance through the legislative session. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony, and I hope your actions will not disempower the people.

Mahalo,
Matt Connelly
Hilo, HI

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:13:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Neal Masuda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Bill SB2845. I see no advantage in passing this bill. You allow people at the age of 21 to purchase cigarettes and alcohol because they should be responsible adults but won't allow someone at the age of 21 to purchase ammuniton? Since when did a person at the age of 21 not be considered an adult? These bills are totally nonsense and wasting tax dollors. Dealing with people with mental health issues and very harsh punishments for criminals with backgrounds are where the tax dollors should be spent. Don't punish law abiding people.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:33:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Misae Wela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

Punishing law abiding citizens who are considered adults fully capable of being in the armed forces and operating tanks, combat aircraft and submarines is nonsensical.

How about enforcing laws already in effect and prosecuting and incarcerating guilty criminals.

Doesn't that make more sense?

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:37:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shari	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 2845 as it conflicts with existing legislation regarding the use of firearms by those under the age of 21.

Not only will this impact those who participate in youth activities such as air riflery and JROTC, but it poses a huge hindrance to those who enlist in the military. It underscores the importance of ensuring that young people have opportunities to engage in activities that could contribute to their development of future career paths.

I advocate for more efforts to educate rather than enforce punitive measures with the goal of fostering responsible behaviors and skill development.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:44:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jake	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it inhibits hunting in the younger generation

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:21:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sandi Lyn Cabreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, My name is Sandi Lyn Cabreira, and I oppose SB2845. This bill is unconstitutional, to say the least. It has obviously NOT been thought through. SB2845 would stop our children from activities like hunting and sport shooting. Being a mother of 10, I understand that in this day and age, it is difficulty enough to get kids off of the screens, and out into nature and into physical activities. Hunting is a family tradition for a lot of us here in Hawaii, but suddenly, with the passing of SB2845, my children will no longer be able to hunt? Or are they expected to throw a rifle at some pigs or sheep?? My children are also avid sport shooters, having three children who already shot for the BIIF shooting team at Waiakea High School, and one child still active in high school shooting. So, if my children now want to target shoot at the range, it will be illegal if they possess ammo?? My 18 year old sons are old enough to risk their lives and fight for this country, to protect the freedoms that allow people to try and pass these ridiculous unconstitutional laws, but they cannot purchase ammunicions for hunting or sport shooting? Did the people who are trying to foot this bill, even read it out loud to themselves? These laws are getting more and more absurd, and is obviously a step in the direction of trying to disarm law abiding citizens. Mahalo.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:47:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gregory FRIEL	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

An 18 year old adult is old enough to serve in United States Military and protect us from all threats foreign and DOMESTIC and they should have the right to purchase and possess ammunition in the State of Hawaii.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:10:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Harper	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

here again is another bad bill, 18 yr olds can go fight a war but can't be trusted with ammo, who comes up with this crap? this is another bill that will solve nothing, it certainly won't stop any crime! when are you politians going to start going after the criminal and leave the rest of us alone! again i'll be watching who votes for this and vote against them!

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:15:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Cabreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

How is it logical, that my sons, can join the Armed Forces at 18, but not be allowed to buy, possess or control ammunition??? I have taught them since they were walking, how to safely treat and use firearms. It has been a progression over the years. One son will turn 18 next week. He has learned how to hunt and put meat on the table. But if this bill is passed, he won't be able to do so as his own being. How demeaning is that? A measure like this is not needed nor proven to stop gun violence.

Do your own research. Look up the facts for yourself, not copy & paste some over inflated number. Separate suicide and homicide. Then look up vehicle related deaths on the islands. Your statements and numbers are skewed to fit your agenda. You are wasting time, effort, and tax payer dollars; instead of focusing on real issues. Mental health is a real issue. Fixing our roads is a real issue. Housing is a real issue. Focus on that please.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:34:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jamie	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in OPPOSITION of SB2845

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:39:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Kim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill that aims to restrict the sale, ownership, and possession of ammunition in Hawaii, particularly among individuals under the age of 21. While I understand the importance of ensuring public safety and reducing incidents of gun violence, I believe that this bill is misguided and ultimately infringes upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

First and foremost, it's crucial to recognize that responsible gun ownership is a constitutionally protected right. By imposing arbitrary age restrictions on the purchase and possession of ammunition, this bill unfairly targets law-abiding individuals who are capable of responsibly handling firearms and ammunition. Many individuals under the age of 21, such as young adults serving in the military or law enforcement, demonstrate maturity and responsibility in their daily lives and should not be unjustly deprived of their Second Amendment rights.

