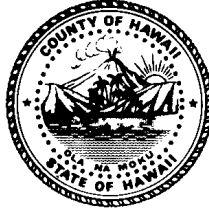


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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

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February 12, 2024

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Honorable Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

RE: **Support of SB 2845**

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

As the representative of Council District 1 at the Hawai'i County Council, I thank you for the opportunity to submit **testimony in SUPPORT of SB 2845**, relating to ammunition.

As a concerned citizen deeply invested in the safety and well-being of our communities, I strongly believe that enacting such legislation is essential in promoting responsible gun ownership and safeguarding the well-being of our youth. Just as we recognize the importance of age restrictions for firearm ownership, it is equally imperative to extend these protections to the purchase and possession of ammunition. By enacting measures to restrict access to ammunition for individuals under twenty-one, we can help prevent senseless loss of life.

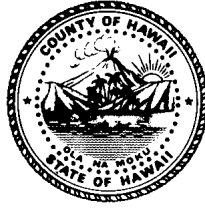
I urge this committee to move SB 2845 through the legislative process. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. If you would like to discuss my knowledge of this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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HEATHER L. KIMBALL

Jennifer Kagiwada
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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 2

25 Aupuni Street • Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

DATE: February 13, 2023

TO: Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FROM: Jennifer Kagiwada, Council Member
Council District 2

SUBJECT: SB 2845

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, 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 3196**.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenn Kagiwada'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jenn Kagiwada

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February 14, 2024

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety and
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Wakai and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2845, Relating to Firearms

I am Carlene Lau, Acting Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

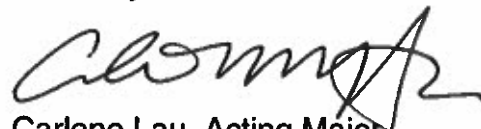
The HPD appreciates the intent of Senate Bill No. 2845, Relating to Firearms and shares the following comments and concerns.

The proposed amendments prohibiting individuals under the age of 21 from possessing or controlling ammunition conflicts with existing Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Section 134-5, Possession by licensed hunters and minors; target shooting; game hunting. The current law allows licensed hunters and minors (age 16 and older or under the age of 16 while accompanied by an adult) to carry firearms and suitable ammunition for hunting or target shooting.

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Committee on Public Safety and
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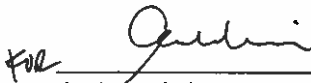
We thank you for the consideration of our concerns regarding Senate Bill
No. 2845, Relating to Firearms, and the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Carlene Lau, Acting Major
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:



For

Arthur J. Logan
Chief of Police

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:50:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin J. Cole	Testifying for NRA	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 2845. This is a direct violation of existing laws for people 18-20. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now. It would also totally stop young people from hunting or enjoying sports shooting. I you are old enough to trusted with the vote, you are old enough to be trusted with ammunition.

Kevin J. Cole, Mililaini (Col USAF Ret)

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:34:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa H. Gibson	Testifying for Indivisible Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT

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.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:46:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jerry Yuen	Testifying for Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 2845 due to the negative effect that it will have on youth programs that are designed to educate youth on firearms and hunting safety. This bill will undermine the nationally recognized JROTC, 4-H, Civilian Marksmanship Program, and Collegiate level Shooting Sports programs. These programs promote the safe use of firearms and stress the intrinsic value of firearms as tools of the hunter, farmer, public safety officers, wildlife managers, sportsmen, and members of the armed services.

Education is the key to preventing accidents and tragedies. Workplace safety is already mandated by the State and Federal Government. There should be mandatory K-12 safety education program that includes fire, water, food, electricity, household chemicals, diseases, mental health, and firearms.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:17:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deborah Nehmad	Testifying for Brady Campaign to End Gun Violence	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:



Testimony of Deb Nehmad, Chapter Lead, Brady Hawaii

Before the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

SUPPORT FOR SB 2845

February 14, 2023

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

In furtherance of Brady’s goal to reduce firearm violence across Hawaii, the Hawaii Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence is proud to offer its strong endorsement of HB2854.

For decades, Hawaii leaders have prioritized the safety and well-being of the people of Hawaii by enacting and implementing proactive, research-informed policy solutions that prevent gun violence, save lives, and spare entire communities from loss, trauma and cycles of violence. However, the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is disturbing:

--Every year, 34 people in Hawaii die by firearm suicide.

--Every year, 15 people in Hawaii are victims of firearm homicide.

--On average, 55 people in Hawaii are killed by gun violence each year and an average of 30 of those deaths occur in Honolulu County.

--Every 7 days, someone in Hawaii is shot and killed.

It's clear that work remains to be done. Limiting the access of individuals under 21 to ammunition is a commonsense approach to making Hawaii's keiki and the rest of us safer.

Brady strongly supports HB2854 and urges this Committee to pass this bill without delay.

Sincerely,

Deb Nehmad

Chapter Lead, Brady Hawaii

The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:52:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Layne Hazama	Testifying for HRA	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose



Submitted via web portal

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

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and Honorable Members of the Committee:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Sarah Sumadi, Associate Regional Director of State Government Affairs
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¹ Everytown analysis using FBI Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) and US Census American Community Survey data 2016–2020.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:16:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Cabreira	Testifying for Instructor - NRA and USCCA	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this bill.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

11250 WAPLES MILL ROAD

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030



NRA

February 13, 2024

The Honorable Glenn Wakai
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Wakai:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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Daniel Reid
Managing Director
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SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:20:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rachel Logan	Testifying for Moms Demand Action - Hawai'i Chapter	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha,

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. SB 2845 creates an age limit for ammunition that matches our firearms law. 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. This is gun legislation that makes sense and can make a real difference in saving lives—the lives of victims and the lives of kids that are making rash decisions with severe consequences they can't come back from. Please make our laws match by supporting SB 2845 and raising the age for ammunition sales to 21.

Mahalo,

Rachel Logan

Moms Demand Action Hawai'i

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:21:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Testifying for Hawaii Firearms Coalition	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am writing today on behalf of myself and Hawaii Firearms Coalition to strongly oppose the SB2845 which aims to ban the ownership or possession of ammunition in Hawaii by individuals under the age of 21. As a law-abiding citizen, a responsible gun owner, and an advocate for the preservation of constitutional rights, I believe this legislation would unfairly restrict the Second Amendment rights of young adults in our state.

It is important to recognize that Hawaii allows persons under the age of 21 to participate in hunting activities. For these individuals, access to ammunition is not only essential but also legally necessary for their participation in lawful hunting practices. Denying them the ability to purchase or possess ammunition would effectively impede their ability to engage in a traditional and culturally significant activity.

Moreover, there are practical considerations to take into account. Young hunters who are under 21 may need to purchase ammunition while traveling or when borrowing a firearm from a family member or friend for hunting purposes. Restricting their access to ammunition would create unnecessary barriers and complications for these individuals, hindering their ability to fully participate in legal and responsible hunting activities.

Furthermore, firearms education and training play a crucial role in ensuring safe and responsible gun ownership. By limiting access to ammunition for individuals under 21, we risk depriving them of the opportunity to receive proper training and practice necessary for safe firearm use during hunting and other lawful activities.

It is essential to address concerns about public safety and prevent gun violence, but this should not come at the expense of infringing upon the rights of law-abiding citizens. Instead of targeting responsible young adults, we should focus on implementing evidence-based solutions that address the root causes of gun violence and promote responsible firearm ownership through education and outreach programs.

The bill mentioned, strict restrictions in other states, but it bears the mind Hawaii is the only state that bans complete ownership of firearms by those under 21. In nearly every other circumstance, a person can purchase or receive as a gift, a firearm. And in most states, the ban on purchasing ammunition is not a total ban, but targeted to specific ammo types.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider this proposed legislation and uphold the constitutional rights of young adults in Hawaii. Let us work together to find solutions that balance public safety with the preservation of individual liberties and cultural traditions.

Thank you for considering my testimony

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/9/2024 7:28:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I would like to vote to oppose sb2845 because it falls under the 2nd amendment and this regulation not 'consistent with the Nation's historic tradition of firearm regulation. Thank you

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/9/2024 7:39:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tony frascarelli	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is another example of legislative overreach. And what about the impact of this bill on members of the military under age 21 who own firearms and want to go target shooting. What are they supposed to do?

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:47:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose, infringement on the 2nd amendment

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:44:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 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 is also the problem that now this bill makes activities that are and will continue to be lawful illegal due to a technicality. A minor can no longer hunt or do target practice while under adult supervision because of this law.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:08:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Age has nothing to do with how responsible an individual is in relation to firearms use. Many young people in the military are under 21 and are trained in proper firearms use, and denying them the right to buy and use firearms and ammunition is an insult to their integrity and service. Figure out how to deny criminals access to firearms, ammunition and other weapons without burdening honest citizens of all ages. (Weapons are much more difficult to access in jail.)

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:44:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Woody Child	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2845.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:48:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Yvonne Alvarado Oppose Bill SB2845

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:53:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Willy Colt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Lawmakers,

Gun deaths in Hawaii are at 2.5 deaths for every 100,000 residents. This figure is already one of the lowest in the nation.

Gun laws in Hawaii are very strict as they are. The proof is in the low numbers. No new firearm laws are needed. More laws to restrict lawful citizens, especially those aged 18-20, doesn't make sense. It would just make it more difficult for buyers and sellers of firearms and firearm related products such as amunition. HPD would be further taxed by enforcing more laws.

It would not make it harder for the bad guys. Criminals do not follow the law.

Moreover, lawful gun owners do not break laws. Hawaii gun laws are strict enough already without new regulation.

Sincerely,

Willy Colt

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:20:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jerry Ilo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly Oppose. The legal age to hunt is 10 years old. This bill wipes out all youth Hunting!
How are we to teach our young people firearms safety/handling, hunting and marksmanship?
Our entry level Military personel are mostly below 21 as well. This is a bad bill!

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:59:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Legrande	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2845. Thank you, Linda Legrande

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:24:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a law-abiding U.S. citizen and resident of the State of Hawaii, I believe there are adequate federal and state laws to effectively deal with the unlawful possession and use of firearms by any perpetrator.

I support legislation that mandates a consistent, swift and appropriate penalty for any illegal possession or use of a firearm.

I do not support any effort or legislation that infringes upon the right of law-abiding citizens and vote accordingly.

Mahalo

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:40:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Estella Berg	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill to enhance public safety.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:38:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
C. Kai Lucas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, PSM Committee Members

SB2845 deserves your support. Too many mass shootings have been perpetrated by individuals under the age of 21 who have gotten access to ammunition. This is low hanging fruit. We can do this.

Mahalo,

Kai Lucas

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:53:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB2845 merits your support. It establishes a long needed t barrier to individuals under the age of 21 of getting access to ammunition

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:56:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Young people should not be allowed to purchase ammunition for semi-automatic rifles. Please let this State not fall victim to the type of mass shootings the mainland has endured. Common sense requires sound legislation.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my I STRONG support of SB2845.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:26:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jonas Curry	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is grossly unconstitutional. 18 year olds are full legal adults and should be granted the same rights as a 21 year old. This bill is grossly discriminatory.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:32:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Virginia Edmunds	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2845 merits your support. It establishes a long needed barrier to individuals under the age of 21 of getting access to ammunition.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

Virginia Edmunds

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:59:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Valerie Y O Kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB3196.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:35:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 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, Hawaii

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:00:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to share why I oppose SB2845. This bill would greatly affect all young law abiding citizens who simply wish to legally participate in training at a firing range with a responsible adult. This will take away the opportunity to simply take my son to go shoot in order to teach him to hunt and to provide for himself. I also know of other organizations that might be negatively affected by this sort of bill. The Kids Safe Firearms training course teaches kids of the basic principles to ensure safety regarding firearms. They sell a ticket for the classes and in the second class children, while with their parents or guardians are taught how to safely use a .22 caliber firearm in a safe range setting. This course has had an amazing impact across the nation and is a non profit organization that aims to curb gun violence and to instill values of respect and knowledge of the reality of firearms. This organization would potentially be breaking a law by selling a ticket to the class and then providing ammunition to the children who are using it in a firearm at the range. This is taught by a NRA certified master firearms instructor and is the safest way possible to introduce safety knowledge to the youth. This same idea is taught from uncles, aunties and family friends who allow young adults to learn how to safely operate a firearm while at a range. This bill would make that all illegal. That is a sad abuse of power and law. The 18 year old who wants to shoot a firearm before joining the army, like the more than 10 individuals I have taken personally to the range to shoot for their first time would have been illegal if that was law then. I have personally trained three 18 - 20 year old men how to properly shoot a rifle at the public range, and all 3 went on to join the army and qualify as marksmen and go into an career that defends this very right. Just simply handing the ammo to the person under 21 would be against the law as that is transferring of ammunition. Selling it should be allowed if you are not wanting to pay for them to learn. As a responsible firearms owner it is my duty to be aware of who handles my firearms at a range and at all times. If I feel they are responsible and able to shoot at the range then I should be allowed to help inspire education and respect of responsible firearm handling to the next generation.

