

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2110

Honolulu, Hawaii

JAN 31 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2346
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2346 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Law Enforcement to hold a voluntary firearm buyback program in each county in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and one individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from twenty individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Firearms Coalition and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has seen a significant increase in incidents of gun violence, a trend that until recently was primarily confined to the continental United States. Your Committee additionally finds that the overwhelming success of a recent gun buyback event on Oahu by the Department of Law Enforcement illustrated the demand of the public to get guns off of the State's streets, with a total of four hundred ninety-four firearms being turned in, including sawed-off shotguns, a MAC-10,



an Uzi, pistols with silencers, and multiple assault weapons, such as AK-47 and AR-15 type rifles. This measure will expand the buyback program to remove guns from every county in the State.

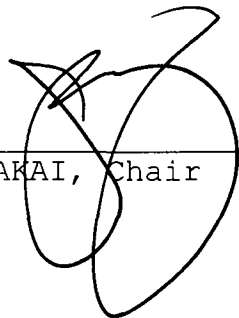
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language that would have required the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules in accordance with chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to implement the Firearm Buyback Program;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2042, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committee notes that the Senate Draft 1 of this measure contains an unspecified appropriation amount. Should your Committee of Ways and Means choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it considers inserting an appropriation amount of \$825,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2346, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2346, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety and
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,




GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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SB2346	PSM, WAM	01/26/2024		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	3	0	1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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