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S.B. No. 2845, SD2: RELATING TO FIREARMS

Chair David Tarnas
Vice Chair Gregg Takayama
Honorable Committee Members

The Office of the Public Defender **opposes** this bill.

The Supreme Court of the United States has interpreted the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution to confer individuals with the right to bear arms and carry weapons in self-defense. *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008). In 2022, the Court made it clear that this right extends to carrying weapons outside the home. *New York State Rifle & Pistol Assoc., Inc. v. Bruen*, 597 U.S. 1 (2022). The Court also fashioned the test to determine when State action infringes on this right. If the statute covers constitutionally protected conduct like carrying a weapon for self-defense purposes, it falls on the Government to “demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with this Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.” *Id.* at 17.

And while the Hawai‘i Supreme Court has recently rebuked this analysis and held that our State Constitution does not recognize an individual right to bear arms, the National Constitution does, and it cannot be ignored.

Section 3 creates a new felony offense for anyone under twenty-one years old in possession or control of a firearm. This means that young people are categorically banned from carrying firearms for self-defense purposes. This ban runs afoul with the Supreme Court’s decisions about the Second Amendment making it ripe for a

challenge by the defense bar if prosecutors intend on using the statute and gun activists in the civil arena.

Because the bill criminalizes constitutionally protected conduct, and prosecutors will struggle to explain how these offenses and their cases would be justified under the *Bruen* test. It should be deferred.

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**THE HONORABLE DAVID TARNAS, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawai'i**

March 15, 2024

RE: S.B. 2845 SD2; RELATING TO FIREARMS.

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu (“Department”) **supports** S.B. 2845 SD 2:

This bill generally prohibits the sale, distribution, or transfer of ammunition for any firearm to any person under the age of twenty-one. The current draft provides exceptions for lawful hunting and target shooting, as well as police officers, military personnel, and other exempted from state firearms restrictions.

Hawai'i already contains a similar age requirement for owning a gun.¹ Between 2016 and 2020, firearms were overwhelmingly the weapon of choice for homicide among known offenders aged 18 to 24 years old.² Gun access also heightens the risk of suicide for young people.³ Under the Second Amendment, states can reasonably regulate access to firearms.⁴ S.B. 2845 does so.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

¹ H.R.S. § 134-2(a), (d).

² FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. *Supplementary Homicide Report 1980-2020* [machine-readable data files]. On average, firearms were used in 77% of homicides committed by 18-to-24 year-olds compared with 66% of homicides committed by all other age categories.

³ See Johanna Birckmayer & David Hemenway, *Suicide and Firearm Prevalence: Are Youth Disproportionately Affected?*, 3 SUICIDE & LIFE-THREATENING BEHAV. 31 (2001).

⁴ *New York Rifle & Pistol Ass'n, Inc. v. Bruen*, 597 U.S. 1, 79-81 (Kavanaugh, J. concurring); *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 626-27 (2008).

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NRA

March 14, 2024

The Honorable David Tarnas
Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 442
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tarnas:

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, with limited exceptions. 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 self-defense purposes 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 that reads "Keely M. Hopkins".

Keely Hopkins
State Director
State & Local Affairs
NRA-ILA



The Institute for Human Services, Inc.
Ending the Cycle of Homelessness

TO: Honorable Rep. David A. Tarnas,
Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Honorable Rep. Gregg Takayama,
Vice Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Connie Mitchell, Executive Director
IHS, The Institute for Human Services, Inc.

RE: SB2845 SD2 - RELATING TO FIREARMS.

HEARING: Friday, February 15, 2024 at 2:00 PM

POSITION: IHS supports the passing of SB2845

IHS, The Institute for Human Services, has been providing emergency shelter services to adult men, women, and families with children on Oahu for over 45 years. In recent years, we have experienced an increase in conflicts, threats of bodily harm for guests, and even instances of persons threatening gun violence. Thus far, we have been fortunate to have not yet suffered tragedy.

However, as laws evolve here in Hawai'i to make guns generally more accessible, we would greatly appreciate the outlawing of firearms possession for those under 21 years of age.

Research shows that individuals aged 18 to 20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of those over the age of 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individuals under the age of 21 will help make Hawai'i safer from potential gun violence.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify; we urge you to support SB2845 SD2.



March 15, 2024

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs:

Chair David A. Tarnas

Rep. Linda Ichiyama

Vice Chair Gregg Takayama

Rep. Greggor Ilagan

Rep. Luke A. Evslin

Rep. Sam Satoru Kong

Rep. Sonny Ganaden

Rep. Tyson K. Miyake

Rep. Daniel Holt

Rep. Kanani Souza

Re: SB2845 SD2 Relating to Firearms

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs:

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 28 member programs statewide, I respectfully submit testimony in **support of SB2845 SD2. 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 SD2 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.⁴ 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

⁴ Everytown analysis using FBI Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) and US Census American Community Survey data 2016–2020.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:22:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gena Whitten	Moms Demand Action	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Gun Violence is becoming more and more of a problem in the islands. Keeping ammunition out of the hands of immature individuals is a good move toward keeping us all safe. It is especially important in keeping our keiki safe at school. Please Pass this Bill.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:36:56 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Gibson	Indivisible Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT

Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 is a common sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence. Please support **SB2845, SD2**.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 1:08:19 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janie Bryan	Mom's Demand Action for Gun Sense in America-Hawaii Chapter	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Thank you for reading my testimony in SUPPORT of SB 2845 regarding selling ammunition to a person under the age of 21 or a person under 21 owning, possessing or being in control of ammunition. Given the recent increase in gun violence in Hawaii involving teens or young adults, it is common sense to support this bill. The ages of 18 to 21 are still developmental in regard to maturity, brain growth and emotional control, previously proven in numerous research studies and brain studies (easily found in a Google search if you are interested in specifics). Largely anyone over the age of 18 is considered an adult in our culture, but in reality there is still a ways to go in most at his age to fully exhibit adult decisions and behaviors. Think back to your own or your friend's and classmate's decision making during this age period, or your children at this age, then consider today's world and think long and hard as you consider this bill. I do hope you will see your way to VOTE YES and add another layer of protection in keeping our state safe from more loss of life and tranquility in our communities.

Aloha, Janie Bryan

Resident of Hawaii since 1988 and 96816 area since 2003



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

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama 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. In further alignment with laws governing firearms, the amended version of SB 2845 now contains an exception ensuring that individuals under 21 who are legally able to possess a firearm in certain circumstances - while lawfully hunting or target shooting - can also access ammunition.

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,

Krystal LoPilato, Senior Policy Counsel
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¹ Everytown analysis using FBI Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) and US Census American Community Survey data 2016–2020.

Kala Ebbe Testimony
SB 2845
March 14, 2024

Aloha kākou,

My name is Kala Ebbe. As a concerned citizen and strong supporter of Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action’s mission to end gun violence in Hawai‘i and America, I stand in favor of passing SB 2845; to raise the age for ammunition purchases to 21.