This bill is absurd and should not be allowed to be passed. Such a sad day for America if this is passed along with all the other disgraceful bills aiming to take away our second amendment right. My ancestors have 3 men who fought in the Battle at Kings Mountain in the revolutionary war. They were all hunters and respected individuals who were not a danger to anyone until their freedom was abused and they were threatened in their homes. Of the 3 men that fought was my great x6 grandfather Moses Cavitt, who died in that battle. Alongside him were two of his seven sons, Moses Cavitt II and his 15 year old son, Patric Cavitt. I imagine Patric Cavitt who's dad was killed in battle while fighting for freedom from an overburdening government would roll in

his grave and laugh at you all who say he doesn't deserve to have the right to shoot a firearm despite him defending his countrymen at the age of 15 in one of the most pivotal battles in the worlds history. These men defeated some of the most brutal and trained fighters the world had ever seen, the German hessian mercenaries, and this pivotal battle lead to the defeat of the English in the revolutionary war. Know your history folks, or you will be damned to repeat it. We need young men and woman to respect and have knowledge of firearms. You say you respect our military, our police and yet you lack the ability to realize where those people come from. They are our next generation, they are those who are under 21 today and would be completley ignorant, and blatantly forced to have zero knowledge of firearm handling and respect besides what is shown through rediculous portrayals on tv and video games. I'd argue my beliefs will lead to a safer America and yours will cause a more violent and dangerous country with most unable to defend themselves.

I oppose SB2845 thank you for taking the time to actually read this if you do and please feel free to call me for further insight regarding this bill or SB3196 or any other bills on the table regarding firearms. If you want to actually help then you should be willing to listen to those who actually use the tools and are caring about safety and helping prevent problems with firearm use. We care far more than those proposing bills like this and we are the ones actually working to prevent a dangerous nation. Please be willing to work with those you swear to serve and stop the abusive bills that are aimed to harass us all each year.

feel free to contact me via phone: (808)298-3508

A Concerned Citizen,

Chase Cavitt

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 3:51:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leah McRae	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Support for SB2845 Relating to Firearms

As voter in Senate District 14 and House District 32, I strongly support SB2845 Relating to Firearms which will prevent the sale of ammunition to anyone under the age of 21, as well as prohibit anyone under the age of 21 from owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition.

This makes sense given that HRS §134-2 requires applicants to be 21 years old prior to obtaining a permit to purchase or own a firearm.

Research shows states that have passed strong gun safety laws have fewer people die by gun violence. Let's keep Hawai'i in the top 5 **safest** states in terms of death by firearms cases by passing SB2845. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Public Safety & Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday February 14, 2024, 3:00pm

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, CR 225 & Videoconference

Re: Judith Ann Armstrong supports SB2845 relating to Firearms

Dear Chair Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, and members of the Committee on Public Safety & Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Judith Ann Armstrong

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:59:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB2845. SB2845 prohibits persons under age 21 from purchasing or possessing ammunition. Currently, a person must be 21 year old to buy or carry a firearm but there is no restriction on purchasing or possessing ammunition. Please pass this measure and keep Hawaii safe from gun violence.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:16:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Bohlen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this bill to control assault weapons!

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:33:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill limiting the ability of persons under 21 to purchase ammunition for firearms. Most shootings and mass shootings that have occurred in the past have been committed by young people. They are more prone to be impulsive and less experienced with the consequences of their actions.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:47:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please support SB2845 which closes a loophole that should have been in the original bill. This will keep everyone safer.

Mahalo,

Elisabeth Sherman

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:16:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patti Cook	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly in support. Please expedite passage. Patti Cook - Waimea, Island of Hawai'i

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:34:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it appears that it does not take into consideration that people under the age of 21 hunt with firearms and ammunition. This bill would prohibit people under 21 from participating in such activities.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:41:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Uchida	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am a law enforcement officer with 17 years of experience here in Hawaii. I am opposing this bill for two main reasons:

1. The right to own firearms is a constitutionally protected right. No other constitutional right is denied to someone over 18 but under 21. Imagine if the freedom of speech or the right against unwarranted search of someone's property didn't apply till they hit 21. Because of this possible constitutional violation I would decline to enforce this law because of an oath to uphold the constitution.
2. I have seen no data that suggests preventing 18,19, and 20 year olds from buying ammunition would have any impact on crime whatsoever.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:17:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I **oppose** this Bill.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:29:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kabel gebeke	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill SB2845

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:20:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

so you can be in the military, yet not possess ammunition

got it...

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:44:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill we need to educate the next generation on safe ways to handle and use firearms. Just like sex education they teach the same needs to be applied to firearms, people will be less likely to use them improperly or know what to do if they come across them. Young people also will not be able to hunt if this bill goes to effect, people under 21 can not buy firearms or ammunition already! It Will make it harder for them to enjoy these kind of activity.

Michael W. Sawamoto
PO Box 60382
Ewa Beach HI 96706

Testimony in Opposition to SB2845

I oppose this bill in its entirety.

I urge the Committee to vote "No" on SB2845.

Respectfully yours

Michael W. Sawamoto

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:45:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

With the Bruen decision, we are seeing laws like this for firearm ownership being challenged. So this would be next. At 18, a person can join the military and die for our country, but yet they have no 2nd amendment right. This is wrong.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:55:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
STANLEY RUIDAS	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill SB2845

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:01:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable Chair and members of the PSM committee,

I am strongly opposed to SB2845.

The best way to protect the people from firearms risks is to teach Firearms Safety. This action will prohibit that.

And, how will you address the men and women in uniform who are not 21?

Respectfully,

Eric Ako DVM

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:08:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill. Thank you

Martha Nakajima

Honolulu

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:12:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please support this bill.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:35:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not believe in this bill. Why do we have two different ages of adulthood? 3 years apart? It makes no sense to allow someone to enroll in the military, train with weapons, and fight/die for our country at 18; But we can't allow them to drink alcohol, buy tobacco, and purchase/own ammunition?

When you become 18, you are a legal adult. But you don't get to Fully be an adult... until you're 21.

Either change the legal adult age to a more appropriate age, (which would be a lot harder); or allow people who are 18 to do things people at 21 can do.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:50:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I fully support SB2845.

As a veteran I understand the need to control access to ammunition to those under 21. A parent or guardian can make ammunition available during supervised activities.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:53:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Breon Michel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I fully 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.

We must protect our families and keiki!

Mahalo,

Breon Michel

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:16:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen Canham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senators: Please support SB2845. If we restrict alcohol sales to those over 21 years of age, why on earth would we allow under-21s to purchase potentially lethal ammunition (and firearms themselves, for that matter)? Credible neuroscience research tells us that the prefrontal cortex of the human brain, which governs thoughts, actions, and emotions, is still developing up to age 25--and we're considering allowing an 18 year-old to purchase live ammunition? What could possibly go wrong here?

Support of Bill 2845 should be a no-brainer for you.

Respectfull yours,

Stephen Canham, PhD

Kaneohe, HI

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:31:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cecil E. Haverty	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I can't entirely agree with SB 2845. I do agree with the ability to purchase ammunition but to restrict the handling of the ammunition while being trained by experienced and adult gun enthusiasts. I wonder if the individual submitting the bill has ever fired a gun at the only available gun range at Kokohead Sports Range.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:55:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:02:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please pass this bill to keep those under 21 from purchasing ammunition. Mahalo.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:14:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jonagustine Lim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a clear violation of the constitution and would eliminate youth shooting and hunting programs. Please listen to your constituents who you are supposed to represent and not to your special interest groups and kill this bill.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:21:23 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kealakai Hammond	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Legislative Assembly,

I am urging you to support the proposed bill that seeks to prohibit the sale of ammunition to individuals under the age of 21 and restrict those under 21 from owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition. This vital measure represents a significant step forward in our collective efforts to reduce gun violence and protect the safety and well-being of our communities, particularly our youth.

The statistics speak volumes about the effectiveness of restricting access to both firearms and ammunition among young adults. Research consistently shows that individuals under the age of 21 are at a higher risk of engaging in impulsive behaviors, including acts of violence involving firearms. By implementing comprehensive measures such as prohibiting the sale of ammunition and restricting ownership, possession, and control of ammunition, we can effectively mitigate this risk and prevent tragic incidents from occurring.

Furthermore, studies have demonstrated a clear link between access to firearms and ammunition among young adults and the prevalence of gun-related injuries and deaths. Restricting access to both firearms and ammunition has been shown to significantly reduce the likelihood of firearm-related incidents, saving countless lives in the process.

As a licensed mental health counselor, I have seen firsthand the devastating impact of gun violence on individuals, families, and communities. By enacting legislation that prohibits the sale of ammunition to those under 21 and restricts their ability to possess ammunition, we are taking proactive steps to address the root causes of gun violence and protect the safety and well-being of our youth.

In conclusion, I urge each of you to support this crucial bill and prioritize the safety of our communities by restricting access to ammunition among young adults. Together, we can create a safer and more secure future for all residents of our state.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Mahalo,

Kealakai Hammond, LMHC, PMH-C

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:21:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly support SB2845 because so many of the mass shooting incidents are committed by disturbed teenagers. I see it as a definite step in the right direction.

Mahalo for your attention, Mary True, Pepeekeo, 96783

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:23:59 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anne Leake	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill SB2845 merits your support. It establishes a long needed t barrier to individuals under the age of 21 of getting access to ammunition

Mahalo for your consideration.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:30:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

in full support. there is no reason why someone under the age of 21 should be able to purchase ammunition.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:36:43 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please pass this important legislation that will help keep Hawaii one the safest states on the country.

Judith C. White, Psy. D.

Kapaa

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:12:23 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB2845. Anyone under 21 can get a hunting license but cannot possess, buy have ammo to hunt with? Please think prior to making new laws. Lets have the laws that we have now enforced?

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:29:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. You want 18-20 year olds to be shipped out for war but can't buy ammo to protect their family at home. Stop infringing on our Second Amendment rights.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:37:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:39:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:41:36 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
George Pace	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NOOOO!!!

It's absolutely no business of any government agency or agent how a sovereign citizen exercises their rights. NONE! GO AWAY!

I know most of you are dictators at heart and want to control every single thing every single person does... you know, like keep six feet away from one another even though there's zero scientific evidence that could possibly make any difference. Just like "masks".

BUTT OUT!

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:28:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zachary M.T. Montizor	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

As an Indigenous Hawaiian/ U.S. Citizen and a U.S. Navy Veteran, I strongly oppose this amendment as it infringes on the rights of the constitution of the United States and those law-abiding citizens who have the right to bear arms. Responsible owners of weapons and ammunition do not need further government oversight and any new laws created to protect us.

This amendment would only make criminals of those who do not deserve to be treated as such.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:31:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Opposed

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:32:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gordon Fowler	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have to very strongly oppose this measure..

Our citizens of the ages 18-20 are full adults under the law. As such they are held responsible for their actions. They may serve in the military, work, vote, pay taxes, and go to prison for their indiscretions. They should be afforded all the priviliges of adulthood as well.

