



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

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 3349, RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024      **TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 225 and Videoconference

**TESTIFIER(S):** Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, or  
Candace J. Park, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) opposes this bill.

This bill repeals the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission (GVVCC) and establishes the Office of Gun Violence Prevention within the Department of the Attorney General for administrative purposes only.

Rather than establishing a new office, the Department believes it more prudent to consolidate GVVCC with the Criminal Justice Data Sharing Working Group, two state entities that already exist. Senate Bill No. 3042, which is also being heard by this Committee, achieves that purpose, and we respectfully request that the Committee pass Senate Bill No. 3042 instead of this bill.

GVVCC was established by chapter 134C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and is tasked with identifying criminal data that could be used to reduce gun violence and violent crimes and maximizing the sharing of that relevant criminal justice data between criminal justice agencies. The Criminal Justice Data Sharing Working Group, established by Act 157, 2024 Haw. Sess. Laws. 434, addresses data sharing between criminal justice agencies. In addition to the closely related mandates, the two groups share a common membership base of County Prosecutors, County Police Chiefs, and the Attorney General. Consolidating the two groups will streamline the efforts to (1) identify criminal justice data relevant to reducing gun violence and violent crimes, (2)

improve collection and sharing of the relevant criminal justice data among criminal justice agencies in the State, and (3) help make government more efficient by reducing the number or duplicative meetings that public servants attend.

Sharing data among the various state and county law enforcement agencies and the judiciary has been difficult for many reasons, chief among them being the difficulty determining what data to share, which agencies should have access to some or all the data, and what data will provide the agencies with the most critical information. GVVCC's membership includes individuals with expertise in research from different public sectors including the Judiciary. By including these members of the GVVCC in the Criminal Justice Data Sharing Working Group, the law enforcement community will have access to researchers who can assist the agencies in identifying necessary data, identifiers, and resources, among other things.

The Department believes that consolidating these two groups will accomplish the objectives of the groups more effectively and efficiently than the establishment of a new office to replace the GVVCC. Therefore, we respectfully request this bill be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Statement of  
**Brigadier General Stanley J. Osserman Jr. (USAF Ret.), President**  
Tigershark, LLC  
Before the  
**Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
14 February 2024  
3:00 pm  
State Capitol Conference Room #225  
In consideration of  
**SB3349**  
**Relating to Gun Violence Prevention**

Chair Wakai

9 February 2024

Vice Chair Elefante and Distinguished Committee Members:

I stand in strong opposition of this bill.

As the former Honolulu Police Officer (President of the HPD 74<sup>th</sup> Police Recruit Class) and 2013 graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy, and Officer in the Hawaii National Guard for 35 years, I continue to serve our state by promoting solutions to our state's challenges. This testimony is NOT being given for compensation of any kind from commercial, political or private sources. I am presenting to you today as a concerned "Life-Long" citizen of the State of Hawaii with extensive professional experience in energy systems, retail and wholesale business, military matters, military support to civil authorities, international commerce, aviation, construction, maritime operations, and public safety, among others. My goal is to help our government leaders make good strategic choices.

If Hawaii has an "A- rating by the Gifford Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence" and ranked 47<sup>th</sup> out of 50 U.S. States with the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest number of gun deaths per capita in 2021. Why do we need a special office, appointed by the governor, headed by a "director" and under the State Attorney General, along with a full support staff to do data collection and analysis on "gun violence"?

Doesn't this state waste enough money doing endless studies on pointless topics and costing taxpayers millions of dollars every year? Please stop this wasteful spending!!! WE CANT AFFORD IT when we have so many other pressing needs and challenges in our state. Fix our highways, build affordable housing, hire more police officers and pay your prosecutors enough that we put more career criminals behind bars, PLEASE!!!

Brigadier General, Stanley J. Osserman Jr. (USAF Ret.)

President, Tigershark, LLC



**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:29:08 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gena Whitten	Testifying for MOMS DEMAND ACTION	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB3349 in establishing the Office of Gun Violence Prevention. We must do everything possible to prevent gun violence from spreading to Hawaii. KEEP HAWAII'S KEIKI SAFE!

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:48:03 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Craig Kashiwai	Testifying for Red Letter Industries	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:



*Submitted via web portal*

**RE: SB 3349 (Lee): Relating to Gun Violence Prevention - SUPPORT**

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

**Everytown for Gun Safety, 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 3349.**

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 3349 would establish an Office of Gun Violence prevention at the statewide level, bringing Hawai'i in line with its peer gun safety states. Statewide Offices of Gun Violence Prevention have been created in at least eight states, including California,

Washington, Massachusetts, New York, and Illinois.

Strong gun laws require robust implementation infrastructure. A state Office of Gun Violence Prevention can serve as a centralized hub working towards the clear mission of ensuring Hawai'i's gun laws are reaching their maximum potential to reduce gun violence in the state. A statewide office can support the state's gun violence prevention goals at multiple stages - from gun violence data collection that can inform policy making to implementation assessments of existing laws.