Furthermore, this bill fails to address the root causes of gun violence and instead places undue burdens on law-abiding citizens. Rather than focusing on restricting access to ammunition, lawmakers should prioritize addressing mental health issues, improving educational and economic opportunities, and strengthening community support systems. Targeting ammunition sales will do little to address the complex societal factors that contribute to gun violence.

Additionally, this bill overlooks the fact that firearms and ammunition are often used for legitimate purposes such as hunting, sport shooting, and self-defense. Restricting access to ammunition unfairly penalizes law-abiding citizens who rely on firearms for these lawful activities. Moreover, it creates unnecessary barriers for individuals seeking to exercise their right to self-defense, particularly in situations where law enforcement response times may be inadequate.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed bill and instead focus on evidence-based solutions that address the underlying causes of gun violence without infringing upon the rights of responsible gun owners. Imposing arbitrary age restrictions on ammunition sales will do little to enhance public safety and may disproportionately impact law-abiding citizens. Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue.

Sincerely,

David Kim

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 3:06:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard A. Godfrey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2845 violates the 2nd Amendment. When you're 18, an individual is eligible for the draft. As usual, Hawaii's liberal politicians have no common sense.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:07:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Monique Perreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

strongly oppose!

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:10:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frederick Perreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose. Unconstitutional!

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:53:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Fred Delosantos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose SB2845.

This bill will not allow today's youth to participate in the shooting sports, or hunting activities. This is important because this is where kids are taught about responsible gun safety. Heck, the State even has a youth hunting period in the hunting season to encourage youth to participate in wildlife management activities.

This bill is so wrong. Please OPPOSE.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:35:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Noxon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe this bill infringes on our 2nd Ammendment rights. With the possibility of an attack from outside enemies, it would be unwise to hinder the citizen's chances to protect themselves.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 12:52:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kualii Makaneole	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 2845, which infringes on my Second Amendment Rights.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 3:48:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845 SD1. We don't need more infringement on our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. Dscrimination against 19 and 20-year olds is unfair. If you can vote or serve in the Armed Services, you also should be able to buy ammunition. Vote NO on SB2845 SD1.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 7:38:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Howard Murai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a legal gun owner and oppose adoption of SB2845 on the basis that it has no effect on those most likely to be involved in gun violence: criminals, the mentally ill and terrorists who will simply ignore this law. At the same time, it can make criminals of otherwise law abiding young people who forgot to empty their pockets of a few remaining rounds after a day at the range. Rather than create new laws that restrict the rights of law abiding citizens, enforcement of existing laws and making law enforcement more effective would be the better course. Respectfully submitted, Howard Murai

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 12:12:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this. Once someone becomes 18, they are no longer in their parents care. They can vote, join the military, why is the 2nd amendment the only right that isn't afforded to them in Hawaii?

To answer Karls question he asked in the PSM hearing about drinking at age 21 or smoking, none of those are protected in the constitution or it's amendments. In fact, with regard to booze, 1 amendment makes booze illegal (Al Capone prohibitio days), then a few amednments later, they said each state can make up their own laws about booze. The 2nd amendment and right to bear arms is mentioned, so it shall apply to those under 21.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 12:14:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it vioaltes the constitution. My daughter won't have this right until she reaches the age of 21. What if law makers like YOU decide to increase this to 25 or 30? 18 is the legal age that she is no longer in my custody. She will be able to vote, sign legal documents, etc...She also can have all the other rights granted to her by the constitution without my consent. So why is this one any different?

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 12:29:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
GregoryPolloi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

As an avid Hunter I strongly oppose this bill.

Greg Polloi, Hawai'i Island Resident

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 12:38:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael I Rice	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in strong opposition to this bill as it is a flagrant violation of the Second Amendment. This along with current prohibitions on possession or ownership of firearms and ammunition for adults under 21 are being challenged in courts across the country, with one case heading to the Supreme court and is likely to succeed on the merits alone following the Bruen decision.