This is clearly discriminatory, and will do nothing to curb crime as it is presented.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:34:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 2845. This is a direct violation of existing laws for people 18-20. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now. It would also totally stop young people from hunting or enjoying sports shooting. I you are old enough to trusted with the vote, you are old enough to be trusted with ammunition.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:40:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. This attempts to address a non-existent problem. This bill only hinders younger citizens from participating in the shooting sports - you are infringing on the next generation from enjoying their freedom.

Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Brandon Elefante

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 CR225
SB2845 – Sale of Ammunition

TESTIMONY
Judith Mills Wong

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee Members:

I write in support of SB2845

The bill prohibits the sale of ammunition to minors as well as the possession or control of ammunition by a minor.

The use of firearms is a serious and deadly business. The United States have seen far too many terrible events involving young people killing or harming themselves or others with firearms. It is sensible to restrict the use of firearms to adults. A reasonable method of doing so is to restrict the sale and possession of ammunition from minors.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:56:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose any legislation that limits a law abiding citizens constitutional rights this is an overreach please stop work on Criminals not the law abiding

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:02:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Randy Douglas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

If an 18 year old is old enough to be drafted into the Armed Forces he is considered to be and adult by the Federal Government. SB 2845 infringes on an 18 year old's right to hunt for food, etc.

Thanks

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:09:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 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.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:17:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
evan obrs	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 2845. This is a direct violation of existing laws for people 18-20. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now. It would also totally stop young people from hunting or enjoying sports shooting. I you are old enough to trusted with the vote, you are old enough to be trusted with ammunition.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:31:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Friedman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2845 merits your support. It establishes a long needed barrier to individuals under the age of 21 of getting access to ammunition

Mahalo for your consideration.

Laura Friedman

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:32:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators:

I live in the district of Senator Glenn Wakai and I respectfully oppose SB2845. Once this bill is in place, responsible and law-abiding young people like my son and daughter will have no means to protect and defend themselves. This bill also infringes upon protecting their 2nd amendment rights to keep and bear arms.

If as a nation, we allow our young men and women to serve in the military at the age of 18, and allow them to smoke at the age of 18, why are we putting these restrictions for people under 21 years of age?

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Kristine

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:46:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Don Clark	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

How can we ask our young citizens to volunteer into the military but won't let them buy ammo under the age of 21. This is poor treatment of our younger citizens. What's the difference from restricting our kupuna from driving and this bill?

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:47:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alexander Allen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

I oppose any restrictions against the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution.

We must always to be able to defend ourselves from enemies abroad and a possible tyrannical government.

Citizens must have weapons and accessories that are equal to or greater than the capabilities and capacities of the US and any state government.

Don't forget how and why America was formed. We could not have done it as an unarmed or ill equipped citizenry.

Freedom for the people.

Freedom will prevail.

“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:48:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
arte mccollough	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:53:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tolotea Allen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Talofa

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Freedom for the people.

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“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:59:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

~~If one can fight for our country @ 18 and vote, then their constitutional right as a adult citizen gives he or she the right to vote. There are 18 year old's that are smarter and have more common sense than 40 year old's. Are we not part of the United States of America, where states give 18 year old's the right to own firearms.?~~

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:09:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Randy Cheung	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. HRS134-5 has provisions that allow a minor 16 years and older, or with adult supervision, 16 years and younger, to participate in hunting with a firearm as well as target shooting. This bill is not in line with current hawaii laws.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:10:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Galen J. Pao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha members of Hawaii State Legislature.

My name is Galen J. Pao and I am testfying that I oppose SB2845.

If our nation allows 18 year olds to serve in the military and train, handle, and employ firearms and associated ammunition, then SB2845 makes no sense. There is no logic that can be applied where a person's conduct whether in the military or as a civilian will affect the ability to conduct him or herself in a responsible manner.

SB2845 should not move forward in legislation unless the age restriction is changed to 18 years, the same standard as the military.

Thank You.

Galen J. Pao

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

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly **OPPOSE** SB2845. The first lines of the bill start with how Hawaii has the 3rd fewest gun deaths nationwide and how we have some of the strictest gun laws, then goes on to state that we *don't* have minum age requirements on ammunition purchases and tries to justify it by listing a bunch of states with *worse* gun crime than Hawaii... how is that supposed to make sense? Why are these laws targeting law-abiding citizens instead of law-breaking criminals and the judges who are soft on them? Everyone I have spoken to is fed up with the judicial system failing to protect us, and they feel our politicians are ignoring us. Please, look into *real* solutions to our problems instead of trying to turn Hawaii into another state where the criminals have more rights than the citizens.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:25:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chad Lau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:31:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Here we go again! I am strongly OPPOSED to this bill. You are trampling on the rights and privileges of law-abiding citizens in a misguided attempt to reduce gun violence. Typically, you want to punish the innocent for crimes and firearm "accidents" committed by either stupid or mentally-challenged people, no matter what their age. This measure restricts the familiarization and teaching of basic safety, proper use, and general firearms knowledge to our young people. Proper education is the key to many problems concerning firearms, which are everywhere, and not likely to go away anytime soon. The earlier that a young person is exposed and educated about guns, the better!

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:35:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

You are attempting to take away young people ability to exorcise there (2a)second amendment rights. You are not elected to office in order to attempt to nany the population of Hawaii because you don't like guns. You are elected to uphold the Constitution of the United States. What about families who take there young children Hunting or practice shooting. With this your trying to not let kids learn gun safety or a have a usable skill like hunting be passed down.

I OPPOSE this bill.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:39:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB2845 because in the Second Amendment of the US Constitution and Bill of Rights "A well regulated militia , being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

18-21 year olds who are law abiding citizens are part of the people. They can join the military so they should be able to purchase ammo. Just as the first amendment protects ink and paper. The second amendment protects ammo as part of arms.

I respectfully ask this bill be reconsidered on these grounds.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:39:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Nikko Allen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 2845. This is a direct violation of existing laws for people aged 18-20. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now. This law would effectively stop all young people from hunting and enjoying sports shooting. If you are old enough to be trusted to vote or go to war, you are old enough to be trusted with ammunition. I truly think that this is an overstep in power and violates the Second Amendment of our constitution. Mahalo.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:44:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lyndel C Cabatu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill sn2845

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:58:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gavin Lohmeier	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

oppose. this infringes on our second Amendment rights

sincerely

Gavin Lohmeier

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:04:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Joe Allen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 2845. This is a direct violation of the law for people aged 18-20. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now. This law would effectively stop all young people from hunting and enjoying sports shooting. My son and many other young people will not be able to exercise their Second Amendment rights if this bill passes. If you are old enough to be trusted to vote or go to war, you are old enough to be trusted with ammunition, there is no sense in this bill. I truly think that this is an overstep in power and violates the Second Amendment of our constitution. Mahalo.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:21:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support [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

Doris Segal Matsunaga

Waimea, Hawai'i Island

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:22:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 2845. This is a direct violation of existing laws for people 18-20. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now. It would also totally stop young people from hunting or enjoying sports shooting. I you are old enough to trusted with the vote, you are old enough to be trusted with ammunition.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:31:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:58:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Matson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

I am in support of keeping our laws consistent. Why not keep the age allowable for purchasing and possession of ammunition the same as to possess a firearm. Please update our laws accordingly.

Mahalo,

Shannon Matson

Hawai'i Island Resident

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:30:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gena Whitten	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please limit any one under the age of 21 from owning, possessing or controlling ammunition. Keep Hawaii Safe from guns and mass shootings.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:36:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators,

My name is Samuel Lim and I am a 16 year old who wants to protect the 2nd amendment rights of people under the age of 21 in the state of Hawaii. I am a constituent of Glenn Wakai's district and I am strongly opposed to bill "SB2845 - Ammo under 21" for the following reasons:

- 1. It prevents the legal education of firearms for those under 21. It also prevents the education and participation of hunting, sporting competitions, and firearm handling, for those under the age of 21. As a student-athlete, who participates in Sporter Air Riflery, it is clear to me that the education of handling firearms is very important for our young generation in Hawaii. While children under a certain age shouldn't be allowed to handle firearms, and anyone under 21 shouldn't be allowed to handle a weapon without supervision, this bill would be detrimental to the young population of Hawaii, as people under 21 would have no way to learn how to properly use and handle a firearm.**
- 2. It limits scholarship programs for student-athletes like me and lowers the chance of student-athletes being accepted into colleges that they may wish to attend. As someone who is both a riflery athlete and someone who is looking for colleges to attend, I have found that there are many marksmanship programs and scholarships available in the sport of air riflery that may benefit students when applying to colleges. This college-application process is an already difficult process, especially for those living in Hawaii. However, if people under 21 are unable to handle ammunition, they will also not have the same opportunities when applying to colleges, and the process will become even more difficult.**

For these reasons, I would like to ask the Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee to kill the bill "SB2845 ", in order to protect the 2nd amendment rights of Hawaii citizens under 21.

Thank you for your time.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:48:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Byon Nakasone	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:57:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 2845. This is a direct violation of existing laws for people 18-20. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now. It would also totally stop young people from hunting or enjoying sports shooting. I you are old enough to trusted with the vote, you are old enough to be trusted with ammunition.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:15:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ALISSA REESE	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a direct violation of existing laws for people 18-20. This has never been, or is a problem now. It would stop young people from hunting or enjoying sport shooting. If you are old enough to be trusted to vote, you are old enough to be trusted to buy ammunition.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:17:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rory Love	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 2845. This is a direct violation of existing laws for people 18-20 and is an attempt to circumvent the 2nd amendment of the US Constitution. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now. I you are old enough to trusted to vote and serve in our military, you are old enough to be trusted with ammunition,

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:18:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb2845.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:23:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha. Please stop criminalizing LEGAL gun ownership. Your laws DO NOT stop criminal activity. They only create victims of the citizens who are unable to protect themselves or their ohana.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:31:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
RICHARD HOLIBAUGH	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom it May Concern: I oppose SB2845. A description of part of the bill on the Hawaii State Legislature is as follows: Prohibits a person under the age of twenty-one from owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition". Might I remind the Senators that with passage of this bill you will be prohibiting those under the age of twenty-one from hunting with a firearm, as ammunition is required to hunt with a firearm. I am sure this was not the intent of SB2845 however it will be a consequence. In addition, with passage of this bill, you will impact those old enough to serve our country through military service (eighteen years of age for enlistment) yet will not be old enough to hunt in the state of Hawaii due to the age restrictions on owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition. Thank you for reading my testimony.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:48:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Craig Kashiwai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:50:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose the idea of sb2845 Which will
Prohibit a person from selling ammunition to a person under the age of twenty-one; and
Prohibit a person under the age of twenty-one from owning, possessing, or controlling
ammunition.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:50:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nathan Okasako	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Supreme Court ruling on NYSRPA vs. Bruen made it very clear that any law not grounded in the text, history, and tradition of these United states is Unconstitutional. SB2845 flies in direct conflict with the Bruen decision. It's passage would open the State of Hawaii to unnecessary lawsuits which will further deplete our taxpayer money. While you may have noble intentions, this law fails to address the real problem; people intent on breaking the law are not concerned with what the law says. The ONLY thing you will accomplish from this is to prevent Law Abiding Citizens from exercising their Constitutional rights. I urge the Senate to abandon this bill and look towards bills that strictly punish criminal behavior

The right of the people to keep and bear arms wasn't a suggestion. It was a directive.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:01:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill it is unconstitutional and would prevent teaching safe gun handling and safety procedures to children at an early age to avoid preventable accidents. This will also eliminate the opportunity to participate in shooting sports and hunting until the age of 21.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:43:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 2845. This is a direct violation of existing laws for people 18-20. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now. It would also totally stop young people from hunting or enjoying sports shooting. I you are old enough to trusted with the vote, you are old enough to be trusted with ammunition.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:13:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It is an infringement on our second amendment and should not be allowed

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:21:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill and it opposes my 2nd amendment rights

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:42:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven Foth	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 2845. This is a direct violation of existing laws for people 18-20. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now. It would also totally stop young people from hunting or enjoying sports shooting. I you are old enough to trusted with the vote, you are old enough to be trusted with ammunition.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:46:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chandler Rowe III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Not pono

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:46:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
sherry fisher	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. Keep all of us safe

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:47:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:50:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:55:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barry Aoki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please OPPOSE SB2845 in its entirety. Age 18 Hawaii considers a person an adult. By denying these adults the ability to purchase ammunition will affect the law abiding from participating in legal hunting, firearms training and recreational firearms sports. This bill will not reduce crime. Please OPPOSE SB2845 in its entirety.