SB 3349 would task the Office of Gun Violence Prevention with the critical responsibility of developing comprehensive strategies to prevent and address various types of gun violence around the state. The Office would have the ability to coordinate with state and county agencies, federal agencies, and other partners, thereby creating vital connective tissue across gun violence prevention efforts which may be occurring in silos but can achieve greater results when coordinated or amplified by each other. The Office would also be able to serve as a data analysis hub and source of data-driven recommendations to the state legislature.

The structure of the proposed Office of Gun Violence Prevention would be similar to Offices which are successfully up and running in other states. Yet, the agile language in SB 3349 would grant the Office flexibility in scoping and prioritizing its work in a way which can be responsive to the needs of communities in Hawai'i and the most pressing gun violence issues at hand.

For these reasons listed above, Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action, and Students Demand Action strongly support SB 3349.

Sincerely,



Sarah Sumadi  
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**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 3349 (SB 3349).

SB 3349 establishes the state's Office of Gun Violence Prevention and positions it under the Office of the Attorney General. SB 3349 states that the purpose of the new office is to develop strategies to prevent and address gun violence in Hawaii. In reality, this is part of the White House agenda, announced late last year, calling for states to develop their own offices. While the purported goal of addressing violence in our communities is a worthy cause, the reality is this is nothing more than a taxpayer funded effort to push anti-gun policies without actually addressing crime in our communities.

For the foregoing reasons and many more we request your opposition to SB 3349.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reid  
Managing Director  
State & Local Affairs  
NRA-ILA



**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:17:48 PM

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

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

Comments:

Aloha,

We support SB 3349 as it is common sense legislation and a clear cut effort to be proactive against the threat of gun violence. A strong set of gun safety policies includes many types of intervention, from regulatory oversight and funding of community programs to permit issuance and threat assessment programs. Robust implementation is not a given, but rather can require a clear mandate, infrastructure-building, and personnel who believe in their work. Several states have already created a single hub to focus on firearm policy, including CA, CO, NY, IL, MA and WA. As these agencies grow in scope, they can handle issues as varied as community violence intervention funding, consumer product safety standards, oversight of gun dealers, and police accountability. God forbid we ever have a mass shooting event in our state, but if that were to happen, when I stand before you and ask you what steps you took to prevent that from ever happening here—what will your answer be? Please make supporting SB 3349 and creating a Statewide Office of Gun Violence Prevention one of those steps.

Mahalo,

Rachel Logan

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:56:17 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Erica Yamauchi	Testifying for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:27:33 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael I Rice	Individual	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

While I agree with the intent of the bill to help reduce gun violence in the state, I have great concerns given the State's anti-gun bias that this office will be weaponized with the goal to tweak information to support anti-gun laws.

Recently there have been cases where similar offices have been caught manipulating data towards that goal. One included the false statement that guns are now the leading cause of death for children. Among other offenses, the data was manipulated to include people up to the age of 25 as 'children', instances of gang violence where the only victims were rival gang members, instances of justified police shootings.

The mentioned study has been fact checked by several sources and found to be false despite it being touted by the current Presidential Administration. Simply altering the study to only include persons as old as 17 debunked the claim that firearms are the leading cause of death in children.

There has even been an instance in California where such an office ended a popular and successful program that was having positive effects on reducing gun violence that used community action and outreach and enforcement and prosecution of current laws. Many have speculated that the program was ended because it countered the argument that the only way to reduce gun violence is to get rid of guns and that the reduction in gun violence was hurting their message.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 5:06:15 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Woody Child	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3349.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 3:44:14 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Isabella McRae	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawai'i, I support creating an office for gun violence prevention.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 3:55:20 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leah McRae	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, as a voter in Senate District 14 and House District 31, I support SB3349.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.



**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:18:12 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **oppose** this Bill.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:47:09 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Douglas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support SB3349.

We must study all aspects and influencers of anything that has detrimental impacts on citizens health.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:17:41 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:

Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly,

As a licensed mental health counselor deeply committed to the well-being of our community, I strongly support of the proposed bill to establish an office of gun violence prevention within the department of the attorney general. This critical measure will help to ensure Hawaii remains in the forefront of gun violence prevention, safeguards our children and also fortifies our community against the devastating impacts of gun violence from both a public health and mental health perspective.

The establishment of an Office of Gun Violence Prevention represents a proactive and comprehensive approach to addressing the multifaceted challenges posed by gun violence. By centralizing resources, expertise, and coordination efforts, this office will serve as a hub for strategic initiatives aimed at preventing, mitigating, and responding to incidents of gun violence. From community outreach and education to data analysis and policy development, the Office of Gun Violence Prevention will play a pivotal role in fostering a safer and more resilient society.

From a public health perspective, the importance of prevention cannot be overstated. Research consistently demonstrates that early intervention and targeted prevention strategies are key to reducing the prevalence of gun-related injuries and deaths. By investing in proactive measures such as community-based violence prevention programs, mental health services, and evidence-based policy initiatives, we have the opportunity to stem the tide of gun violence and protect the health and well-being of our citizens. By prioritizing prevention and early intervention, we can not only save lives but also mitigate the long-term psychological consequences of gun violence for our keiki and community.