“Hawai‘i state law restricts anyone under 21 years old from purchasing firearms,” “but state law does not restrict the purchase, ownership, or possession of ammunition by persons under the age of twenty-one.” “Research shows that 18-20-year-olds commit gun homicides at triple the rate of adults 21 years and older” (Everytown analysis using FBI Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) and US Census American Community Survey data 2016-2020; The Senate, Thirty-Second Legislature, 2024, State of Hawai‘i; S.B. No 2845 S.D. 2 - A Bill For An Act Related to Firearms).

SB 2845 will ensure the age limit for ammunition purchase matches our firearms law. Restricting easy access to ammunition for people under 21, by voting YES on SB 2845, can help save lives.

Mahalo nui loa for your efforts to serve and protect our community.
Kala Ebbe

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2024 6:18:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen L Worthington	Moms Demand Action	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

3/14/2024

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Hearing date 3/15/2023 at 2pm

For SB2845 SD2 Relating to Firearms

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB2845 SD2

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee members,

I am writing to urge you to pass SB2845 SD2 to protect Hawai'i families by ensuring that Hawai'i has clear laws and requirements relating to the sale, purchase, and possession of ammunition and restricts the sale and possession of ammunition to people over the age of 21. Hawai'i law already requires a person to be 21 to buy a firearm; requiring a person to be 21 to buy ammunition provides consistency and makes sense.

I speak as a parent of a teen and young adult, a member of Moms Demand Action, and the daughter of an Army combat veteran who was a firearms coach and competitor. I believe that owning a firearm and ammunition are responsibilities and privileges that should be reserved for people age 21 and older. Research into human development shows us that human brains are not fully developed until the mid-20s. Impulse control and the ability to think through a series of consequences from one's actions are some of the last skills that our brains master as they develop. This developmental trajectory is one of the reasons that young people can't legally purchase alcohol until they are 21 and usually can't rent a car until they are 25. This also shows up in research showing that young people ages 18-21 are four times more likely to commit homicide than those over 21 years old. Restricting young people's access to ammunition creates one more barrier to acting on impulse.

I ask that the legislature pass SB2845 SD2 to require a person to be 21 to buy or purchase ammunition and to prevent the sale of ammunition to those under age 21.

Sincerely,

Karen Worthington, Kula, Hawai'i, 96790



ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:
SB2845, RELATING TO FIREARMS.

BEFORE THE:
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & Hawaiian Affairs

DATE: Friday, March 15th, 2024 **TIME:** 2:pm **LOCATION:** Conference Room 325

Chair Tarnas and committee members

I write to you today on behalf of myself, Hawaii Firearms Coalition, and its members in strong opposition to Senate Bill 2845, which seeks to impose a statewide ban on the sale of ammunition to individuals under the age of 21. While the intention behind this bill is understandable, given the growing concerns over gun violence and public safety, I argue that this legislative measure is not only redundant but also potentially counterproductive to our shared goal of creating a safer society.

It is crucial to recognize that federal law already addresses the sale of ammunition based on age restrictions. Specifically, federal regulations prohibit the sale of handgun ammunition to persons under the age of 21 and impose restrictions on the sale of rifle and shotgun ammunition to those under the age of 18. These regulations are designed to balance the need to protect public safety while also respecting the rights of individuals and the complexities of federal-state jurisdictions.

The proposed bill, SB 2845, would overlay additional state-level restrictions that are out of step with these carefully considered federal guidelines. By extending the prohibition to all types of ammunition for those under 21, the bill risks infringing on the rights of young adults who are legally entitled to engage in hunting, sport shooting, and other lawful activities that require access to rifle and shotgun ammunition. It's important to note that these activities not only form a part of our cultural heritage but also contribute to our economy and the conservation efforts funded by the responsible use of firearms.

Furthermore, imposing a blanket age restriction fails to address the root causes of gun violence and may inadvertently penalize law-abiding young adults rather than focusing on the individuals who pose a real threat to public safety. Effective gun violence prevention requires a nuanced approach that includes improving background check systems, enhancing mental health services, and promoting safe storage practices, rather than broad, sweeping bans that affect responsible citizens.

In conclusion, while I share the concerns of those who advocate for measures to reduce gun violence, I believe that SB 2845 is not the right approach. It duplicates existing federal regulations without providing additional safety benefits and infringes on the rights of responsible, law-abiding young adults in our state. I urge the committee to consider these points carefully and to oppose the passage of SB 2845. Instead, let us work together to find more effective, targeted solutions that address the complex factors contributing to gun violence, respecting both the rights of our citizens and the need for public safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Andrew Namiki Roberts
Director Hawaii Firearms Coalition.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2024 7:50:53 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris Marvin	Everytown Veteran Advisory Council	Support	In Person

Comments:

Members of the committee, I am providing testimony in favor of this measure.

The leading killer of children and teens in the US is now guns. Banning access to ammunition until age 21 will save lives.

Prohibitions based on age are common. Alcohol, tobacco, driving, voting, military service, and serving in political office all restrict people who are not mature enough to handle the responsibility. Make no mistake, guns and ammunition require the highest level of responsibility. Through my military service, I was taught that training, safety, and accountability are paramount within any functioning gun culture.

Opponents will tell you that this will impede on the ability for youth to learn proper gun safety protocols. They will say that this impedes ability to hunt. However, amendments to address these issues have already been made. Any argument of this sort is baseless.

This issue is about suicide. Period. Two thirds of all gun deaths in the US are suicides. Teens are especially vulnerable to suicidal tendencies. In fact, guns are now the leading killer of children and teens because of easy access to firearms that leads to suicide and accidental shootings. If 18-20 year olds can purchase ammunition and are able to access a firearm, their risk of suicide increases dramatically.

Tobacco products are dangerous because they kill a person over a lifetime, and are therefore restricted until age 21. Guns kill people TODAY. Restrict access to ammunition until age 21 and save lives in Hawai'i.

with Aloha,

Chris Marvin
Nu'uano

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 2:05:31 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Klayton Kubo	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Oppose

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 2:45:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen T Hazam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please OPPOSE SB2845 SD2

There is nothing in the bill stating why persons under 21 should not have ammunition. What are the public safety issues? What are the costs and benefits of such legislation? What problem are they trying to fix? We need data and facts. This is so poorly written, it does not meet the minimum requirements of any proposed legislation.

Please OPPOSE SB2845 SD2

Please OPPOSE SB2845 SD2

Respectfully,

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 2:54:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I OPPOSE.

Instead of the promise of making things simple, now you add in that ALL ID"s must be checked for everyone. Which means if a grandpa wants to try to shoot my gun, I have to check his ID, even though he is well above the age of 21.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 3:17:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

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 black market dealer, they do not go to a legal store to stock up.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 3:01:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is a bad bill. Now you must check everyones ID, even if they look old like grandparents age before letting them shoot your gun. And if you fail to do so, it's a firearms misdemeanor and you lose your gun rights in Hawaii for 20 years.