Barry Aoki

Maui, HI

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:56:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:57:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Timothy Soderholm	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2845. It states in part that "No person who is less than twenty-one years of age shall own, possess, or control any ammunition..."

This effectively criminalizes any participation in shooting activities by anyone under the age of 21, as any shooting - recreational target shooting, competitive shooting, hunting, or home defense - necessarily involves "possessing [and] controlling... ammunition." Furthermore, this measure would have zero impact on any decisions by criminals (if they're intent on criminal activity, an add-on misdemeanor for "possessing or controlling...ammunition" would have no deterrent effect whatsoever) and will only impact law-abiding firearm owners who wish to participate in the most American of pastimes by safely enjoyiing shooting sports together. And finally, this bill is a direct violation of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, effectively destroying the right to keep and bear arms for adults under the age of 21.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:05:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank DeJesus III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:06:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Committee,

I am testifying in regards to SB 2845 (ammunition related). I stand in opposition to this bill. I have a hard time understanding why persons under 21 would be banned from buy or possessing ammuniton. Not sure how this age group of people are a threat to society or are more prone to commit firearm related crime. If this bill were to pass how would law enforcemnt officers enforce this law. I think this bill is a bad idea and the legislature should focus their efforts on coming up with a bill that would actually empower citizens in defending themselves.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:10:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matt Binder	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

A person must be 21 years old to buy or carry a firearm in Hawaii 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.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:10:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

IN STRONG SUPPORT

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.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:23:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dirck Sielken	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:24:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Chair and members - this bill is a necessary complement to firearm age restriction laws. Please pass this measure.

Robert Marks

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:26:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB2845. At 18 years old you are allowed to join the military and fight a war for your country, yet you are not allowed to buy ammunition. Doesn't make any sense. Stop infringing on the second amendment.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:41:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chad Cummings	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I teach my children firearm safety and take them to the range. How am I supposed to do that if they aren't allowed to posses ammo?

Subject: Public Testimony in Opposition to SB2845

Honorable Members of the Senate Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to **SB2845**, which seeks to restrict the sale, ownership, and possession of ammunition based on age. While I appreciate the intent to enhance safety, I believe this bill raises several critical issues that warrant reconsideration.

1. Second Amendment Rights:

- The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution protects the right of the people to keep and bear arms. While certain circumstances can restrict a citizen's rights (e.g., Convicted felons, persons with a history of mental health issues, etc.), any restriction must be narrowly tailored and serve a compelling interest. SB2845 fails to meet this standard by imposing an unnecessary barrier to ammunition access for law-abiding citizens.

2. Age Discrimination for Legal Adults:

- The proposed minimum age requirement of twenty-one for purchasing ammunition unfairly discriminates against responsible citizens who are legally recognized as adults in other contexts. If an individual can vote, serve in the military, and exercise other fundamental rights at eighteen, they should also be trusted to responsibly handle ammunition and firearms.

3. Civil Rights Considerations:

- Civil rights extend beyond the Second Amendment. By restricting ammunition sales based on age, we risk infringing on other constitutional rights, including due process, equal protection, and privacy. We must strike a reasonable balance that respects both safety and individual liberties.

4. Efficacy and Impact:

- It is essential to evaluate the effectiveness of such restrictions before enacting a law with this level of impact to law-abiding citizens. I've seen no reference to studies or reports demonstrating a clear benefit to public safety by restricting access to ammunition for law-abiding adult citizens under the age of twenty-one. If the goal is to increase public safety by reducing gun violence, we should explore comprehensive approaches that address root causes (e.g., Mental health, training/education, etc.) rather than singling out ammunition sales.

In conclusion, while public safety is important, we must ensure that any legislation does not inadvertently undermine our constitutional rights or disproportionately affect law-abiding citizens. I urge you to reconsider the provisions of SB2845 and seek alternative solutions that promote safety without compromising civil liberties.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:48:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chris p pang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose that a person under the age of 21 would not be allowed to purchase ammunition. There are many people under the age of 21 that go hunting and if they have the proper credentials they should be allowed to purchase ammunition for the purpose of hunting.

Thank you,

Chris Pang

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:49:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please OPPOSE SB 2845.

This bill does not explain why a person under 21 should be prohibited. The reason for a prohibition for those under 21, should be the information in this bill. Instead, it is missing. As written this bill does not begin to meet minimum standards for commonsense legislation.

Please OPPOSE SB 2845.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:53:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Grant Nagata	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Distinguished members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

I'm writing in opposition of Bill SB2845. I understand that this bill and many like it is an attempt to curb violence. I also understand the thinking that taking away tools to commit violent acts such as ammunition or knives, bats, bricks, pipes, fists, elbows, etc., may seem like a good idea. However, removing the tools is not the solution. The problem is not the tools but the lack of integrity, character and the absence of values. I think we need to shift our focus and resources into establishing stronger families and value systems. As a father of three boys, I know that every day is a fight. It's a fight for territory in the hearts and minds of my children; to be the main influencer in their lives and not some character on TV or personality on YouTube. It is our responsibility to help our children grow into maturity, develop character, work through conflict, build good self-images, learn to seek perspective, etc.

I think that by focusing on families and value systems we would see violence of all kinds not just guns, but bullying, sexual assault, child abuse, verbal abuse, etc. be reduced.

Respectfully,

Grant Nagata

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:59:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This Bill directly attacks every youth hunter and sportsman. SB2845 prohibits anyone under the age of 21 from possessing ammo. Did you any of your read this????? How are our youth going to hunt and defend themselves?

Who all is paying you to abandon your citizens and introduce stuff like this? I dont know what is more offensive... The fact that we need to call you out or that I needed to spend my time reading and commenting on something you clearly didnt.

There is zero reason for this bill unless like the ones introducing it you hate kids and want to remove their ability to defend themselves

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:02:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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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.

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.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:04:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Timothy Miyao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee,

Please oppose SB2845: Relating to Firearms.

Mahalo!

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:06:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Micah Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it would basically make it illegal for my son to carry his own rifle and go hunting with me until he is 21 years of age as he would be in control of his own ammunition while hunting. I'm sure this will be true for many other fathers who want to hunt with their children as well.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:12:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

I support SB2845. Hawaii has the reputation of being a safe place to raise families. We need to enforce these safety standards by limiting who can purchase ammunition.

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.

Please support this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on a very important safety issue.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:14:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donn Yanagisawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB bill 2845.

mahalo,

Donn

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:20:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cyndia pilkington	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please ban the sale, transfer and possession of ammunition to all people not only those under 21.
We need less guns and violence. Not more.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:22:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lekeli Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill SB2845 which seeks to prohibit the sale, ownership, or possession of ammunition to individuals under the age of 21. While I appreciate the intention behind this legislation, I believe it is misguided and would not effectively address the underlying issues related to gun violence and public safety.

Additionally, I am concerned that this bill would disproportionately impact individuals in rural communities, where hunting and shooting sports are deeply rooted cultural traditions. It is essential that any proposed legislation balances public safety with the preservation of our constitutional rights and cherished traditions.

Aloha,

Lekeli Watanabe

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:34:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brad Asakura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to oppose SB2845, relating to firearms. The author of the bill stated "The legislature finds that the State has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation and had the third lowest number of gun deaths per capita in the nation as of 2021." That being said, the legislation calling for further regulation is not only unnecessary, but it is also a blatant and clear infringement on 2nd Amendment rights for law-abiding citizens in the State of Hawaii.

The author cites numerous states that have a minimum age requirement to purchase, own, or possess ammunition. Interestingly, the states that are listed in the bill include states that have an astronomically high rate of gun violence and crime. Why would Hawaii choose to adopt an approach to addressing a problem (that the author says does NOT exist in Hawaii) that clearly is not producing desired results in other states on the mainland? Furthermore, the author's claim that setting a minimum age requirement to "to purchase, own, or possess ammunition that conforms to the existing minimum age requirement to purchase, own, or possess a firearm in the State will help to ensure the safety of residents and reduce incidents of gun violence in the State." goes unsubstantiated and is without research citation or merit.

Lastly, this bill if passed will effectively make my 2 daughters law-breaking citizens when they are hunting and enjoying the outdoors (at least until they turn 21).

I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition of SB2845 on behalf of myself, and my daughters, Brianne and Sarah. Although they are too young to vote or drive, they are raised to be kind, responsible, and positive contributors to their community. Their rights should not be infringed on with unfounded and unneeded legislation.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:39:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Yanagisawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

A hunting license is able to be obtained at the age of 10 after going through proper hunter education classes. If a person has a valid hunting license, they should be able to purchase and own the equipment needed in order to hunt.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:43:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Restricting ammo to people under 21 is a restriction of the 2nd amendment and is just another barrier for firearm ownership to hassle firearm owners. If 18-year-olds can join the military and handle firearms and ammo, they should be able to buy or sell ammo.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:43:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carlton Tanabe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose!

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:48:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2845.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:49:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MYRNA WONG COBB	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB 2845

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.

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?

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:57:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alison Wolford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Prohibit a person under the age of twenty-one from owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition.

The above statement directly from the proposal. My biggest concern regarding this is that a LEGAL minor, hunter will be unable to "possess or control ammunition"?

More rules on top of rules that will then make another law more confusing! I STRONGLY OPPOSE

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:57:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Support!

This legislation is rooted in safety for everyone whether they own a firearm or not and works to prevent the "weaponization" of Hawai'i.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:28:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. Restricting sales of ammo to individuals above the age of 21 does not make sense for hunters, sportspersons or individuals who want to protect themselves with firearms. Placing citizens into a situation of creating a work around can introduce bad actors into what should be a straightforward commercial transaction.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:32:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raymond Ishii	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2845 relating to firearms. This Bill would outlaw the sale and possession of ammunition to those under 21 years of age. I am a certified NRA small arms instructor and Range Safety Officer and I help run my clubs open days at the Ukumehame Range on Maui.

The best way for anyone to learn the proper way to fire a gun and learn responsible firearms ownership is for them to take lessons and go to the range and shoot. This bill will make it illegal for a minor to take a firearms safety class because they cannot possess the ammo for the range portion of the class. It will be illegal for a parent to take their minor child to the range to learn the proper and responsible firearms ownership because it would be illegal for the minor to possess the ammunition. It will be illegal for a parent to teach their minor child hunting because it will be illegal for them to possess the ammo to hunt with.

On our open days there are a number of families that attend, mothers and fathers with their children, where they learn the proper, safe and responsible firearms marksmanship. This bill will make those tax paying law abiding citizens criminal for simply wanting to teach their children responsible firearms ownership.

Again I strongly oppose SB2845

Thank You

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:35:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jaren Luke	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB2845.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:42:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Romeo Yadao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb2845 as it will violate Hawaii HRS 134-5 Possession by licensed hunters and minors; target shooting; game hunting.

Please refer to HRS 134-5.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:49:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB2845

This bill reinforces the notion that young adults are irresponsible, should be treated like children, and the solution is to raise the age like we do for consuming alcohol. This is lowering the standards or expectations when you should be raising them. This is the wrong way of thinking and why society has so many problems with drugs, crime, homelessness, poverty, and the entitlement attitude.

Society needs to teach children responsibility, morals, and accountability so they grow into successful and lawful young adults. Hunting and proper firearms education teach these good habits.

This bill will destroy hunting traditions that lead to these good habits: hard work, respecting nature and the environment, responsibility, and bonding with friends and family. Hunting traditions are hard to maintain due to competition with video games and tiktok for youths. Currently youths age 16 to 20 can borrow rifles to go hunting with their friends and siblings to share quality time together. They will no longer be able to do that should this bill pass. And a 4 year break with no hunting may mean they may not pick it up again when they turn 21 and not continue the hunting traditions with their future families.

I'm available to discuss this subject.