There are adequate laws already in place that should be enough to prosecute those who would sell or distribute to those under 21 for nefarious purposes. When criminals buy their guns they typically get a small amount of ammo from their dealer, they do not go to a legal store to stock up.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 3:58:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joel Berg	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845. We should not be making a 2 tiered society for individual rights. Either a person is old enough to exercise their rights or they are not. If you create laws to treat your citizens like children you shouldn't be surprised when they act like children.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 6:07:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin h	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 9:33:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pomai Thoene	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this attempted government overreach. You guys need to stop these BS attaches on law abiding citizens and make penalties stiffer on criminals. If you haven't figured it out yet, criminals dont give a shit about laws.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 8:12:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Koons	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb2845. As a hunter, who started hunting at a young age, this bill would take away the ability for youth to learn how to hunt and PROPERLY use a firearm. It will also take away from generational knowledge of hunting and teaching family how to provide for themselves and their families. I learned SO much from my father and other family on how to use firearms, the safety measures involved and more importantly how not to use/treat them. The more you restrict guns with bills like this, the more in the dark people can become and more accidents or even crime will happen. Because as always, bills like this ONLY apply to law abiding citizens. Not the criminals or illegal immigrants that don't follow laws at all.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 8:12:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Hechtman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB2845.

The point of this bill is to prevent gun owners from having ammunition for defense, practice, sport and hunting. The fact that these bills are not gun bans is a mere technicality because, in practical terms, ammo bans are gun bans.

Criminals predominantly acquire weapons and ammunition from the black market or other non retail means.

This Bill would prevent anyone under 21 from hunting or using firearms in any sporting event.

It is a direct violation of the second amendment for those under 21.

Once again I strongly oppose bill SB2845

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 10:30:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janeen Tilfas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2024 11:30:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
M. Leilani DeMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

KĀKO‘O ‘OLE au i kēia pila! I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill. Make no compromises on hunting and the 2nd amendment. Hunters of all ages work hard to provide for their ‘ohana and friends.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 11:35:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vincent r Golio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I don't own a gun, however I do own a constitution. I suggest all legislators review one before voting on this obviously unconstitutional measure. OPPOSE.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 11:35:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leolani Mahuka iwaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 11:44:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 11:49:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 11:53:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Dedely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2024 11:58:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James K. Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Totally opposed to this bill. The 2nd amendment applies to American citizens under 18. History clearly shows this.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 12:20:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Teresa Parmenter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose SB2845

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Submitted on: 2/24/2024 12:48:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James R Cabodol Jr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe that we should not sale any firearm to someone under the age of 21 for those reasons I support

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 1:04:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharron VanDeusen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB2845.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2024 1:10:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Magoon Ohana	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose. Teaching responsibility with hunting & target practice helps younger people learn. If they want to hunt, they should be able to buy the ammo for it, with a US ID. Stop chipping away at rights. If there are criminals then uphold the law, criminals will still get ammo if they want to, STOP letting criminal off the hook so easy. Your are happy to send 18yr old off to war, but think responsible ones cannot buy ammo....does not make a lot of sense.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 3:11:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rosemarie Vailisale	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Rosemarie V., do not support this bill.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 3:37:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
CHESTER LUM	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony opposing this bill.

SB2845 is unconstitutional and should be withdrawn.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony opposing this bill.

Chester Lum

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 5:52:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anthony Empting	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

Let me get this straight. Any able bodied 18-21 year old can vote, join the military and be put in harms way, but can not buy ammo? Thats ludicrous. Take away all those other things and make the age 21 or repeal this slapped up without any thinking bill. I was in the military and served from age 18-22. I'm glad you weren't making the rules then.

Thanks,

Anthony Empting

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Submitted on: 2/24/2024 5:56:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Catherine Thyne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly OPPOSE, Legislature should be concentrating on helping the people of Hawaii and our Constitutional Rights! Work on the criminals not the people who pay your salary!

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 7:26:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 9:48:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TJaye Forsythe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Age requirement should be 18 to purchase and or possess ammnnition.

The USA minimum age requirement to join the military is 18, and since you'll probably be issued and handing ASSULT rifles and ammunition at the age of 18 in the military, we should probably stay consistent with the general public of law abiding citizens regarding possession of ammunition and rifles too.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 10:04:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a discriminatory bill. There are young people who are responsible and well trained in the use of firearms. I oppose this bill. It violates the 2nd amendment.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2024 10:33:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2024 1:09:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeff miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

18 you can go to war, you can own posses and controll ammuniton. Laws must make sence this does not.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2024 6:47:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordan Valente	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support this bill. If you can join the military at 18 and die for your country than this bill is a perfect example of government overreach.

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2024 8:35:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank L. Castagnetti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha.

I am providing this testimony in OPPOSITION to SB2845. There is no compelling government interest to restrict adults from purchasing and possessing ammunition. This is clearly another attempt at over-reach to violate our constitutional rights; it is unreasonable, and restrictive to law abiding citizens. There is no existing research demonstrating that ammunition restrictions for law abiding citizens as having any positive effect on illegal criminal behavior. It only further restricts our ability to rightfully defend and care for ourselves, our neighbors and communities.