This is yet another law designed to trap a law abiding gun owner to slip up and take their guns away.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 4:03:12 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 is a common sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence. Please support **SB2845, SD2**

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 4:10:33 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

"Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 is a common sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence. Please support **SB2845, SD2.**"

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 4:13:44 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brendan Ajolo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose bill

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 4:20:46 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Babcock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 is a common sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence. Please support **SB2845, SD2.**

To: Hawaii State House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Hearing Date/Time: Friday, March 15, 2024, 2:00pm

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, CR 325 & Videoconference

Re: Judith Ann Armstrong supports SB2845 SD2 relating to Firearms

Dear Chair Rep. David A. Tarnas, Vice Chair Rep. Gregg Takayama, and members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

I, Judith Ann Armstrong, support SB2845 SD2 relating to Firearms.

This bill establishes a long-needed barrier to individuals under the age of 21 from getting access to ammunition.

Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 it is a commonsense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB2845 SD2.

Sincerely,

Judith Ann Armstrong

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 4:26:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy Taylor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SB2845, SD2. We must keep weapons out of the hands of minors.

Thank you for your consideration of my strong support of SB2845, SD2

Aloha.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 5:10:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. There is no current issue with citizens under 21 owning / possessing ammunition. This is a waste of time and does nothing to reduce crime.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 6:19:31 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB2845, a bill aimed at amending Chapter 134 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes relating to firearms. While I acknowledge the importance of promoting gun safety and reducing incidents of gun violence, I believe that this bill introduces unnecessary restrictions and penalties that infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

First and foremost, the proposed prohibition on the sale of ammunition to individuals under the age of twenty-one is overly restrictive and fails to adequately address the underlying issues related to gun violence. While it is crucial to prevent minors from accessing firearms and ammunition, this bill overlooks the fact that responsible firearm ownership and training can begin at an early age under appropriate supervision and guidance. Blanket prohibitions without consideration for exceptions such as supervised hunting or target shooting activities undermine the principles of responsible gun ownership and may discourage youth participation in legitimate shooting sports.

Furthermore, the requirement for sellers to check government-issued photographic identification of buyers or recipients to establish age before transferring ammunition imposes an undue burden on both sellers and buyers. This requirement adds unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles to the lawful purchase of ammunition and may deter law-abiding citizens from exercising their Second Amendment rights. Additionally, the proposed penalty of a misdemeanor for violating the prohibition on selling ammunition to individuals under the age of twenty-one is disproportionate and could have severe consequences for individuals who inadvertently fail to comply with the strict requirements outlined in the bill.

Moreover, the proposed amendments to Section 134-7 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes introduce further restrictions on the ownership, possession, or control of

ammunition, particularly for individuals under the age of twenty-one. These additional restrictions not only infringe upon the rights of young adults but also fail to address the root causes of gun violence in our communities. Instead of enacting punitive measures, I urge the committee to focus on comprehensive approaches that address mental health, community outreach, and education on responsible firearm ownership.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge the committee to reject SB2845 in its current form and to consider alternative solutions that balance the need for public safety with the protection of individual rights. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Kevin Katayama

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 7:40:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erica Yamauchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill to keep our keiki and communities safe.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 7:40:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joan White	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

"Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 is a common sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence. I urge you to keep Hawaii safer by ensuring ammunition is kept from individuals under the age of 21. Please support **SB2845, SD2.**"

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 7:42:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tai Horen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb2845 as a person growing up in the islands and shooting from a young age through 4h youth programs and on Kamehameha high school small bore rifle team. As a father of two young children and an avid hunter I only see this as a bill that will stop the future of firearm and hunting safety and education not only for my children but also for our next generation of Keiki please reconsider this bill thanks you.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 8:46:02 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael A. Cobb Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The state law should not be changed to limit persons under the age of 21 to buy, have, or use firearm ammunition. Parents are responsible to teach their children about firearms and the ammunition alone is only a component of a firearm. This proposal will limit individuals who may need to use firearms and are under age from using a critical self-defense tool. Why are we making laws that go against the U.S. Constitution? Ammunition is personal property and as individuals we have the right to be secure in our property. You are restricting the youth from being able to exercise their God given rights that are only enumerated in the Constitution.

What would happen to a young person that needed to defend their home from an intruder? Do they become a law breaker because they choose to defend themselves and their family? This law will do that. Our young people are not fools, they will remember what you do, do not limit their rights by passing this unnecessary law. Why can't young people between the ages of 18 and 21 inherit of control personal property that they would be entitled to in other states and federal law? U.S. citizens reach the age of majority at 18 and are considered adults for all other rights and responsibilities why are firearms any different.

S.B. 2845 also revises the already excessively strict firearms laws and makes them even more restrictive. Is an individual who is being prosecuted for a crime guilty even before trial?

The criminal aggressor will not care about these laws, these individuals are the obvious issue not regular citizens. Do not pass this bill.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 9:47:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I writing to say that I strongly oppose SB 2845. This bill infringes on the Second Amendment rights of people under the age of 21 and a misdemeanor charge for not checking someone's government issued photo ID is ridiculous. People ages 18 and over can do things such as enter into contracts and join the military so they should be allowed to own ammunition and firearms too. Once someone reaches the age of 18 they are legally considered an adult and should be able to exercise all of their rights including their Second Amendment rights. This bill and other laws that prohibit people under the age of 21 from owning firearms and ammunition infringes on the rights of people under the age of 21. Finally, I will give two examples regarding how misdemeanor charges for not checking someone's government issued photo ID before selling or transferring them ammunition is ridiculous. I am over the age of 21 so therefore it would be impossible for my parents to be younger than I am. Giving ammunition to my parents in any way without checking their ID would be a misdemeanor even if it is impossible for my parents to be under the age of 21 when I am older than 21. Another example would be if someone under the age of 21 is helping me move things around my home and I hand them a container containing ammunition and tell them to move it across the room. That would potentially be two misdemeanors (transfer of ammunition to a person under the age of 21 and not checking their ID first). According to this bill these two scenarios would constitute a sale or transfer of ammunition and thus I would have committed a misdemeanor for not checking an ID. Making situations like those listed above illegal will not help solve or prevent crime. I'm sure there are many other examples of how this bill makes no sense and would do nothing to prevent crime; for these and many other reasons that would turn this testimony into a dissertation I strongly oppose SB 2845.

Sincerely,

Jordan Au

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 10:09:34 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gaye Chan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Scientific research makes it abundantly clear that 18-20 year olds commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership, or control of ammunition to those under 21 is a common-sense approach to making Hawai'i safer from gun violence.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 4:57:30 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
The Rev. Prof. GREGORY JOHNSON	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There is no place whatsoever for assault weapons at any age in Hawaii.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 6:48:39 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert I Nehmad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a resident of the City & County of Honolulu and support this Bill.

"Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 is a common sense approach to making Hawai'i safer from gun violence.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 7:39:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol Stams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2845,SD2

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 8:05:52 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Opposed.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 8:18:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Morgan B LaRue	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To keep our Hawaii families as safe as can be in this country that allows citizens to own firearms, please vote YES on SB2845 to prohibit the sale of firearms to anyone under the age of twenty-one and to prohibit a person under the age of twenty-one from owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition! I very much support this bill and hope you do, too. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 8:26:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill to prohibit a person from selling ammunition to a person under the age of twenty-one, and to prohibit persons under the age of twenty-one from owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition. This bill makes complete sense, as persons under age twenty-one are already prohibited from owning firearms. Given the number of suicides and senseless violence inflicted by young people with access to firearms, we hope this will be one of many measures that can help reduce injuries and deaths due to firearms in our community.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Ellen Carson, Honolulu, Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:04:50 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Prohibit ammo and guns to those under 21.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:09:54 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nandita Sharma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this Bill because I am concerned that Hawaii is becoming a more dangerous place for people as the legislature is making it easier and easier for people to obtain and use guns. Enough!

This bill is based on solid research, which shows that individuals aged 18-20 kill people with guns at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership, or control of ammunition to individuals under the age of 21 is a common-sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:11:57 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert A Marks	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair and members: please pass this measure and reinstate the all important assault weapon ban. It'll get sorted out in conference, and I hope the recalcitrant senator will change her mind. This is an important bill that raises important issues after the US Supreme Court's folly in Bruen. Please protect Hawaii's people from assault weapons.

Robert Marks

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:23:32 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pua Auyong-White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My testimony in support of SB2845 SD2

Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 is a common sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence. Please support **SB2845, SD2.**"

Mahalo for your consideration!

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:27:33 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

If let someone try your gun at the range, you have to check their ID, a bit ridiculous.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:29:56 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Judith White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please keep Hawaii one of the swfetest states in the country. Support this measure!

Judith C. White, Psy.D.

Kapaa

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:38:26 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Lord	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takanama and honored members of the committee,

It's common knowledge that young humans have not developed impulse control and logically thinking until they are older. Additionally, since the pandemic, our youth have reported mental health issues at an alarming level.

The profit and market for under 21 ammunition sales is very small - imperceptible gain to our GDP.

At the same time, the safety of our schools and other public places is cherished and an indicator of community health. Our Ohana deserve to wake up knowing you did what you could to protect them from mass shootings.

The economic consequence of every shooting is enormous, and for the living victims include lifelong disability, medical debt and bankruptcy. For those who witness a mass shooting often suffer from depression, stress disorder and guilt.

My husband and I support this bill for the good of our island home and our children. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:41:46 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Age is no measure of an individual's responsibility relating to firearms or ammunition. Young people can be safe and responsible (we enlist them in the military, and trust them with small arms and heavy weapons) while untrained adults aren't necessarily any more responsible than young people, pre se. Go after criminals and criminal actions rather than harassing honest citizens, young or old.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:44:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tia pearson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

A juvenile isn't usually held accountability for their actions in the same way as an adult and shouldn't be allowed the same freedoms.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:46:21 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it will effect the younger generations by depriving them of the ability to learn proper fundamentals and discipline with firearms, it will also not allow them to learn self sustaining skills. This bill is unconstitutional. Please do not pass this bill.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:48:27 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Unless this bill raises the age of voting, driving, and joining the military to 21 as well I can never support it. Adulthood means being an adult. If you treat your citizens like children you should not be surprised when they act like children.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:53:47 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Koehler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of bill SB 2845. As a mom and a physician, I urge the legislation to pass this bill designed to help protect the people of Hawaii from gun violence. As a medical student at LA county-USC hospital, I saw first hand the devastation that gun violence can have on children and teenagers. As a mom, I've watched in horror as events like the school shooting in Uvalde have continued to happen.

The brain is still developing in most people before the age of 21 and key areas like judgement and executive functioning are not fully developed until early or even late twenties. Having an age restriction of at least 21 on ammunition sales is crucial to help prevent teenagers from making a life altering mistake.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:54:54 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Betsy Scolnik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

DO NOT ALLOW AMMUNITION TO BE IN THE HANDS OF MINORS!! STOP ASSAULT WEAPONS. SHAME ON YOU IF YOU DO NOT

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 10:20:58 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shay Chan Hodges	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support gun safety in Hawaii. Please pass this bill.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 10:54:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tanya Gabriel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Chairpeople and honorable members of the committees,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB2485 which prohibits a person from selling ammunition to a person under the age of twenty-one and prohibits a person under the age of twenty-one from owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition. This is an important step towards making our communities safe from firearms.

As a mental health therapist, I understand brain development and how important it is to keep deadly weapons and ammunition from being sold to and possessed by individuals that have yet to form their frontal lobe which is responsible for logic, understanding long term consequences, and impulse control. Let's keep our underdeveloped community members from being able to access ammunition and keep them from possessing firearms until they are closer to being fully developed in the logic and reasoning centers of their brains.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony on this bill, and thank you for your commitment to addressing the safety needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Tanya Noelle Gabriel, LMCH NCC

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 11:07:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashley de Coligny	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong supprt of SB 2845. Please continue to keep our communities safe with common-sense gun safety laws, and keep ammunition out of the hands of minors. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 11:07:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia Hoffman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

"Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 is a common sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence. Please support **SB2845, SD2.**"

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 11:20:20 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Quentin Kealoha	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845.

This bill will violate current state and federal laws related to ammunition, resulting in thousands, if not millions of dollars in legal fees for the state when law abiding citizens sue the government.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 11:28:35 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mimi Beams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

"Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 is a common sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence. Please support **SB2845, SD2.**"

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 11:42:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephanie Hall Morin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I urge you all to support this bill. Scientific proof shows that the human brain is not fully developed until age 25 (females) and 30 (males). The impulsive part of the brain is the last to develop. Therefore, it is imperative to restrict ammunition and gun sales to those under 21. We need to help deter violence against oneself and others, not to mention the emotional toll on families affected. Mahalo, for making the obvious choice to support this bill.

Stephanie Hall-Morin

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 12:05:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dorothy S Billingsley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

"Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 is a common sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence. Please support **SB2845, SD2.**"

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 1:01:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alyce Dodge	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Gun control is a no-brainer and supported by most voters. This bill is a small step in the right direction, and I wish more strict gun legislation passed. I have noticed an uptick in the numbers of gun violence incidents in Hawaii, ever since our laws were overturned by SCOTUS. We used to have sensible gun laws which kept everyone safer.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 1:02:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for hearing this measure. I support this measure to keep Hawaii safe from gun violence. A person must be 21 years old to buy or carry a firearm but there is no current restriction on purchase or possession of ammunition. This bill corrects that deficiency and keeps ammunition out of the hands of minors with specific exceptions in controlled situations.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 1:12:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Arlene Twomey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support prohibiting persons under the age of 21 from purchasing or possessing ammunition (with exceptions such as hunting, target shooting, and members of the military or law enforcement).