Please oppose SB2845

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:07:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Higa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly feel it is an infringement of our constitutional right , if this bill is passed it will cause many problems.

Thanks,

matt

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:14:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB2845.

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

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

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

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

Once again I strongly oppose bill SB2845

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:29:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Flat out this is unconstitutional. This should not even be a thought. Under the age of 21 there are a lot of hunters and sport shooters. All of which will need to acquire legal ammunition from a legal dealer. It is a right just as any other and it should not be taken away. More and more is being taken away from the younger generations. This shall not be allowed. This cures nothing in our state. Wasted time and efforts for no beneficial outcome. Gun stores would also lose a lot of business from this. Again this is unconstitutional and shall not be passed.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:33:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reid Oya	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

18 - 20 year olds can get married, sign leagal contracts, join the military & die for our Country. They are adults! Why shouldn't they have the same freedoms / rights as people 21 and older. It's also unconstitutional. Bruen decision. I couldn't find any law prohibiting who could own / handle ammunition.

Thank you

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:05:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
RK Fujimoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill will criminalize me wanting to take my 20 year old son shooting at Koko Head Shooting complex. I strongly oppose this bill.

Rather than limiting upstanding citizens in their 2nd Amendment Rights and their right to self defense, Hawaii should focus on laws that target criminals and their criminal behavior. Laws should be changed as follows:

1. increasing the penalties of felons, especially violent and repeat offenders;
2. limit the authority of the parole board, which is much, much too lenient.
3. Bail/bond guidelines needs to be drastically overhauled, making bond significantly higher for felons, especially violent and repeat offenders.
4. Drug court is a sham, a farce and is much too lenient. Prison or at least inpatient/in-custody rehab is much, much more effective than out-patient, and is needed for harsher drug addictions like cocaine, meth, and opioids.
5. Hawaii's judicial system is much, much more lenient, than, for example the US federal system.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:06:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karlyn Pearl	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2845 merits my support. It establishes a long needed barrier to individuals under the age of 21 of getting access to ammunition.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:07:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lori Fujimoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill, which would basically criminalize my police officer husband and I taking our 20 year old son to Koko Head Shooting complex or going legally hunting.

Rather than limiting upstanding citizens in their 2nd Amendment Rights and their right to self defense, Hawaii should focus on laws that target criminals and their criminal behavior. Laws should be changed as follows:

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:07:43 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
steven lee	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose SB 2845.

This bill is overly broad and would make it illegal for anyone under 21 years old to hunt with ammunition in their guns in Hawaii.

The State of Hawaii provides hunting licenses to people who are a minimum age of 10 years old.

SB 2845 would make it illegal for licensed hunters between 10 years 21 years old to hunt with ammunition in their hunting guns.

This bill would in effect, make it illegal anyone younger than 21 years to hunt with a gun in Hawaii. It will also make them criminals if they go to a shooting range and possess ammunition for a gun that they are using for sport or target shooting.

Please don't support this bill. It's overly restrictive and will make felons out of law-abiding citizen.

I urge you to OPPOSE SB2845.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:18:40 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:58:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yao Buttel	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Yao Buttel and I am an individual, submitting written testimony to express my strong opposition to SB2845, which would prohibit individuals under the age of 21 from possessing ammunition. This bill is detrimental for the following reasons:

- It is unnecessary. The majority of homicides committed with firearms are perpetrated by individuals who are older than 21. Hawaii already has some of the most stringent gun laws in the nation.
- It is ineffective. Criminals will still be able to obtain ammunition through illicit means. The law should focus on preventing firearms from falling into the hands of violent offenders and mentally unstable individuals.
- It is unjust. It violates the constitutional right to keep and bear arms for self-defense and other lawful purposes. It discriminates against individuals under 21 who are otherwise considered adults who can possess firearms and ammunition.

I urge you to reject SB2845 and protect the rights of law-abiding gun owners in Hawaii. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Yao Buttel

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:41:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Not all people under the age of 21 are irresponsible, violent criminals. This is a horrible piece of legislation that hurts law abiding people, regardless of age.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:40:59 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Supporting this law ensures that young adults are not granted access to potentially lethal ammunition before they are mature enough to handle it responsibly, safeguarding both themselves and our communities. By restricting sales and possession of ammunition to those over 21, we prioritize safety and prevent unnecessary tragedies associated with firearm misuse among inexperienced individuals. Let's keep bullets out of inexperienced hands and promote a safer society for everyone.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:06:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Russell Takata	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB2845. The proposal adversely affects individuals who are competitors in various categories (e.g., Smallbore (.22), Precision Pistol, Excellence-in-Competition (EIC) matches, etc.) in the Shooting Sports. The congressionally-mandated Civilian Marksmanship Program and the Competition Division of the National Rifle Association both sanction matches for national and international competition. Aside from civilians, off-duty Reservists and National Guard personnel under 21 years of age who participate in practice and competition in the Shooting Sports are also affected.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:50:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chad maeda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to sb2845

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:51:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon Abbott	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB2845. It prevents citizens from exercising their Second Amendment rights. I urge you to vote no on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:56:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 2845. This is a direct violation of existing laws for people 18-20. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now. It would also totally stop young people from hunting or enjoying sports shooting. If you are old enough to be trusted with the vote, you are old enough to be trusted with ammunition.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:32:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. I urge your no vote. Mahalo.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:36:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. What it does is prevents me from teaching my daughter about firearm safety because I cannot have her possess the ammunition when she is using the firearm at the range with my close supervision, or the supervision of a certified firearm instructor.

This bill also prevents people from hunting with their children as again, the child or even adult child (18-21) cannot possess the ammo, nor can the parent give it to them so they can hunt with them.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:44:49 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Keilman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill, Please vote Yes.

Thank you,

Kathleen Keilman

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:45:40 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Qwincey Walker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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18-20. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now. It would also totally stop young people from hunting or enjoying sports shooting. If you are old enough to be trusted with the vote, you are old enough to be trusted with ammunition.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:46:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MATTHEW GRIFFIN	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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13 Feb 2024

Representative Wakai, Representative Chang, Representative Fevella, Representative Kidani, Representative Moriwaki, Representative San Buenaventura

Subject: Opposition to Bill 2845

Dear Representatives,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation, S.B. SB2845, relating to firearms and specifically targeting the sale, ownership, and possession of ammunition by individuals under the age of 21.

While I understand the importance of ensuring public safety and responsible gun ownership, I am concerned about the potential unintended consequences of this bill on our community. One provision that stands out is the prohibition on selling ammunition to individuals under the age of 21.

In our community, where financial resources are often limited, there is a genuine risk that an individual under the age of 21 could inadvertently find themselves in a legal predicament. For example, a young person pulled over while driving a family member's vehicle may unknowingly have ammunition stored in the car, leading to unintended legal consequences.

Furthermore, the bill could affect individuals under 21 working in professions like construction, where tools that qualify as ammunition are commonly used. Subjecting anyone under the age of 21 using these tools on a job site to potential felony charges is an unreasonable outcome and could have severe repercussions on young individuals pursuing honest work in our community.

I urge you to reconsider the specific provision in the bill that addresses the sale of ammunition to individuals under the age of 21. It is crucial to strike a balance between public safety concerns and the practical challenges faced by individuals in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that you will carefully weigh the potential ramifications of this legislation on our community.

Sincerely,

Matthew Griffin

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:51:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charlene Mersburgh	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:54:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

My fifteen year old daughter enjoys joining me for target shooting sessions at the range. When she loads the rifle with ammunition, she would be beaking to law if this BILL passes.

Please focus on the real criminals committing crimes, not the law abiding citizens that enjoy the shooting sports. We are good citizens...please treat us as such.

Thank you for your service to the State of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:40:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Jason Howell strongly oppose bill 2845 , this bill would be removing a US citizens 2 amendment right to keep and bear arms.

In all other aspects of the law , you are an adult citizen at the age of 18 . You can fight and die for your country. You have to pay your federal and state taxes . You must provide your health insurance.

please do not restrict these U.S. citizens of there 2 amendment rights .

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:43:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marc Miya	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845

The state has not shown a logical need for yet another law on the books. This will not prevent any crimes or gun violence.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:03:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dillon Hullinger	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

Karen Worthington, Kula, HI 96790

February 13, 2024

To: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

From: Karen Worthington, Private Citizen

Re: **SB 2845: RELATING TO FIREARMS**

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225 and Videoconference, February 14, 2023, 3:00 PM

Position: SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wakai, Senator Elefante, and Committee Members:

I am writing to ask you to pass SB 2845 to protect Hawai'i families by ensuring that Hawai'i has clear laws and requirements relating to owning and carrying a firearm. I speak as a parent of a teen and a young adult, and the daughter of an Army combat veteran who was a firearms coach and competitor. I believe that owning a firearm is a privilege that belongs to people who are fully capable of understanding and respecting that privilege. Decades of research into brain development shows that human brains are not fully developed until the mid- to late-twenties. As adolescents age, their impulse control improves and their ability to foresee and understand consequences also improves. As they emerge into their twenties, young adults are able to make more responsible choices for themselves and society.

Delaying the use of items that can easily lead to deadly consequences, such as alcohol and firearms, until brains are more mature, is a rational, science-based approach to public health and public safety. SB2845 is a common-sense approach to ensuring responsible gun ownership.

Research on mass shootings show that a majority of mass shootings in the last 5 years were committed by men aged 21 and younger. As a mother of a teenager in a Hawai'i public high school and a young adult who also attended public school in Hawai'i, I can assure you that our young people deal with the threat of a school shooting on a daily basis. News of school shootings elsewhere hit our young people hard. As our world grows more connected, many Hawai'i young people have a connection to schools on the mainland where shootings occur. And our teens wonder, "when will we be next?"

This is a horrible way for our children to grow up. Wondering not if, but when they and their friends will have to run or hide from a person at school with a deadly weapon, intent on killing as many people as possible. This is a daily threat to them.

Furthermore, suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people in the US, and access to firearms increases the risk that they will attempt and succeed at killing themselves. A study published in *Annals of Internal Medicine* found that approximately 90% of suicide attempts with a gun end in death, compared with about 4% of other suicide attempts ending in death. The CDC has found that almost half of youth suicides are committed with a firearm.

Delaying legal gun ownership until age 21 is an appropriate response to changes in our society and research shows that this legislation will save lives. I urge your committee pass SB 2845 to protect our keiki, from brutal, preventable gun violence.

Best regards,



Karen Worthington

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:33:33 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Baldonado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose measure SB2845. This measure prevents teaching those under the age of 21 about firearm safety and handling. By limiting what we can teach, this can prevent the education of safety and safe handling of firearms and ammunition.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:42:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Bauer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully submit testimony in support of SB2845.

- 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. SB 2845 creates an age limit for ammunition that matches our firearms law.
- 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.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:54:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 3196, it is poorly written. It is a gross attack against the people of Hawaii and Americans. It violates our 2nd Amendment. I can not support a bill that goes against our freedoms. This bill would ban standard equipment such as a shroud. All firearms with a detachable magazine and anything that can accept mags greater than 10 rounds would be banned. That would include sporting and hunting long guns. This bill is causing more harm than good and is ANOTHER overreach of Hawai'i's government. It resembles Hitler's gun control act. Are we to believe that gun bans are better for law abiding citizens, while criminals are unaffected because they just don't care? It is clear that the creator of this bill does not understand firearms and his ignorance puts the people of Hawai'i in extreme danger. Politicians should be pro freedoms, not pro tyrannical agendas.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:06:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To Hawaii Legislature,

I strongly oppose SB2845. It is absolutely absurd that an individual under the age of 21 can not buy or be in possession of ammunition for hunting, self defense or recreational shooting. Hawaii already has laws that anyone under the age of 21 can not purchase an firearm. This is redunt and non effective. Do we beleive that this bill will in anyway deter an individual under the age of 21 to obtain ammunnition? I think not. I am asking you to not support this Bill.

Thank you,

Michael Jensen

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:10:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brendon Heal	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is COMPLETELY UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and goes against all Supreme Court precedent.

Abide your oath of office and immediately oppose this bill.

Use your time in legislation to address real CRIMINALS.