Please reconsider your positions and cease these attacks on the 2nd amendment and Hawaii's law abiding citizens.

Respectfully, Frank L. Castagnetti

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

RE: S.B. No. 2845
S.D.1

The committee(s) on JDC will hold a public decision making
on 02-27-24 10:00AM

I am in support of this bill SB2845

My name is Cheryl Takeishi and I am a concerned citizen. I strongly feel that more gun control is needed and this is one step in the right direction. Recently I have seen in the news about children bringing weapons to school. This may not change that situation but this is also a concerning matter. The most recent was the Crangston Pia story. He was shot and killed by teenage hunters. This Bill will allow for stiffer penalties to be brought against irresponsible immature hunters. This will also prevent a teenager from purchasing ammunition with the intention of doing a mass shooting. Also may help to prevent another similar situation.

I fully support bill SB 2845.



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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 1:48:23 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rita Kama-Kimura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

"Oppose!"

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 3:03:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Duclayan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Opposition of Hawaii Senate Bill SB2845

Statement of Position: I am writing to express my strong opposition to **Senate Bill SB2845**, which pertains to the prohibition of a person selling ammunition to a person under 21. This bill also prohibits a person under 21 from owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition. I believe this bill is unconstitutional, ineffective, and unfair.

Background Information: SB2845 aims to restrict the access of ammunition to individuals under 21 years of age, regardless of their legal status as firearm owners. The bill claims that this measure is necessary to prevent gun violence and protect public safety. However, I contend that this bill violates the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens, does not address the root causes of gun violence, and discriminates against young adults who are responsible and mature.

Specific Arguments and Evidence:

1. Second Amendment Rights:

- The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states that “the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”
- The U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed that this right applies to individuals, not just militias, and that it includes the right to possess and use firearms for lawful purposes, such as self-defense.
- Ammunition is an essential component of firearms, and restricting its access effectively infringes on the right to bear arms.
- SB2845 violates the Second Amendment by imposing an arbitrary age limit on the exercise of a fundamental right.

2. Ineffectiveness and Unenforceability:

- SB2845 does not address the underlying causes of gun violence, such as mental health issues, social problems, criminal activity, and lack of education and awareness.
- SB2845 does not prevent individuals under 21 from obtaining ammunition through illegal means, such as theft, black market, or online purchases.
- SB2845 is difficult to enforce, as it relies on the seller’s verification of the buyer’s age, which can be easily falsified or bypassed.
- SB2845 creates a burden on law enforcement, who would have to divert resources and manpower to monitor and prosecute violations of this bill.

3. **Unfairness and Discrimination:**

- SB2845 treats individuals under 21 as a monolithic group, ignoring their diversity, maturity, and responsibility.
- SB2845 contradicts the legal status of individuals under 21, who are considered adults in many aspects of life, such as voting, serving in the military, working, driving, and consenting to medical treatment.
- SB2845 penalizes individuals under 21 who are law-abiding, responsible, and trained firearm owners, who use ammunition for legitimate purposes, such as hunting, sport shooting, or self-defense.
- SB2845 deprives individuals under 21 of their right to self-defense, especially in rural areas where police response may be delayed or unavailable.

Conclusion: I urge the legislature to reject SB2845. This bill is an ineffective, unenforceable, and discriminatory measure that infringes on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens under 21. Instead of imposing arbitrary and unjust restrictions on ammunition, the legislature should focus on addressing the real causes of gun violence and promoting education and awareness on firearm safety and responsibility.

Thank you for considering my testimony in opposition to this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 6:14:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roy Okamoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Firearms Instructor, I do not support SB284.

Thank you

Roy Okamoto

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 6:51:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terry Murakami	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 6:52:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J Miles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose. Infringes on the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 7:42:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janice Johnson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 7:48:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doug Pasnik	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this legislation.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 8:06:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peggy Regentine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose. Is ammunition a Boy Scout Knife? Are you asking to ask Boy Scouts to not have their cherished Boy Scout Knives. Is a Bow and Arrow considered ammunition? What about High Schools that teach rifle programs? Do not pass this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 8:11:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANTHONY M GAIRNESE	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Men and women reach adulthood by their 18th year, and should enjoy the full rights AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADULTS, including owning and possessing firearms and ammunition. The 2nd admendment shall not be infringed for any citizen.

Anthony M Gairnese

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 8:13:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TERI SAVAIINAEA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845.