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 1:14:07 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lois Langham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. Most mass shootings and many other shootings in the news are committed by people under 21 who have tended to act before considering the consequences of their abrupt action. It should not be easy for them to access guns and ammunition. We are the Aloha state. May we act with aloha and spread ALOHA culture.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 1:16:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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: 3/13/2024 1:27:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marya Grambs	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill corrects a deficiency in the current law and keeps ammunition out of the hands of minors, with certain exceptions.

SB-2845-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2024 2:46:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dawn Morais Webster Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our children are dying from gun homicides--leading cause of death for children in the US. Let's not add to that grotesque fact by making it easier for teenagers to become the purveyors of that gun violence.

Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 is a common sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence. Please support **SB2845, SD2.**"

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 2:58:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Nihipali	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB 2845 is a common sense bill that will limit anybody under the age of 21 from purchasing, owning or possessing amunition. This bill is a "no-brainer" and makes sense for the safety of everybody.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michele Nihipali

54-074 A Kam Hwy.

Hauula, HI 96717

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 3:19:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elisabeth Browning	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2845.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 3:34:58 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I **oppose** this Bill and I urge all committee members to **VOTE NO**.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 3:37:29 PM

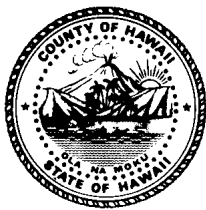
Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
nicole tergeoglou	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SB2845

Jennifer Kagiwada
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HAWAI‘I COUNTY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 2

25 Aupuni Street • Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720

DATE: March 13, 2024
TO: House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
FROM: Jennifer Kagiwada, Council Member
Council District 2
SUBJECT: SB 2845 SD2

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and members of the Committee,

I am writing to you in **strong support of SB 2845** which prohibits persons under the age of 21 from purchasing or possessing ammunition.

In Hawai‘i an individual must be 21 years old to buy or carry a firearm but there is no current restriction on purchase or possession of ammunition. This bill corrects that deficiency and keeps ammunition out of the hands of minors.

Please help keep our youth safe and our laws consistent and pass this common-sense legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of SB 2845**.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenn Kagiwada'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jenn Kagiwada

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 3:56:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jay Henderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

A person must be 21 years old to buy or carry a firearm but there is no current restriction on purchase or possession of ammunition. This bill corrects that deficiency and keeps ammunition out of the hands of minors with specific exceptions in controlled situations.

Thank you, Jay Henderson

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 3:59:20 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martha Nakajima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support restricting sale of ammunition to persons over age 21. Thanks. Martha Nakajima
Honolulu

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 4:13:23 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jay Franzone	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Jay; I live in downtown Honolulu after living on Kauai for some time. I'm writing because I support SB 2845, as you know, this bill creates an age limit for ammunition that matches our firearms law. Restricting easy access to ammunition for people under 21 can help save lives if someone under 21 is able to illegally obtain a gun.

I used to be a teacher, I worked with teenagers and I know the types of decisions they make all too well. These decisions are often filled with impulse, making it harder for teens to get easy access to bullets will be the difference between life and death.

Thank you for your time,

Jay

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 4:14:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samuel M. Aquino Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 5:15:36 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Idaho has open carry laws. They have a lower crime rate than we do.

Stop the communism bullshit.

Don't you folks study history and realize all of the governments that disarmed their citizens?

I'm beginning to question your actual motivates and people are questioning your priorities.

Stop coming after the law abiding citizens and go fix public parks. Our children can't play without being at risk of being exposed to chronics and homeless mutants.

What about the public school system? You have created the dumbest state in the US. Your leadership is a direct reflection of the reality of what it is like living here.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 5:17:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynne Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is a no brainer. Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 iis a common sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence. Please support **SB2845, SD2.**"

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 5:20:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I, Michael Moylan, oppose Bill SB2845.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 5:20:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Fisher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of SB2845 and restricting gun use in any capacity especially amongst those under age 21.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 5:21:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hattie Gerrish	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass SB2845.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 5:24:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
April Handog	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 5:24:39 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

If this is to effect all of Hawaii, put it on the ballot and let the people vote. Unlike the mainland states, a lot of local families rely on hunting as a way of living. Children start hunting at a young age so they can take over the Kapuna's no longer can hunt.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 5:26:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robin D. Ganitano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Unconstitutional and infringing on We the People of Hawaii's 2nd Amendment rights.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 5:43:50 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaiulani Bowers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill because We the people are able to serve in the armed forces at 18 so we should be able to purchase ammunition at 18

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 5:53:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 6:14:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To Whom I May Concern,

I strongly oppose this and any other legislation that seeks to further restrict and prohibit firearm ownership, acquisition, sale and transfer, including firearm components, parts, accessories, ammunition, and magazine capacity.

This bill will do absolutely nothing to stop violent criminal acts but rather prohibit those who are law abiding citizens of this State. It is already against the law to commit a crime using a firearm and there are severe penalties for doing so. Yet criminals continue to commit crimes regardless. Although many of this State's elected officials, including the State Supreme Court have the opinion that We the People, should not have a right to keep and bare arms for self defense, We the People, do have this right and to restrict this right is a violation of the Constitution as well as the Oath of Office that our elected officials swore.

By restricting law abiding citizens and hindering our right to keep and bare firearms and accesories that are in standard and widespread use will only enable those with no regard for the rule of law and give them the upper hand.

Those who willfully try to violate the Constitution are treasonous and tyrannical individuals and should be held accountable when laws they create cause irreparable harm to the citizens of this State.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 6:31:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 6:57:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANDREW ISODA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

[SB2845](#), which prohibits a person from selling ammunition to a person under the age of twenty-one and prohibits a person under the age of twenty-one from owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition.

This is a sensible gun law.

Please support it and vote in support.

Mahalo,

Andrew Isoda
Lahaina, Mau'i

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 7:25:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lesha Mathes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Since a person can join the military at 18 years of age this bill is ridiculous. Government trying to overstep their bounds again. So no to this bill!

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 7:49:16 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE,OPPOSE,OPPOSE

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 7:50:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samuel Webb	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, because teaching your teenage kids how to safely handle a firearm will become illegal..

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 8:21:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This is another clear violation of the 2nd amendment. Not only that, but you want to allow 14 year olds to alter their genders, but you won't let them have access to ammunition. How hypocritical. Vote no on this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 8:58:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rexann Dubiel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please, please pass this bill.

We need to be safe in Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:06:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a common sense law that should be passed, We want to guns and shells away from youth prohibits a person from selling ammunition to a person under the age of twenty-one and prohibits a person under the age of twenty-one from owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition. please pass this bill.