STOP HARASSING LAWFUL CITIZENS RIGHTS.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:15:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

Eighteen to twenty year olds are nearly four times more likely to commit homicide than those over 21 years old. Restricting access to ammunition can help save lives if someone under 21 has managed to get access to a gun.

With our rising epidemic of mental health issues, we need to ensure that people cannot buy ammunition under the age of 21 years old. This needs to match our current law where a minor cannot purchase a firearm until they are 21 years old.

In closing, I want to thank you for your time and I implore you to pass **SB 2845** so that we can support the gun safety polices that Hawai'i stands for.

Mahalo,

Vanessa Ruderman

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:36:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryston Tanigawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this blatantly unconstitutional bill. At the stroke of midnight on my 18th birthday I am a legal adult with all the protections of the US constitution. Restricting the younger generation from firearm use is just ridiculous. I grew up around and using firearms and that is how I learned to be responsible around them. Under 21 restrictions have already been found unconstitutional already.

Aloha kakou,

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

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution states, “A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” This amendment was added to the Bill of Rights due to the experiences of our country’s founders in the time leading up to the American Revolution and Declaration of Independence. Their voices went unheard when the British monarchy created laws that placed undue burden on the people of the original colonies. When our founders refused to comply, the British military attempted to confiscate stores of ammunition and weapons in an effort to disempower them and force them to submit to King George III’s laws. These were the actions that instigated the battles of Lexington and Concord, starting the American Revolution. The founding documents of the United States of America were written to keep the power in the hands of the people, and the Second Amendment ensures that that’s where the power stays. It enshrines the inalienable right of the people to protect themselves, their family, their community, and their country. It prevents any power from infringing on that right.

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

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

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

Mahalo,
Matt Connelly
Hilo, HI

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:55:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Micah Wong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:00:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB2845 merits your support. It establishes a long needed barrier to individuals under the age of 21 getting access to ammunition.

Mahalo for your consideration.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:03:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
austin gapsis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

WAKAI, CHANG, FEVELLA, KIDANI, MORIWAKI, SAN BUENAVENTURA,
SHIMABUKURO

You should all be ashamed. Its Illegal to discremenate based on age. Youre violating Citizens rights. This will be struck down and is a waste of time and resources.

Should a 20 year old not be allowed to hunt to feed himself? Youth hunting is going to valuable essential in Hawaii. We have no predators. Deer Goats pigs are driving extinction and you dont see Hunters being a part of the solution? We must start them young and encourage being in nature.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:05:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diane Farkas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2845

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:09:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Edward Bali	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to strongly OPPOSE this bill. This does nothing to solve or reduce the root of our cultural violence in hawaii. More violent crime is committed by improvised weapons such as kitchen knives, hammers, baseball bats etc which are not designed as weapons but can and are used as such by a violent criminals. Our very own prison system shows that assault and murder can and IS done with merely improvised weaponry or multiple attackers.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:25:53 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this measure. This would prevent adults and youth under the age of 21 from participating in any hunting or sporting events requiring the use of ammunition. Youth and young adult exposure to firearms is crucial to building a strong safety ethic pertaining to the ownership, handling, and use of firearms.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:28:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karl Kubo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 2845. It will only hurt the youth members of the shooting sports community.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:31:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB2845 because it prevents anyone under the age of 21 from participating in activities such as hunting or sports shooting. Many parents and children enjoy time spent shooting at the range or hunting together. This bill would effectively diminish the ability to do so. There really are no positive aspects to this Bill.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:39:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glennon T. Gingo	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Aloha members of the Public Safety and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

My name is Glennon Gingo from Holualoa on the Island of Hawaii.

I have been a volunteer for many youth organizations and also served as a staff member as well.

I have a long background in shooting sports education and firearm safety training. Both of these areas of expertise have been part of the youth work that I have done.

My experience and mentoring in firearm training and hunting started when I was age 12

To preclude those under the age of 21 years to possess or to purchase ammunition is just nonsense.

When I was 18 years old I was required to register for selective service and by 22 years old I had made a commitment to serve. We have those at 18 years of age enlisting in the Military and fighting in wars and at 18, allowed to exercise their right to vote.

I'm not sure why this Bill is being considered, as it takes away many rights to chose what activities we can participate in.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha Ke Akua,

Glennon T. Gingo

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:46:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Mersburgh	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2845.

A minor could be emancipated for over four years and this bill would prohibit possession or control of ammunition i.e. denial of the 2nd Amendment.

What other right, endowed by our Creator, is denied an 18 year old? The 1st, 4th, or 5th Amendment?

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:47:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose that ban/bill because such measures are unnecessary.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:56:33 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This testimony is official notice of opposition. This bill directly strips law abiding citizens of the Constitutional Second Amendment Rights. This would effectively turn many law abiding citizens of Hawaii into criminals overnight. The right to KEEP AND BEAR arms to defend oneself is currently under attack from our elected officials, and shall not be INFRINGED!

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:57:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reid Miyabara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2845.

Per Section 2, paragraph (g):

“No person who is less than twenty-one years of age shall own, possess, or control any ammunition for any firearm;...”

This, in effect, would prohibit anyone under the age of 21 from shooting for sport and/or hunting. This is unacceptable as many in Hawaii and the United States in general have time-honored traditions of participating in shooting sports growing up. It is for this reason I strongly oppose SB2845.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:59:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bruce Combs	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Members of the Committee:

The basis of this bill, that young adults under the age of 21 cannot purchase firearms in Hawai‘i, is unlawful.

A U.S. District Court Judge struck down a Virginia law banning the sale of firearms to this age group in May 2023. A federal judge in Minnesota recently ruled that a law prohibiting 18- to 20-year-olds from getting permits to carry handguns in public is unconstitutional. A judge struck down a similar law last year on gun restrictions for young adults in Texas.

Many of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship are granted at the age of 18, including the right to vote, enlist in the military without parental permission and serve on a federal jury.

If you wish to enact a gun restriction you must look back into history to show it is consistent with the country’s historical tradition of firearm regulation, as the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled.

You have failed to do this because there is no evidence of age-based restrictions on the purchase or sale of firearms or ammunition from the colonial era, Founding or Early Republic. The lack of similar regulations from those time periods indicates that the Founders considered age-based regulations on the purchase of firearms or ammo to circumscribe the right to keep and bear arms confirmed by the Second Amendment.

If this bill were to pass you would exclude 18-to-20-year-olds from the Second Amendment’s protection and would impose limitations on the Second Amendment that do not exist with other constitutional guarantees.

For these reasons you must vote "no" on S.B. 2845.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:13:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Atom Kasprzycki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Attention all legislative members,

You must oppose SB3196, SB2845 as these bills violate the US Constitution and Second Amendment by infringing on my rights and others as American citizens to keep and bear arms. SB3196 proposes illegally restrictions on simple modern-day semi-automatic rifles and shotguns. I own these types of rifles, shotguns, standard capacity rifle magazines (rifle magazines holding over 10 rounds), and various rifle and shotgun attachments which aid in my use and control of my rifles and shotguns. SB2845 proposes the violation of the rights of American citizens who are between the ages of 18 and 21.

You must also oppose SB3349, SB3040, and SB3042 as these bills add unnecessary actions and expenses to existing agencies while also approaching and crossing over into violations of privacy of American citizens.

I would like to also point out that this is not the first time, or first SB bill, that I have written you about advising of the Constitutional violations and illegalities being proposed. I wrote you all, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General back at the end of 2022, and a few times in early 2023, about the Constitutional violations contained within SB1230. I also advised you that if you did not opposed the bill, and instead voted it into law, there would be lawsuits which would cost the state and Hawaii tax payers money to fight. You all still ultimately voted and approved SB1230. I, along with another Hawaii couple, then proceeded to file suite against the State of Hawaii for constitutional violations contained within SB1230. A federal judge here in Hawaii agreed with me and issued a preliminary injunction on major portions of SB1230.

I am a law abiding American citizen, born and raised here in Hawaii. I do not like to continuously, each year, have to write testimony and fight legal battles to preserve my constitutional rights here in Hawaii. Please stop attacking the Second Amendment and vote to oppose SB3196, SB2845, SB3349, SB3040, and SB3042.

Atom Kasprzycki

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SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:31:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 2845. once again another asinine bill that only hurts individuals. you can't stop under age drinking, vaping, and drug use. but yu think this will solve something

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:37:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Unconstitutional, bad law

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:43:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tristan Kasprzycki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm writing to let you know I oppose any new bills regulating or banning firearms and oppose bills designed to make it harder for law abiding citizens to purchase ammunition or firearms and exercise their rights.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:47:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Travis Baguso	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed legislation (SB2845) that seeks to prohibit the sale of ammunition to individuals under the age of twenty-one and similarly restricts their ownership, possession, or control of ammunition. This legislation, while perhaps well-intentioned in its efforts to enhance public safety, raises significant concerns regarding its impact on constitutional rights, its effectiveness in preventing violence, and its implications for responsible young adults who legally engage in hunting, sport shooting, and self-defense.

Constitutional and Legal Concerns:

This legislation directly affects the Second Amendment rights of young adults aged eighteen to twenty. The United States Constitution grants the right to keep and bear arms, and by extension, this includes the ability to acquire ammunition. Legal precedents have often affirmed that responsible, law-abiding citizens have a right to defend themselves and their families. This bill, by imposing an age restriction, effectively denies young adults the full exercise of their constitutional rights.

Impact on Responsible Young Adults:

Many young adults under the age of twenty-one responsibly engage in hunting, sport shooting, and other lawful activities that require access to ammunition. These activities are not only recreational but also contribute to family traditions, wildlife management, and the economy. By restricting access to ammunition, this bill could have unintended consequences on these legitimate activities, impacting education, skill development, and community involvement in these areas.

Questionable Effectiveness in Enhancing Public Safety:

There is limited evidence to suggest that restricting ammunition sales to individuals under the age of twenty-one would significantly reduce gun violence or enhance public safety. Criminals intent on committing violence often do not adhere to legal acquisition channels for firearms or ammunition. Instead of imposing broad restrictions, efforts should focus on identifying and addressing the specific risk factors that lead to gun violence, such as illegal gun trafficking, mental health issues, and criminal activity.

Alternative Measures:

To genuinely improve public safety without infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens, I recommend the following measures:

Enhance background check systems to prevent the sale of firearms and ammunition to individuals who have been adjudicated as a mental health risk or who have a history of violent crime.

Invest in community-based intervention programs that address the root causes of violence among youth and young adults.

Promote education and training for young gun owners on safe handling, storage, and usage of firearms and ammunition, reinforcing responsible behavior and reducing accidents.

Conclusion:

While the goal of enhancing public safety is commendable, restricting the rights of responsible young adults based on age alone is neither an equitable nor effective solution. Such measures may inadvertently penalize law-abiding citizens without addressing the underlying issues that contribute to violence. I urge the legislature to consider these concerns and to explore more targeted, evidence-based approaches that respect constitutional rights while working to enhance public safety for all citizens.

Sincerely,

Travis Baguso

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:52:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bradley Jaimes Vigaray	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to Measure SB2845

It should be every legal adult's right to own a firearm if they so choose. And with this it should be the same with ammunition. If we can send adults under 21 years old to war and be trained with firearms to protect our country and people, our country and people should not take away our right to bare arms and ammunitions.

These restrictions are only followed by law abiding citizens. Criminals do not acknowledge these laws and to pass this measures is to tie the good people's hands behind their backs.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:52:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
shane r hurdman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support this bill. 2nd amendment FIRM...