Thank you,

Teri Savaiinaea

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 8:15:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vivek Pathela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE. Breaches the 2nd Amendment!

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 8:51:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
L Miles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose. Infringes on our 2nd Amendment right under the United States Constitution.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 9:29:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MILTON WAI MING YEE	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am Milton Yee, a Retired Hawaii Army National Guard Sergeant Major (deployed to Iraq) and Retired as a Department of the Army Contractor and have always been a Hawaii Resident.

I OPPOSE SB 2845 in its entirety.

Background Information. Hawaii has among the most stringent firearms laws already in place in this nation and is among the lowest regarding firearms related crimes. The majority of 18–20-Year-old citizens (targeted by SB 2845) who own (or wish to own) firearms ammunition as stated in SB 2845 are of good standing, and law-abiding citizens. They compromise, tolerate, and abide by the current stringent Hawaii firearms registration laws, process, and legally own, safely use and store their firearms and ammunition.

Arguments and Evidence. If the 1st Amendment applies to modern media, radio, television, and internet; and the 4th Amendment applies to modern electronic surveillance and video surveillance; then the 2nd Amendment applies to modern firearms (and ammunition). If enacted into law, SB 2845 will effectively infringe on Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms (of which includes ammunition), targeting adults between 18 and 20 years of age. SB 2845 must NOT BE PASSED just because of one’s age, nor caliber of firearms registered. The person is old enough at AGE 18-20 to be considered an ADULT and serve and risk ultimately giving his/her life for his/her country and state. Current Hawaii firearms laws are more than sufficient. Furthermore, an AGE 18-20 person may have to purchase his/own ammunition to go sport shooting or hunting. Additionally, firearms owners commonly transfer possession of ammunition to an AGE 18-20 person on a firing range (for example: to let them sport shoot/fire their firearms and/or receive firearms safety certification) or in a hunting area (so they may hunt with them as well).

Personal Story or Connection. Our neighborhoods are terrorized constantly by bad people doing evil things daily such as bullying, theft, burglaries, robberies, home invasions, drug dealings, armed gangs/thugs, assaults, rape, murders and the like. Law enforcement is called over and over, but by the time the police arrive, in majority of instances, it is always too late. The perpetrators would be long gone, done with their evil deeds, or refuse to come out because the police had no immediate search warrant. 18–20-year-olds can legally own, and safely possess and secure certain firearms by current Hawaii Laws and their rights to obtain ANY ammunition should NOT be infringed upon. Their firearms and ammunition may be their only immediate deterrent they have in line with the 2nd Amendment right of which they can protect themselves,

family, and home if need be. How would one person defend against armed gangs/thugs (especially if there are multiple deadly threats) with a firearm without ammunition? As we witness over and over in the news, “To stop a bad person with a gun from committing a crime, it is always the first good person with a gun on the scene (be it law enforcement, or a legal law-abiding firearm owning citizen simply defending their person, family and home).” The 18–20-year-olds would be outgunned and/or completely disarmed (no ammunition) by the provisions in SB 2845. Whereas the criminals will never follow rules, laws, and will always find a way to obtain weaponry and ammunition illegally. There are many 18–20-year-olds who demonstrate responsibly to own and use firearms and ammunition. Especially after taking the Firearms Safety Certification required by current Hawaii firearms laws. So, the mechanism is already in place with existing laws. They use the firearms and ammunition for sport shooting, hunting. But, above all, personal defense of themselves, family, and home, which is the paramount reason. Owning, sport shooting, and hunting keeps them proficient with the safe handling and operation of these firearms and ammunition. Their 2nd Amendment right to defend themselves, family and home is the paramount reason for owning firearms and ammunition. Your existing Hawaii firearms laws are more than sufficient as many in this age bracket have followed them for decades, and demonstrated they can responsibly own, safely operate, and safely secure such firearms and ammunition. There are many of them who responsibly comply with the existing Hawaii firearms laws and demonstrate daily that no further restrictions are needed.

Conclusion. I reiterate my position to OPPOSE SB 2845 which will severely infringe on an 18-20 Year Old’s 2nd Amendment Right to defend themselves, family, and home. I served my country for 30 years, deployed to Iraq, and continued serving as a Department of the Army Contractor for 15 years. I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States which includes the 2nd Amendment. Please DO NOT infringe on it. Passing of SB 2845 WILL INFRINGE on the 18–20-year-old’s 2nd Amendment Right.