Mahalo,

Tlaloc Tokuda

Kailua Kona, HI 9670

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:20:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lori Kizer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please restrict the purchase or possession of ammunition for anyone under 21. Keep ammunition out of the hands of minors. Mahalo.

Lori Kizer, Kapaa, Kauai.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:34:31 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Caroline Kunitake and I support SB2845 SD2.

It breaks my heart to watch more gun violence here in Hawaii and across the nation. We need to take a stand on guns. If there are less guns in our society, less people will be accidentally or intentionally killed by guns. Other countries do not struggle with such high levels of gun violence. We need to change our mindset and prioritize public safety by decreasing opportunities for violence.

SB 2845 SD2 prohibits persons under the age of 21 from purchasing or possessing ammunition (with exceptions such as hunting, target shooting, and members of the military or law enforcement).

A person must be 21 years old to buy or carry a firearm but there is no current restriction on purchase or possession of ammunition. This bill corrects that deficiency and keeps ammunition out of the hands of minors with specific exceptions in controlled situations.

Please support SB2845 SD2. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:44:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to ask you to please oppose SB2845. This bill is not something that prevents crime but actually causes law abiding people to become criminals accidentally. I would be a criminal for not simply checking the ID of my own father if I took him to the range to shoot and let him fire my firearm. I would also be a criminal for not checking my sons ID if I let him fire my firearm at a range or while hunting. I know both my sons age and my fathers age but this bill specifically requires me to inspect an ID before providing ammunition to someone. I have trained young men that I knew that were 17, 18 and 19 years old how to shoot properly and safely and went on to become expert marksman for the United States Marine Core, Army and Navy. 3 men who are now military snipers that learned how to first shoot from a friend at a public range would be causing me to be criminal for what I did then. I'd argue that firearm training is a huge aspect to teaching a safer society and leading to less firearm accidents and respect for the tools we use. Do I need to check a birth certificate to take my nephew hunting or to a public range and to hand them a magazine loaded with ammunition? I have also trained men who are in the Hawaii state National Guard of how to shoot and handle a handgun safely. I do not pay for the ammunition that I have used when training these men. They would go to gun store and buy ammunition to use with my firearms while I was with them at a public range and I showed them proper handling techniques and how to shoot safely. The United States government does not train certain national guard members how to handle handguns and these young men took it upon themselves to educate themselves on how to handle these firearms safely. It took people like myself to train them and it is definitely something that benefits their safety and all of our alike. A person using ammunition requires a firearm in order to use the ammunition. Firearms are regulated and not something anyone can use legally. If someone is going to use a firearm in a crime then possession of this firearm without registration and by an underage user would be a crime and something that has already surpassed the limits that laws prevent. This bill cannot stop someone from committing a crime and would not prevent illegal, underage people from firing a firearm if they are set upon breaking the laws. I argue that this law will only harm law abiding hunters, fathers, firearm instructors, uncles and aunties who want to share safe firearm handling practices with family and friends. This law is unnecessary and is absurd. You ask all men to sign up for selective services upon reaching the age of 18 yet you will not sell them ammunition? You would send a young man to war and not let them train with the tools necessary to save their lives and others around them? I heard Karl Rhoades say that this is equal to making age limits for legal marijuana. That absolutely horrendous comparison is unacceptable and he should be ashamed for his disgusting comparison. Marijuana has harmed more people around me than firearm and I have seen the worst in combat. This bill is absurd and should be shut down before

the Supreme Court is forced to do so as it is unconstitutional. This bill will lose the state millions of tax dollars in legal battles and will not prevent a single crime. Please vote NO on SB 2845

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:45:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon DS	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 9:53:08 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 10:11:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Benel Piros	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to creating more restrictions to law abiding citizens that won't stop criminals from committing crimes. It will further hurt ONLY law abiding citizens.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 10:13:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ulrich Stams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support

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Dr Ulrich K Stams

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 10:58:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jill Yoshicedo, DVM	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill to help prevent gun violence within Hawaii's youth population. This sensible bill would align ammunition sales with current Hawaii law restricting gun ownership to individuals under the age of 21. This and similar regulations to promote responsible and safe gun ownership by responsible individuals will help protect all our children from the recurring tragedies of mass shootings plaguing our country. We need to take action to keep Hawaii a safe place for our keiki. Please pass SB2845.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 11:10:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lionel Delos Santos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha legislater i strongly opposed this bill becasue its unconstitution and will not stop crimmnals form getting ammo.

thank you

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 11:23:29 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Catherine Lau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe that in our state, a person must be 21 years old to buy or carry a firearm. It would stand to reason that someone under 21 should not be able to purchase or possess ammunition. This regulation makes sense and may save lives.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2024 11:47:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kimo galon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I strongly oppose this bill. We as gun owners have to abide by the states strict gunlaws. Already stating that anyone under the age of 21 may not acquire pistols. This is repetitive and is common sense. This law cannot be enforced by HPD and the same goes for CCW holders and “sensitive places”. HPD has so much on their plate that these laws turn into a nuisance for them.

If we have the right to bear arms then we shall have the right to bear ammunition. Our soldiers handle firearms and ammunition at the age of 18. It makes no sense.

Law and order should be applied to those who commit crimes. Not those who abide by the laws of the land. You as the legislative body need to follow the constitution and abide by our four fathers wishes.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 4:29:37 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nadine Ferraro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB2845! No citizen needs assault weapons especially in our Hawaiian islands of aloha.

Respectively,

Resident since 1973

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 5:02:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james wallace	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose SB2845. An 18 year old is an adult. If a 14yr old is old enough to decide to get abortion without parental consent, then 20yr old should be able to buy ammo. That is another overreach government action.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 5:04:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Damien Carroll	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill it go's against the second amendment

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 5:36:39 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joe Ferraro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. Most crimes, using a firearm are committed by males under the age of 25. Hawaii has been one of the safest places to live because of our strict gun laws. Please pass this bill into law to protect our citizens and peace in our community. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 7:04:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

morning,

my name Sean J DeMello and i am opposing this bill because it violates our second amendment rights and is aimed at criminalizing law abiding citizens.

thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 7:37:15 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

strongly oppose

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 8:04:54 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thaddea H Pitts	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The constitution does not give an age limit on the 2 nd amendment. The voting age for federal elections is 18. This seems to be an insult to those who can vote but not able to own ammunition. This appears contradictory. The process to using and owning a firearm in Hawaii already has strict regulations. ie Hunter safety mandatory classes, gun registration etc. There is no need to extend more regulations. Overregulations seems to hurt rather help the great people of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 8:18:34 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha House Commitee,

I am submitting testimoy to oppose SB2845 SD2. This Bill is unconstitutional, and inevitably punishes law abing citizens. I would encourage you to pursue bills that address the actual root of the problems; mostly man made by failures of the criminal justice system. Punishing innocent, law abiding citizens, and limiting the tools available for them to defend themselves is NOT the answer. Please do not allow this bad bill to pass.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 8:27:29 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 8:31:15 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose this bill, if you're able to sign up for the military at 18 and learn how to use guns and ammunition there, you as a civilian should be able to purchase ammunition at 18 also.
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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 8:57:28 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please stop this nonsense. I am just an old retired guy trying to teach young boys AND girls how to shoot firearms. I really don't understand how is this "law" is supposed to prevent crime. It seems like just a way to harass parents from teaching their kids how to shoot for fun or competition or historic appreciation. Personally I have done all of these things and it IS an important knowledge to pass on. If you forget the past, we are doomed to make the same mistakes all over again. I study history and history absolutely DOES REPEAT itself.