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:56:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill can help prevent gun violence in our beautiful state. Thank you for your consideration.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:01:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My namd is Sandi Lyn Cabreira, and as a lifelong resident of Hawaii, and a citizen of the United States, I would like to oppse Bill SB2845. As a mother of 10, I have raised children who are respectful and responsible members our communtty. Most of my children are aslo avid hunters as well as sport shooters, and BIIF High School Athletics shooters. This bill would prohibit them from continuing their beloved sports. These sports, that come with self discipline and team work learning, had shaped them into well rounded individuals. This bill would also prohibit them from hunting, and, potentially, one day providing for thier familes. This is a definite impediment upon their, as well as my, pursuit of happiness. Our constitutional rights were put in place, and not meant to be bent and altered to fit one group of people's ideals. Also what, exactly, is this bill meant to accomplish? Most of the violent crimes done with a firearm, are done by individuals OLDER than 21. So how does this bill help our community? The simple answer is, it will not. Again, law abiding citizens will be punished, when criminals will do what they need to get what they want. Why do my children, under the age of 21, get punished, because of another group's ideas? Where does the over reaching of the government stop? First this bill, then more invasive bills to follow? This bill would definitely open the door to other bills that further violates our rights. This bill will do NOTHING to stop violent firearm crimes, NOTHING to help our community, violates our Second Amendment Rights, as well as other Constitutional Rights, and should NOT be allowed to go through. I oppose Bill SB2845. You should, too.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:02:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Resident of Kailua

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:03:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tina Lia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill violates constitutionally protected rights.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:20:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Otaguro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 2845 which seeks to restrict the sale or transfer to, and the purchase, ownership, or possession of ammunition, by persons under the age of twenty-one.

In reviewing the bill, I was unclear how to read the addition of HRS section 134-7(g) together with HRS section 134-7(e), however. In order to make the statute clearer, consideration might be given to deleting subsection (e) and adding a clear prohibition of the purchase, ownership, or possession of firearms to the language of HRS 134-7(g) (if the restriction regarding firearms is not found elsewhere).

Nonetheless, it makes sense to restrict the purchase, ownership, or possession of ammunition and firearms by persons under the age of twenty-one as proposed by SB 2845. Nationally, we have seen mass shootings by minors with access to guns and ammunition. SB 2845 is consistent with the need to ensure the safe and responsible handling and use of guns and our desire to keep our communities safer

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Otaguro

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:26:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I stongly oppose SB2845. It will prevent my children from hunting.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:26:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ronald Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

2nd amendment

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:28:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tasman	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

If a citizen can be taxed by their government, drafted and forced to fight for their government, be held fully accountable to (and imprisoned) by their government; then that citizen has full access to all rights protected by the constitution, among them the right to keep and bear arms. Not some arms; not the arms that a few senators in Hawaii think are ok. The right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. That includes firearms and the ammunition they require.

SB2845 is unconstitutional and I oppose it entirely.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:29:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please prevent all assault weapons and ammunition from being sold to anyone under the age of 21. Preferrably all older persons too, but that's another story.

Thank you,

Michael Garsva

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:33:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malcolm Yee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill which is a severe infringement on our 2A Rights as law abiding citizens of the USA. How can you prohibit anyone under the age of 21 from purchasing ammunition when a 17-18 year old can enlist in the military and fight and possible die for our Country? This is one of the worst bills I've ever seen introduced. You only see these kinds of legislation passed in 3rd World banana republic Socialist countries. Our Founding Fathers Never intended for our 2A Rights to be infringed upon to this level.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:35:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop infringing on my rights and wasting my time and my tax payers dollars to do it.
Unacceptable.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:37:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please oppose SB-2845. Stop all legislation concerning 2nd amendment infringement.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:37:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2845. This essentially will prohibit my children from hunting with a rifle, which they have been doing since the age of 10 years old. Hawaii needs to focus on teaching and educating the younger generation. In an age of electronics and social media, which is not healthy for young children, why would you create more laws to make it illegal from enjoying the outdoors to practice game management and conservation. Please stop making more laws that make good citizens into criminals. Aloha.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:44:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Opposition to the prohibition on selling ammunition to individuals under the age of twenty-one and restricting their ownership, possession, or control of ammunition stems from concerns about the potential infringement on constitutional rights and practical implications on responsible firearm usage and education. While it's essential to prioritize safety and prevent access to firearms and ammunition by those who may misuse them, blanket restrictions based solely on age overlook individual circumstances and fail to address the underlying factors contributing to gun violence. Moreover, such measures may hinder lawful activities, such as hunting, shooting sports, and firearm training, which often involve individuals under the age of twenty-one who demonstrate maturity, responsibility, and competency in handling firearms and ammunition. Rather than imposing broad restrictions, a more effective approach would involve comprehensive education, training, and responsible firearm ownership initiatives that empower individuals of all ages to handle firearms safely and responsibly.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:48:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John D'Adamo III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Opposed SB2845

Unconstituonal Second Amendment

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:49:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Opposition to the prohibition on selling ammunition to individuals under the age of twenty-one and restricting their ownership, possession, or control of ammunition stems from concerns about the potential infringement on constitutional rights and practical implications on responsible firearm usage and education. While it's essential to prioritize safety and prevent access to firearms and ammunition by those who may misuse them, blanket restrictions based solely on age overlook individual circumstances and fail to address the underlying factors contributing to gun violence. Moreover, such measures may hinder lawful activities, such as hunting, shooting sports, and firearm training, which often involve individuals under the age of twenty-one who demonstrate maturity, responsibility, and competency in handling firearms and ammunition. Rather than imposing broad restrictions, a more effective approach would involve comprehensive education, training, and responsible firearm ownership initiatives that empower individuals of all ages to handle firearms safely and responsibly.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:49:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 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 of 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.

The difference between a citizen and a subject can be defined by their inherant freedoms. What the authorization supporters of this bill aim to do is to create a class of easily controllable subjects. They play off of the emotions of the empathetic to warp their totalitarian vision for the future into something palatable for their percieved sheep to consume.

Regards,

Mitchell Weber

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:51:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Ammunition on its own is not dangerous, therefore there is no reason to prevent anyone from purchasing it, let alone preventing a legal adult from purchasing something that is not illegal is flagrantly irresponsible.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:59:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill. There is no reason to restrict ammunition handling and possession for people under the age of 21.

Is our military now illegal here in Hawaii? Soldiers as young as 17 are handling ammunition safely.

What if I am teaching my kids about the importance of gun safety?

Or we're at a gun range? They can't handle ammunition?

This a silly bill that over reaches.

Do not pass this bill.

Mahalo,

Gisele Hammond

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:10:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha!

I am opposing bill SB 2845.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:10:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Holcomb	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

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Strongly Oppose

This bill would make it impossible to train the next generation in safe firearms handling. Maybe that's the point? It's difficult to not become cynical with so many anticonstitutional bills being introduced these days.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:10:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith Lamon bruins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose BS2845 some states like Tennessee example the age requirement to purchase a handgun is 21 while the minimum age to purchase a gun is 18 the minimum age to purchase a shotgun or rifle, such as A.R. 15 off. Is 18 by federal law. we do have kids that do go hunting with the father let's go by federal laws not feelings just because you don't like the federal law. We have other big things we need real worry about like homelessness and the economy here and cost affordable housings

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:23:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Hammond	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Are the legislators that create these bills thinking these over before they introduce them?

No one under 21 allowed to handle or possess ammunition?

Do we now go arrest all our military living in Hawaii because they, as young as 17 years old, are handling ammunition and possessing it?

And if they are exempt, why??

Are we citizens not competent to handle ammunition if we're under 21?

Suddenly, at age 21, we are magically able to safely handle ammunition?

How are kids supposed to learn gun safety is they are not allowed to handle ammunition?

This bill is not very well thought out.

I oppose it!

Please kill it.

Mahalo,

Eric Hammond

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:23:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose the passing of this bill.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:23:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2845 if you are a law abiding citizen 18yrs old and hunt or goes to a shooting range for shooting as a pastime or sport as an adult why would you not be allowed to purchase ammo. People kill people you can use a car knife rock to kill. But taking away someone's right because he or she is under 21yrs old is not the right thing to do.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:36:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lucas Breckenridge	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Lucas Z. Breckenridge

Regarding SB2845 Relating to Firearms

February 13, 2024

My name is Lucas Breckenridge and I am a concerned resident of Kilauea, Kauai, Hawai'i.

I testify before you with all due respect for the offices you all hold, and hope that you will perform the duties of your office according the oaths you took.

I am against the proposed SB 2845.

At the age of 18 a citizen of these United States of America, which this State is a part, is considered an adult. This comes with certain responsibilities, along with certain rights. Among which are the right to vote and the option to serve in the armed forces. If a person of the age of 18 can be drafted to fight and die for our country, they should be afforded every right that any other lawful citizen is afforded.

I thank you for reading my testimony. Your consideration is much appreciated.

Lucas Breckenridge

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:36:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Berta Narbonne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill as a mother, educator, and concerned citizen. If people under the age of 21 cannot purchase, possess, or consume liquor, why should they be able to own, possess, and control ammunition? We have these rules because young adults' brains, particularly the prefrontal cortex which is the area of the brain involved in judgment and decision making, are still developing. Owning and possessing a weapon that takes away lives is a huge responsibility, and we should make sure that gun owners are fully capable of the decision making required of this responsibility.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:38:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill. Mahalo.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:44:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karl Braun-Ortega	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Attention all legislative members,

You must oppose SB3196, SB2845 as these bills violate the US Constitution and Second Amendment by infringing on my rights and others as American citizens to keep and bear arms. SB3196 proposes illegally restrictions on simple modern-day semi-automatic rifles and shotguns. I own these types of rifles, shotguns, standard capacity rifle magazines (rifle magazines holding over 10 rounds), and various rifle and shotgun attachments which aid in my use and control of my rifles and shotguns. SB2845 proposes the violation of the rights of American citizens who are between the ages of 18 and 21.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:50:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jason wolford	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill or it does not allow miners to. I'm user possess ammunition it will stop the youth from being able to go hunt

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:55:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Good afternoon,

I strongly oppose SB2845. Many parents take their kids shooting and closely supervise them. I participate in shooting competitions and we had a number of shooters under the age of 21 that were supervised by their parent(s). Nationwide, they are many top competition shooters under the age of 21.

This bill will just punish the kids who want to shoot firearms under the close supervision of their parent(s).

Way back in the 80's, I was on the rifle team at our high school. We shot .22 rifles back then under the supervision of our coach. I also shot .22 rifles when I was a kid in Boy Scouts. Don't take this away from the kids.

Thank you for your time.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:58:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee:

I'm Erica Yamauchi, state co-lead for the Hawai'i Chapter of Moms Demand Action, which currently has local groups on O'ahu, Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island.

Under Hawai'i law, you can't buy a gun until you are 21 years old -- you shouldn't be able to buy ammunition before that age either. SB 2845 creates an age limit for ammunition that matches our firearms law.

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.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:03:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose. Teaching responsibility with hunting & target practice helps hunger people learn. If they want to hunt, they should be able to buy the ammo for it. Stop chipping away at rights. If there are criminals then uphold the law, criminals will still get ammo if they want to.



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February 14, 2024

Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

Chair Glenn Wakai
Vice Chair Brandon J.C. Elefante
Sen. Carol Fukunaga
Sen. Karl Rhoads
Sen. Brenton Awa

Re: SB2845 Relating to Firearms

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military 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 27 member programs statewide, **I respectfully submit testimony in support of SB2845. 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 creates an age limit for ammunition that matches our firearms law.

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

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

Sincerely,
Angelina Mercado, Executive Director

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:11:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janie Bryan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this 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. This is a totally common sense approach since our state does not allow the sale of weapons to those under the age of twenty-one as a gun safety precaution.

Vote YES on this bill to better protect our youth and our island in general from more gun violence.

Mahalo, Janie Bryan

Hawaii resident since 1988

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:23:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
NOAH DRAZKOWSKI	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This clearly violates the USA Constitution.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:33:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Chairman and Members, Public Safety Committee -

I am writing in opposition to SB2845 and the other "gun control" bills being considered by the Committee.

I have carefully reviewed these bills and I find they will do nothing to fight crime or improve public safety. These bills will only negatively impact already-law-abiding citizens and hinder their rights unnecessarily - and limit their ability to defend themselves when needed.

Mental illness or gang activity is behind the vast majority of violent criminal behavior. These bills would not help with either of these issues and would not stop these troubled individuals from getting firearms.