Respectfully,

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 10:01:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james wallace	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm oppose to SB2845. You guys passed a bill last year SB1 which a MINOR, could murder her own child (abortion) without parental consent. Meaning YOU guys are saying shes old enough to make a life turning decision at 14 years old ,while someone who's 20 years old cannot buy ammo? That is purely stupid!!!! No wonder hawaii was voted once again as the most CORRUPT STATE again!!!! That on you guys bro.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 10:17:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brent Uemae	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice-Chair, and Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition to this bill. This revised bill adds an exception that those under 21 under who are engaged in hunting or target shooting can lawfully possess ammunition but still makes it unlawful to transfer ammunition to them. The bill states "No person shall knowingly sell, offer to sell, distribute, or otherwise transfer ammunition for any firearm to any person who is under the age of twenty-one." If a minor is not allowed to purchase ammunition and an adult is not allowed to transfer ammunition to them then it still would prevent those under 21 from engaging in hunting or target shooting because they would have no means to obtain ammunition for such activities. A parent, instructor, coach, or mentor would not be able to lawfully transfer ammunition to someone under 21.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2024 11:15:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vernelle Oku	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Any legislator voting for this bill is violating their oath to the constitution and the 2nd amendment.

Please honor your oath.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 1:21:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Luis Ma	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill, because limit adult Americans citizens exercising them amendment right. Plus I think Supreme Court ruling similar bills in other states is unconstitutional.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 5:54:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mitchell H. Weber	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2845

I strongly OPPOSE SB2845,

This proposed bill circumvents the 2nd amendment rights for legal adults, It also hurts owners/workers of any establishment that sells ammo. Parents will no longer be able to hunt with their children. Sport shooters will no longer be able to train or even be eligible to compete.

What the mainland crafters of this bill and its Hawaii supporters aim to do is to use this bill along with SB3196, to stop younger generations from learning about and owning firearms/ammo, and stop anybody whom already owns them from selling or transferring to them. To the next generation.

Regards,
Mitchell Weber

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 7:00:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dalene McCormick	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I live on the Big Island, we are country and do a lot of hunting. I dont understand the point of this bill. Who are you trying to protect? If you think young adults are a threat to our society then I suggest you put your focus on mental health and not gun ownership. Most problems are best resolve when you deal with the ROOT cause.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 7:06:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emerson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a violation and encroaching of 2nd amendement. This is not how the found fathers have intended it. A lot of youth that have fire arms illegally. That will not stop them. Allow the citizens to protect themselves from individuals and especially the government.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 7:43:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Gouveia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it violates the 2nd amendment of the United States Constitution.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 7:57:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvonne Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Yvonne Alvarado Oppose to Bill SB2845 SD1

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 8:05:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gary Lockwood	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845. I have a responsible family member who participates in hunting and shooting sports and they would like to legally be able purchase and own their own ammunition not just at the shooting range or on an active hunt. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony,

Gary Lockwood.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 8:15:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a direct violation of the highest law of the land. This proposed legislation is unacceptable.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 8:27:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB2845.

Thank you.

Noela von Wiegandt

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 8:30:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
julie schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb2845

The age of 21 is not a magic number

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 8:35:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 8:46:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Greg schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb2845

this age limit is unfounded

SB-2845-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2024 8:48:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Lockwood	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845. I responsibly participate in hunting and shooting sports with my father and would like to have the ability to legally purchase and keep possession of my own ammunition. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony,

Brandon.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 9:00:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Masunaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose strongly. This is another way to take away 2A rights. If passed under age 18 would not be able to even go to a shooting range and shoot anything as this falls under posses or control ammo. High school riflery possibly banned as well. This will do nothing to stop gun crime as criminals by definition do not respect the law.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 9:14:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sam schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb2845

This bill is unfounded.no basis.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 9:37:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen Masunaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This will do nothing to stop criminal activity. Under this law a person under 18 could not even touch ammo. Possess ammo? What if ammo is in the same household ? Person under 18 would not be able to shoot even at a gun range. Too broad and vague. Maybe end HS riflery ? Criminals will continue in their illegal activity.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 9:59:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Hopkins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Daer Senatrs,

I oppose this bill and any bills like this that would take away rights of citizens.