EDUCATE....DON'T LEGISLATE!

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 9:03:16 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Nelson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please, please pass this bill. Have we not seen how dangerous these firearms can be. Let us protect our children especially. Thank you.

Liz Nelson

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 9:07:26 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rachel Savereux	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully submit testimony in support of SB2845 SD1.

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. 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. 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.

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.

Rachel Savereux, LCSW

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 9:37:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
steven lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB2845 SD2.

It imposes unworkable restrictions on ammunition that infringe on the civil liberties of persons under the age of 21.

For example:

A 20 year old competitive shooter testing 3 different lots of ammunition at a shooting range to determine which lot of ammunition to use for an important upcoming shooting match.

SB2845 SD2 allows this person to have ammunition in possession while target shooting and while travelling to and from target shooting. However, SB2845 SD2 makes it illegal for this individual to retain possession of the ammunition once he reaches his home.

To comply with the ill-conceived and short-sighted restrictions of SB2845 SD2, should this individual discard his unused ammunition on the street in front of his home to comply with this bill's ill-conceived and unworkable restrictions?

SB2845 SD2 infringes on civil liberties recognized by the United States Constitution.

SB2845 SD2 punishes innocent, law-abiding citizens and restricts their freedom.

I OPPOSE SB2845 SD2.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 10:00:29 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
davin asato	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to ask for your opposition of SB2845 SD2. While the language has changed to allow those that are 16 years of age, the State's Hunter's Education program is set to a age of 15. Students attend these programs with their parents or guardians to obtain a hunting license and are certified by the State DLNR to be able to handle firearms and ammunition. Being that this is an acceptable age to be present at the locations of safety classes and shooting facilities, this bill removes the right of the 2nd Amendment from a person now under the age of 15. Families enjoy such sporting activities such as shooting together, allowing for children to be taught firearms safety in controlled environments and such removing the curiosity of a firearm by teaching them the right and safe way of handling firearms and ammunition and a respect for it and a respect for life itself.

Thank you for your time, please oppose SB2845 SD2.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 10:12:16 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators,

I oppose this bill. You now require an id to obtain ammunition regardless of age? Transfer of ammo? This is unacceptable. Enforce what is in place.

Mahalo for your time,

Scott

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 10:16:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Phillip Andrews	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2845 as it discriminates against young adults from lawfully exercising their Constitutional Second Amendment Rights.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 10:17:08 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deb Nehmad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

A person must be 21 years old to buy or carry a firearm but there is no current restriction on purchase or possession of ammunition. This bill corrects that deficiency and keeps ammunition out of the hands of minors with specific exceptions in controlled situations.

Please support this common sense bill.

Deb Nehmad

Chapter Lead, Brady Hawaii

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 10:25:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elias Kona	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 10:26:28 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB2845. How are my kids going to be able to hunt, and acquire needed food to survive? By passing SB2845, it is not going to make Hawaii a safer place. What needs to be done is more mental behavioral help, and find out how those not legally able to acquire a firearms getting it.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 10:43:56 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Allegra Giacchino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs,

Please join me in support of SB2845. While existing law prohibits the ownership of firearms by persons under 21, state law does not restrict the purchase, ownership, or possession of ammunition of persons under 21. SB2845 corrects this inconsistency and ensures our common sense gun laws are in alignment with one another.

As an MSW who provided mental health treatment to adolescents for years, I saw the vulnerabilities resulting from the still-developing prefrontal cortex of the brain. Heightened emotion sensitivity and risk-taking behavior, struggles with decision-making, difficulty anticipating consequences and controlling impulses, simply don't mix well with guns and ammunition.

Sadly, even in Hawaii the threat of gun violence is real. Just this week, I received notification from the Department of Education that someone at my son's high school, Kalani, wrote on the bathroom wall that they are "going to shoot up the school."

Please pass SB2845. It ensures our laws are compatible and can help save lives.

Sincerely,

Allegra Giacchino

Honolulu, 96816

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 11:22:18 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANDREA DEMELLO	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Andrea DeMello. I am a tax paying resident of Hawaii and I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 11:45:56 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeanine Acopan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed!\n

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 11:49:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill because, to me, it's common sense. It promotes gun safety and responsibility by only allowing adults to handle ammunition and trust them to store it correctly. And it would prevent the rising trend of children shooting and maiming accidentally because they would not have access to the one thing that makes a gun dangerous. Furthermore, it would penalize reckless and irresponsible gun shops from supplying those not deserving of a dangerous weapon a chance to use it. I also support the amendments from the Senate Draft that allow exceptions for hunting and school sports. Gun violence is rising in America, even here on the islands. We have to do something to ensure the safety of our community and Keiki, and I believe this is a good step in the right direction to do that.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 11:52:59 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is a violation of our constitutional rights

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 11:54:26 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Arinaga Li	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Current Hawaii law requires a person to be 21 years of age to purchase alcohol or a firearm, but there is no such requirement for the purchase of ammunition. This bill will “close the loop” by raising the minimum age for purchase of ammunition to 21, to match existing gun regulations. Limiting access to ammunition could save lives in cases where individuals under 21 have obtained illegal firearms.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 12:10:07 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Holcomb	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE this measure because it's an unnecessary burden that hassles legitimate owners and won't affect crime in the slightest

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 12:11:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ERIC HIYOTO	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose **SB2845 SD2** that will negative effect the youth programs that are designed to educate youth on firearms and hunting safety. And it will adversely affect these national youth programs that promote the safe use of firearms and safety. Education is the key to preventing accidents and tragedies.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 12:19:23 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christine Weger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass Senate Bill 2845 which will restrict the sale of firearm ammunition to those under age 21.

If as policy matter, the Legislature has already determined that under 21's should be unable to buy or possess a firearm, there is no justification for allowing them to purchase ammunition. Such purchases would only serve the purpose of encouraging the illegal possession and use of firearms.

In a real sense, this bill is only the correction of an oversight in existing law. It should pass without question.

Mahalo,

Christine Weger

Diehl & Weger Attorneys at Law, ALC

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 12:27:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Howell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose SB2845 . This will further restrict law abiding adults of there 2A rights .

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 1:16:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cassidy KOHOUT	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a hunter and a target shooter, and I take people shooting with regularity. I must oppose this bill as I've read it several times and still do not understand how I'd be affected when I take guests to the shooting range.