The United States Constitution protects the right to keep and bear arms for very good reasons. In spite of what many claim, the violent crime statistics are going down, down, down - actually tracking quite closely with our population's increasing firearm ownership. The ability for citizens to defend themselves tends to suppress violent criminal activity

Earlier in my life, I'll never forget how my possession of a gun stopped two violent attackers from pursuing their plan to injure and rob me.

The State of Hawai'i should not try to circumvent the US Constitution's protections. This effort is not only an affront to law-abiding citizens who claim the right to self-defense, but these bills are especially wasteful of taxpayer money as they will ultimately be ruled unconstitutional by the courts after a long, unnecessary struggle.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Steve Johnston

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:36:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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 enables our common sense gun laws to be in alignment with one another. Please support SB2845 and close this loophole.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:44:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ken Bacayan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha everyone- I am writing this testimony to oppose SB2845. I am a regular citizen who keeps to myself, not a lawyer, but after reading this bill, my interpretation of this is that everyone under the age of 21 cannot possess/ handle any ammunition. This will greatly affect our youths that do club shooting like the boy scouts. It will also basically end the next generation that come from families who are hunters. The youths will not be able to learn about proper firearms training if they can't even touch any ammunition and will make it illegal for the adults to even hand them 1 round of ammunition if they are trying to teach youngsters about firearms at the range. I hope that this testimony will actually be read on my behalf as a law abiding citizen. This bill deterrence has little to no effect on criminal aspect, only to the general public.

Thank you

Ken

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:52:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lindsey A Drayer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully submit testimony in support of SB2845.

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 creates an age limit for ammunition that matches our firearms law.

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.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:05:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a citizen of the United States of America, a resident of the State of Hawaii and a registered voter I oppose this proposed legislation and am very dissatisfied with the manner it has been presented by the Hawaiian legislation.

Respectfully,

Sam Cavitt

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:33:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Darlene	Testifying for Indivisible Hawaii Healthcare Team	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We support gun safety laws for the health of our people.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:37:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am against the passing of this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:47:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

i strongly Oppose SB2845

It make Zero sense for an individual to be able to serve in our armed forces with knowledge and skills required to safely opperate a firearm to not be able to own or posess ammunition regardless if they are performing their official duties or while traveling to or from their places of duty.

Those persons rights should not be infrindged by this proposed bill

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:02:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leslee Cook	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Dear Legislatures

I oppose SB 2845. This is a direct violation of existing laws for people 18-20. This has never been a problem before and is not a problem now! It would also totally stop young people from hunting or enjoying sports shooting. If someone is old enough to be trusted with the vote, then they are old enough to be trusted with ammunition.

Guns don't kill, people kill and everyone who purchases a gun has to be finger printed and vetted.

Please don't make problems where there aren't any.

I represent 100 friends of mine on the Big Island.

Mahalo,

Leslee Cook LMFT

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:10:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Callie Weymouth	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed bill that would prohibit individuals under the age of 21 from purchasing firearms. As a concerned citizen and parent, I firmly believe that enacting such legislation is essential for the safety and well-being of our communities.

The tragic events of recent years have highlighted the urgent need for comprehensive gun control measures. Time and again, we have witnessed senseless acts of violence perpetrated by individuals who should never have had access to firearms in the first place. It is abundantly clear that we must take decisive action to prevent such tragedies from occurring in the future.

Research consistently demonstrates that the human brain continues to develop well into a person's twenties, particularly in areas related to judgment, impulse control, and decision-making. By prohibiting individuals under the age of 21 from purchasing guns, we can help to mitigate the risk of impulsive and reckless behavior that can lead to gun violence.

Furthermore, limiting access to firearms for young adults can help to prevent tragedies such as suicides, which disproportionately affect this age group. Studies have shown that access to firearms significantly increases the likelihood of suicide attempts, and by implementing age restrictions on gun purchases, we can potentially save countless lives.

I understand that some may argue that such measures infringe upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. However, it is important to recognize that reasonable restrictions on gun ownership are not only constitutional but also necessary for the protection of public safety. Just as we have age restrictions for the purchase of alcohol and tobacco, so too should we have age restrictions for the purchase of firearms.

In conclusion, I urge you to support this important bill and take a stand for the safety and well-being of our communities. By prohibiting individuals under the age of 21 from purchasing guns, we can help to prevent senseless acts of violence and save lives. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Callie Weymouth

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:22:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Bryant	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a hunter in the state of Hawai'i. I am also a parent of two children. As soon as he was 10, my son had the chance to do the Hunter Safety Class in order to be able to hunt. He was excited and did the online course himself. He just turned 13 and along with an adult, was able to hold a rifle, load a rifle, unload a rifle, trouble shoot a rifle and hunt for birds. He not only took the Hunter Ed class but also knows how to handle any fire arm properly. My daughter has accompanied us in the hunting grounds and cannot wait to be able to be able to hunt along side her family. This law that is being proposed, fully negates the ability for a minor or even adult under the age of 21 to be able to hunt at all if these youngsters are ineligible to control ammunition. This law needs to be stricken down. Our youth will be unable to do any kind of hunting in our islands due to the inability to control ammunition. Whether or not you have a hunting background or know of a hunter and his/her family, this law restricts our youth and youth programs. I encourage you all to oppose this bill, SB2845.

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:29:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Beth Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Mahalo for this bill which calls for regulations that will help prevent gun violence. Historically, gun violence among the under age 21 young adult group is very high. For example, in 1997, offenders age 18, 19, and 20 ranked first, second, and third in the number of gun homicides committed. 24% of gun homicides in which an offender was identified, were committed by youth in this age group. This indicates there is a vital reason to prohibit sales of ammunition to this age group and prohibiting this age group from possessing, owning or selling ammunition. This will help save lives and decrease gun violence.

Mahalo for working to pass this legislation, SB 2845, that will help prevent gun homicides and other gun violence in our state. This is so critically important.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Anderson

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:56:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mitchell Ryder-Kawelo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am NOT for this bill legislation... it takes away our basic survival rights to hunt and gather food resources for our O'hana and to be able to train and teach our young children to use tools, equipment, sources to sustain their ability to provide cultural and survival skills for food gathering survival for our families.

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:28:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I firmly oppose SB2845. At 18, a person is old enough to fight and die for our country in teh military. They shouldn't have any restrictions on buying ammo.

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:31:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Vote NO on SB2845. This bill is not needed. It will interfere with training of young people in the proper and safe methods to handle firearms and it will prevent them from enjoying shooting sports. It is designed to keep young adults from defending themselves in the face of danger. It will help criminals win because young law-abiding citizens will not be able to defend themselves. It is unconstitutional because it infringes on their rights. If you can vote at 18 you ought to be able to defend yourself at that age as well. Get rid of this bill.

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 1:11:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Choy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 2:44:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ronald Livingston	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This would stop anyone under 21 from learning safe handling and hunting skills. and in an emergency how to use in self defence.

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 5:30:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
George Wilcox	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to SB2845 as it infringes the rights provided by the US Constitution 2nd Ammendment.

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 5:35:19 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Does banning cigarettes to minor prevent minor from obtain cigarettes?

Does banning legal drugs elimtate druggies?

This is a political bill, create for the sake of create, no need to have any sense.

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 5:37:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raymund Bragado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Our Constitution is the highest law of the land please consider following it. I'm a retired military service member with two combat tours in Iraq 2003 and 2008. My oath to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic never expires. To all present who took an oath as such, please oppose this infringement against our 2nd Amendment. God bless our country, troops, and citizens.

Mahalo,

Ray Bragado

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 7:33:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renny Chee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill unjustly targets lawful citizens who are exercising their Constitutional rights and not the criminals. I oppose this and any related legislation to curtail citizens of their right to defend and sustain themselves.

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 7:48:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey Post	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have a child and I want my child to grow up and learn that guns and ammo and a sign of maturity. My children will learn responsibility either way however, as a parent I want my child to learn how to handle serious situations and maturity.

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 8:38:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I completely disagree with this Bill. If you can vote and defend your Country and enlist into the armed services and be assigned an automatic rifle and or pistol at the age of 18 years old. You should be able to but ammunition. This "Bill" will not do anything to prevent criminals from doing bad things. Criminals will not follow this law as they do not follow the current laws and restrictions.

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 9:26:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christy Aiwohi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi. I oppose this bill. They are too irresponsible to have a gun. Do not allow this to happen.

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 9:27:53 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to oppose

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 10:09:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven Bergfeld	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha: I oppose SB2845. You are an adult once you reach the age of 18. You are able to serve in the military and die for your country. You are allowed to vote to select your legislators. The current laws are sufficient to control "gun violence" if they are enforced. Mahalo.

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 10:18:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

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

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

I demand that you oppose **HB119/SB234, SB11, SB1230, SB122, and SB166**. Each of these bills attacks peaceful gun owners at the expense of their safety and natural rights. the criminal doesn't care to break the law, and won't listen to anything you pass. All you are doing is supporting them by making their targets defenseless.

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

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 10:52:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bradford Davis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to formally communicate my opposition to SB2845.

LATE

Dennis M. Dunn

Kailua, Hawaii 96734

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RE: SB 2845, Relating to Firearms

HEARING: Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 325

Good afternoon, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS. My name is Dennis Dunn, and I am the retired Director of the Victim Witness Kokua Services in the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney's Office after 44 years of service. Prior to that I was a volunteer Victim Advocate for People Against Rape. I am testifying today **in strong support of SB 2845**.

This important gun safety bill is a no-brainer. Hawai'i quite rightly does not allow individuals under 21 to purchase, possess or own firearms, which matches our drinking age. It is simple logic that those under 21 should not be permitted to purchase, own, or possess ammunition. A person who cannot purchase, own, or possess a firearm clearly has no need for ammunition. We have wisely established the age of 21 as the benchmark for the maturity and wisdom for the use of firearms and there is no commonsense reason to not bring these two firearms laws into conformity. **Please support SB 2845**.

Mahalo!

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 12:06:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Phil Rarick	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Chairman and committee members. I am in strong opposition to the bill or any amended SD1.

No justiiication for this proposed legislation. You already have on the books possession of ammunition if used in commission of a crime as a chargeable offense.

Legal sportsmen and women under 21 commonly possess ammo for use in target practice, firearms safety courses given by Boy Scouts, Hunter Education.

Parents take the kids hunting after passing a Hunter Education course.

Young adults go to the public range, and now you are saying they cannot possess ammunition.

Safe handling of firearms and ammunition comes with the NRA basic firearms safety training courses, which you should encourage and support. This all starts younger than 21. NRA has free Eddie Eagle courses available to all schools. This is something Hawaii DOE should have as part of their curriculum.

Hold this bill in committee!

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 12:11:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Support strongly

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 12:19:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeremy Low	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear House,

My name is Jeremy Low,

I oppose this Bill. I have a son that loves to Hunt and he's a very responsible young man. If we allow kids at 10 yrs old to hunt with a rifle why would we allow him to buy amunition and 18yrs as a adult. This bill doesnt make sense.

thank you

Jeremy Low

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 1:44:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kent Kurihara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The purpose of this letter is to OPPOSE SB2845

The Bill aims to restrict legal activities of law-abiding citizens through extraneous rules that prohibit regular, common activities. This particular bill makes it impossible for young people to exercise protected, enumerated rights, such as the Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights.

This bill makes competitive shooting, hunting, and other activities unlawful for many individuals, even when accompanied by responsible adults. It's also non-sensical as you young person can qualify for a hunting license in this state, but would be allowed to actually hunt with a firearm for a decade or more.

This bill is a backhanded attempt to regulate legal activities and should be immediately halted.

Kent Kurihara

LATE

SB-2845

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 4:04:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb2845. It is unfair to the up and coming young sportsmen and women because it will prevent them from learning the sport of rifle, shotgun and pistol shooting, firearms safety, hunting and marksmanship. The youth will also be hurt by not developing the discipline that comes from masering this sport and learning the history that built our country regarding firearms, i.e., the 2nd amendment. The shooting sport is already over regulated with little regard and consideration of the rights of the law abiding citizen. As law abiding citizens, we strive to obey all the laws regarding firearms. Please do not pass laws that will do nothing to make Hawaii safer but instead oppress the law abiding gun owner.

Please oppose sb2845.