Vote no

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 11:52:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ro Kaing	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill would invalidate many DLNR programs. It will be a criminal offense for people under the age of 21 to possess ammunition, effectively prohibiting a minor from safely hunting with a responsible adult. More gun laws for law-abiding citizens that are trying to hunt for food to provide for families during this recession. More gun laws to prohibit good kids from learning family traditions. Hunting is a major part of modern Hawaiian culture. Hunters are the individuals that will be relied upon during a natural disaster when the markets and refrigeration are down. Juveniles are allowed to take the Hunter Education Course but do nothing with it until age 21 if this bill passes.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 2:49:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I'm testifying against this bill because, first of all it is in direct Violation of our second amendment rights. Second you all know that for any law to be effective it needs to be followed, criminals don't follow laws, so you are only attacking law abiding citizens who do not commit crimes. I find it hard to believe that in our beautiful state, while bills are being put forward to attack law abiding citizens, other bills are being pushed forward to legalize marijuana and for police officers to not arrest criminals and issue citations instead, what a slap in the face to the law abiding citizens of Hawaii, it's unbelievable and truly sad. If laws worked we wouldn't have a drug problem in Hawaii since drugs like Heroin, crystal meth and fentanyl are illegal, we wouldn't have murder, drunk driving, rape, burglary and all the other crimes that are committed daily since there are laws against all these things. We don't need more laws, we need to hold criminals accountable for their actions and not let them back out on our streets on supervised release, obviously that doesn't work. We need more prisons and harsher punishments for crimes committed. I hope that you will use Common Sense and vote against bill SB2845.

Sincerely and Respectfully

David Rodrigues

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 9:38:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vote. No SB 2845

Please let future bills restricting United States Citizens 2nd Amendment rights die in committee. You have forgotten that our country is unique, we have a Constitution and Bill of Rights you have sworn to protect.

You have forgotten Hawaii's history. In 1919 at the site of the Halekulani Hotel Eral Derr Biggers wrote "The House Without A Key".

At the Hawaii State Capitol which should symbolize "Our Spirit of Aloha" you work behind an 8-foot wood wall, a moat, metal detectors, \$100,000 fingerprint readers and have the luxury of armed security. Your constituents are just following your example and are also afraid.

In public. Our governor, mayor, president, and many of our elected officials travel with an armed escort. It is easy to understand why more than 2000 Honolulu residents want to provide their families with the same protection.

Our families first Home in Waikiki on Royal Hawaiian Avenue surrounded by a lawn and coconut trees. There was no fence or wall.

In Aina Haina our house was one of the few without a wall, fence, or security system. We did lock our doors. After a burglary and the loss of my mom's jewelry box we used silicone to secure the louvers, a board to prevent our sliding door from being opened, and installed deadbolts.

Shortly before her death at 101 ½ after returning from Liliha Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Hospital she heard noises on the roof in the early morning hours (@2am). The following day her neighbor told her all their avocados were stolen.

The neighbor's solution as with another longtime Aina Haina resident was to cut their avocado trees to the ground, Install fences, Motion lights, and security system with surveillance cameras. Both had a history of sharing with the neighborhoods perpetrating a common practice in Honolulu. They had Aloha (past tense).

I have lost confidence. Your primary concern appears to be your reelection not making the hard choices to keep the public safe. Hawaii has changed and you are responsible for the transition from houses without keys to fortresses.

May I suggest we START WITH OUR CHILDREN. It takes a community to raise a child and we need to help parents when their child is headed in the wrong direction. Letting the family know that the community cares. Connecting them with family counselors, social workers, and helping families understand our laws regardless of knowing the difference between right and wrong.

As a Niu Valley Intermediate student I will not forget being punched in the face by the school bully. Surprisingly the principles Solution was a handshake.

As angry parent I sympathize with the HPD officer stating, "We will put them away when they become adults and commit a serious crime". Policies had not changed in 30 years.

With the help the Lifeguard at Sunset Beach the officer arrested three youths spending the day shooting at passing cars with a pellet gun. My daughter got in the line of fire.

Surprisingly the juveniles showed no remorse for assaulting my daughter. They boasted that it was their third arrest. Previously arrests were for arson, truancy, and throwing rocks at bus windows. They did not know the difference between right and wrong.

We missed an opportunity where the community could have provided the family and children help, restored the victim and her father's confidence, and reassured the police officer your system was working.

The State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers should be in the forefront and demand that we understand the laws you pass and have your support enforcing them.

When I surprised 2 people in my car the police should not have to ask a victim of a crime what they want them to do. Quite a surprise as I had restrained the man in my vehicle with his bicycle. The officer seemed reluctant to make an arrest. Frustrated I asked if he could at least issue a citation for unlicensed bicycle in my car. The officer stated, "unless the bicycle had 24-inch wheels it did not need a license".

At my request HPD checked for outstanding warrants and they were both arrested.