It would be extremely bizarre, if not downright silly, to be required to check identification documents of somebody before being legally allowed to give them ammunition at a shooting range, if I'd be with them the entire time anyways, or if I've known them for 20 years.

Further, how would this bill be enforceable if "they were going target shooting" is the only defense required after being accused of giving ammunition to somebody under 21 years of age?

What does it mean to be "actively engaged" in target shooting? If a 20-year-old has leftover ammunition in a box after target shooting, what then? Are they "actively engaged" if they go shooting every week, or month?

I fear this bill could mean a lot or a little depending on interpretation, and I'd rather not live under the threat of ambiguous law that could be enforced arbitrarily.

Please write and pass clearer bills.

Thank you,

-Cassidy Kohout, Kihei

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 1:22:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

oppose. This restriction is pointless

spend your time and energy on something that matters. This does not

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 1:40:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tamara Moan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 is a common sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence. Please support **SB2845, SD2.**

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 1:57:46 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane Gallagher Felix	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators Tarnas and Takayama and Members of the Committee,

My husband and I strongly urge you to pass SB 2845, which prohibits the sale of ammunition and purchasing, owning or possessing it to a person under the age of 21. In our opinion, this bill is necessary to close loopholes in our laws that could save lives.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Jane Gallagher Felix, APRN and David Felix

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 2:13:32 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Banning the sale and possession of ammunition to individuals under 21 in Hawaii is unjustified and counterproductive. Such a restriction unfairly penalizes law-abiding young adults who may responsibly exercise their Second Amendment rights. Furthermore, it overlooks the reality that many individuals under 21 engage in activities such as hunting or sport shooting, where access to ammunition is essential.

Moreover, Hawaii's proposed ban fails to address the complexities of gun violence in the state. Instead of focusing solely on restricting access to ammunition based on age, efforts should be directed towards comprehensive solutions that address mental health support, community interventions, and responsible firearm education.

Imposing blanket restrictions on ammunition sales based on age alone not only undermines the rights of young adults but also fails to effectively address the underlying issues contributing to gun violence in Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 2:48:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2845 because if a person 18yrs old can hunt and carry ammunition they should be allowed to purchase their own ammunition this is just an over reach. Why is this even being considered.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 2:54:32 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kaipo ballungay	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

I am opposed to this bill as it infringes on the rights of an adult. In America 18 years old ideems the right to vote ans go to prison and enlist. Thus this bill is contrary to the military practice of fielding 18yr olds i to combat. This infringes on the constitution. Please stop this bill from going through.

Mahalo

registered voter and citizen

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 3:25:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JOVENCIO B LUGA	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I'm kindly asking to oppose this bill. I feel that if we are allowing citizens who are younger than 21 years old to join the military to fight and risk their lives then we shouldn't deprive them the right to buy an ammunitions.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 4:52:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vanessa Ruderman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to hear my testimony in favor of **SB 2845**.

Raising the age to purchase ammunition to 21 to prevent minors from easily getting their hand on guns has been shown to make schools safer. Minors do not need the ability to purchase ammunition. I support a bill that prohibits a person from selling ammunition to a person under the age of twenty-one and prohibits a person under the age of twenty-one from owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition.

The Violence Project interviewed perpetrators of school shootings, and showed that perpetrators possess some of these commonalities: a history of childhood trauma, an identifiable crisis point, a script to follow, someone to blame and an opportunity. We need to limit these opportunities and critical access points so that minors cannot obtain ammunition. If they need ammunition, then an adult would need to be responsible for them.

In closing, I want to thank you for your time and I urge you to pass **SB 2845** so that we can uphold the values historically set for Hawai'i.

Mahalo,

Vanessa Ruderman

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 5:05:22 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We are considered adults at 18 not 21. Many people move out of their homes at 18. We need to quit thinking changing the age will make criminals stop doing harm. Your fight should be with criminals not law abiding citizens.

also what you gonna tell the high school rifle teams? The kids learning to hunt? They need to learn to survive!

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 5:16:33 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doris Segal Matsunaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a grandmother of young children, the wife and mother of hunters, and a Neighbor Island resident, my family and I support SB 2845 SD2. Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 commit gun homicides at three times the rate of adults over 20. Restricting the sale, ownership or control of ammunition to individual under the age of 21 is a common sense approach to making Hawaii safer from gun violence. Please support **SB2845, SD2.**

Doris Segal Matsunaga, Waimea, Hawai'i Island

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 5:32:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
adam ruderman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We don't need more people having more ammo, do we? If so, why? Can't anyone under 21 hunt with someone over 21 if they really want to hunt?

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Submitted on: 3/14/2024 5:32:52 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 2342, which aims to prohibit individuals from carrying a firearm during a misdemeanor offense, thereby escalating the offense to a felony. While I understand the intention behind this bill, I firmly believe that it poses significant risks and challenges that outweigh any potential benefits.

First and foremost, this bill would disproportionately impact law-abiding citizens who may inadvertently find themselves in violation of misdemeanor offenses while lawfully carrying a firearm. The potential consequences of a minor infraction escalating to a felony charge simply due to the presence of a firearm are severe and unjust. Such a harsh penalty fails to consider the circumstances surrounding the offense and undermines the principle of proportionality in our justice system.

Furthermore, the language of the bill is overly broad and ambiguous, particularly regarding what constitutes a "misdemeanor offense." This lack of clarity leaves room for misinterpretation and abuse, potentially leading to arbitrary enforcement and unnecessary criminalization of innocent individuals.

Moreover, HB 2342 fails to address the root causes of gun-related offenses and does little to enhance public safety. Instead of focusing on punitive measures that target law-abiding citizens, our efforts should be directed towards implementing comprehensive solutions that address underlying socioeconomic factors, mental health issues, and access to illegal firearms.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider HB 2342 and explore alternative approaches that prioritize fairness, clarity, and effectiveness in addressing firearm-related offenses. It is essential to uphold the rights of responsible gun owners while simultaneously promoting public safety and preventing unnecessary criminalization.

Thank you for considering my concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Wayne Asam

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Submitted on: 3/15/2024 1:15:23 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2024 12:46:38 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Todd Yukutake	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845 as it violates a person's 2A and falls under age discrimination.

No other right listed in the Constitution is limited once a person reaches 18 years of age. And most rights are mainly intact for those under 18. For example freedom of speech and religion, due process, search and seizure, and all the others.

This bill is unnecessary and I urge you to oppose.

Todd Yukutake

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Submitted on: 3/15/2024 1:14:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Weissman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2845, SD2, as assault weapons have no place in our community and are plain and simply weapons of war.

Mahalo for your time,

Paul Weissman

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Submitted on: 3/15/2024 2:38:43 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Kidd	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure, we have to have reasonable and common sense gun laws in this state and begin using reason and logic when it comes to firearms versus a blanket 2A anything goes approach. No more un-needed gun violence in this state