A similar situation has played out at our Waimanalo Nursery. HPD It's always polite when responding to non-emergency calls. We have been the victims of Illegal dumping theft of fertilizers, Irrigation parts, damage by off road vehicles, theft of electrical equipment, compost, and crops. On 3 occasions the police arrested people from Hawaii's film industry digging up California grass for props. They just had to ask first.

I appreciate HPD's Recommendations, additional fencing, signage, lights, and security cameras. When you've just been robbed, and you are asked to fortify your farm it feels like you're being victimized twice. The quote for additional chain link fencing was \$70,000.

Makes it hard to foster food security and pay bills.

What I don't understand Is when I provided HPD with the time stamped photo of a person with his name Tattooed (3" letters) on his back stealing coconuts at 1:00 in the morning HPD appeared disinterested. On A separate occasion. They said they were familiar with the person who was stealing breadfruit from my nursery and knew where he lived.

Seeing the breadfruit thief on Hihimanu Street in Waimanalo I asked him to ask permission before picked fruit in my nursery. His response was **** you. The police probably had not had a chance to speak with him.

When I aided in the arrest of a person stealing from the University of Hawaii's Waimanalo farm the staff did not want to prosecute stating "it was a waste time". Many People have the same attitude which distorts the actual number of crimes being committed.

CRIME MAPPING ... I do not understand why HPD publishes a criminal scorecard.

The police often respond to 6000 + service calls a month; logs of HPD's arrests are kept on the ground floor of the Beretania Police Station. They are available for public Inspection.

ARREST MAPPING ... HPD Should be promoting arrests.

We could use more good news. I believe I suggested this to each new Police Chief since July of 2000, Lee Donohue was HPD's commander.

HPD paid an excess of \$100,000 for a public relations campaign. The only news that sells is bad news and it gives us a distorted view. I'm not sure if many people realize that our former police chief in federal prison was the person that had discretion to issue firearm permits. Or that there is a video on the internet of a police officer beating his girlfriend.

I have lost confidence in our police department.

Restore my confidence remove legislation that has many of us living in fortresses and ask HPD what they are doing when they respond to 600 + calls for service each month.

I have lost confidence in defense attorneys. Their win may not be in their clients or the community's best interest.

My daughters 12 floor apartment was burglarized. The neighbor entered from the balcony, took a shower, personal items, and prescription glasses. One would think that they would be arrested. The police. recommended a restraining order. In the process my daughter was contacted by the

neighbor's attorney who asked we not file a restraining order as the man and the woman living next door were going to federal prison and it would create additional problems for them.

I would think protective custody or a secure medical ward would be best for both my daughter and the felons. A 12-story fall would be fatal.

My wife and I enjoyed our daughter moving back home for several weeks. No one should be afraid to live in their apartment. What was particularly unnerving was the hole in the neighbor's door. They may have benefited from anger management classes.

Blame an inanimate object, original owner, manufacturer, and gun store. From what I have seen and read on the news it is very profitable.

Should the legislature be considering placing the financial responsibility on the attorneys that win releases before clients get the help, they need which puts all our safety a risk.

We require guns to be secured it should also Apply to dangerous people.

I have lost confidence in prosecuting attorneys when they reassure the public they will be putting a murderer away. The person they were referring to had been convicted of 2 prior murders.

I have lost confidence in the 3-strike law too.

This will be the 2nd testimony submitted this year. I sensing the vote has been predetermined. I realize a simple VOTE NO may be all the time to read as we are all short of staff and time.

As Hawaii is one of the most expensive places to live in the country. I am concerned when the cost of implementing a new program is left blank/unknown \$. language that states costs will exceed the city – states operating budget should be substituted with revenue neutral.

One type of crime that receives little attention is government waste and inefficacy. Where educated, well paid, elected officials, civil service and green industry professionals defraud the public installing unsustainable multimillion dollar projects. Please include The new Kapiolani Community Colleges, Culinary Schools dead landscape on your next newsletter promoting funding for higher education.

You can request a link to a Two-minute video about Diamond Head landscapes.

You are masters of controversial bills that distract the public. Blame the gun not the legislation and the we oiled Bureaucracy responsibility and department heads that have us living in jails.

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I needed the 4 pages of therapy

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Testimony for JDC on 2/27/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jimmy Keith Mills	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 2845. This is a direct violation of existing laws for people 18-20. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now. It would also totally stop young people from hunting or enjoying sports shooting. I you are old enough to trusted with the vote, you are old enough to be trusted with ammunition. Old enough to be drafted into the military or voluntary join to serve as a protector for America to losing one's life.