In conclusion, I urge each of you to seize this opportunity to establish an Office of Gun Violence Prevention in our state. By doing so, we affirm our commitment to the safety, health, and well-being of all Hawaii, and take a step towards building a future free from the scourge of gun violence.

Mahalo,

Kealakai Hammond, LMHC, PMH-C

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:18:21 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mary True	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB3349. Mass shootings have become so widespread we can't ignore the fact that Hawaii is not immune to such a thing happening here. We need a group mandated to pay attention and monitor social media, the comments pages in local newspapers, etc.

Mahalo for your attention, Mary True, Pepekeo, 96783

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:34:19 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Judith White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support. We want our state to remain one of the most gun safe states in the nation.

Judith C. White, Psy. D.

Kapaa

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:10:23 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
scott shimoda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3349. Office of Gun Violence Prevention does not need money. The State should focus on enforcing the law and stopping the criminals.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:25:49 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Ruiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Stop infringing on our Second Amendment rights.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:37:01 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose



**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:38:58 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:42:27 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:24:09 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gordon Fowler	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I must strongly oppose this measure.

A group headed up from the Attorney General's office will do nothing to enhance our rights under the auspices of the Attorney General will only further restrict the rights of Law abiding folks under the Second Amendment. They and the leadership of Our State have consistantly endorsed restrictions that re not in line with our interests.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:34:17 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alex Akui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:15:14 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Fred Delosantos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please OPPOSE this bill.

This is a terrible waste of taxpayer money, and only serves to further Karl Rhoads anti-gun agenda. These types of committees have never produced any ideas that would actually reduce crime, and if you actually look at the statistics, cities that have implemented so-called "common sense gun control laws" actually have violent crime stats that are going through the roof. Just look at Chicago, Baltimore, New York City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, and Seattle. Those are very bad examples to follow.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:38:50 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
William chase	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

You are waisting money on a office that doesn't nothing for the community. Instead appreciate those funds to DLNR so they can hold more in person hunter safety courses. Or give those funds to the local PD on each island so they can go to schools and educate children on gun and drugs maybe boost or restart the DARE programs.

I OPPOSE this bill, waisting tax payer dollars.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:43:32 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lyndel C Cabatu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill sb49

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:45:50 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elmer Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii already has a low rate of gun violence. Opening another agency utilizing tax payers dollars does not make sense. Appropriated funds should go towards homelessness and mental illness. I do not support this bill.



**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:53:24 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
JB	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Enough with the committees for gun control...just concentrate on enforcement of the current laws on criminals

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:56:01 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gavin Lohmeier	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

oppose. this will be totally ineffective in preventing gun violence

sincerely

Gavin Lohmeier

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:11:09 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark Dela Cruz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Unnecessary as it will be used to enact more laws that will hinder 2A rights.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:20:09 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Doris Matsunaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support [SB3349](#), which establishes the Office of Gun Violence Prevention within the Department of the Attorney General

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:30:27 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kyle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:34:05 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Deb Nehmad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a long time resident of Hawaii and gun safety advocate with the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, I strongly support SB3349. While last year's law on permitting and registration of firearms was a major step in the right direction, no law is effective unless there is active enforcement of the law. This bill provides that the Attorney General's office will be provided with the data needed to monitor such enforcement. Please SUPPORT this bill.

Deborah Nehmad

Hawaii Kai

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:50:24 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Byon Nakasone	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:00:48 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
William Hopkins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Senators,

I oppose this bill . A office to set up by the state government to help in ways to destroy the rights retained by the people? No.

No money, No office.



**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:22:54 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:38:48 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
RICHARD HOLIBAUGH	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom it May Concern: I oppose SB3349. As a resident and taxpayer in the State of Hawaii for approximately 25 years, I do not want my tax dollars being spent on another department that will employ "analysts, grant writers, and other staff". In my opinion there is too much government spending on personnel and not enough routine maintenance to our infrastructure such as roads, schools, state facilities, (University of Hawaii dorms/Halawa/OCCC). Perhaps personnel expenditures would be better spent on staffing the mental health facility in Kaneohe. I thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:28:32 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Wilhelm	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I suport the creation of the Officee of Gun Violence Protection. Gun Violence is increasing in Hawaii and on the mainland and the proposed office will hopefully find ways to reverse the trend. Hawaii had some of the most restricive gun laws and the lowest gun homiicide rate. We need to have Aloha restored in Hawaii.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:07:36 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Stephen T Hazam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please OPPOSE SB 3349

This bill is vague and does not indicate how this will promote safety. We do not need more commissions. We need law enforcement and a criminal justice system that that protects citizens and victims, not one that coddles criminals. Additionally, the appropriation exceeds ceilings established for FY 2024-2025. This is not good legislation.

Please OPPOSE SB 3349

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:47:25 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:50:03 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:55:38 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Dedely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:03:30 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Frank DeJesus III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose



**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:19:23 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dirck Sielken	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:20:35 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
tony frascarelli	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:21:29 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert A Marks	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair and members - please pass this measure. Gun data analysis is lacking throughout the US. This is much needed legislation.

Robert Marks

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:07:51 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Timothy Miyao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee,

Please oppose SB3349: Relating to Firearms.

Mahalo!

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:11:49 PM

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

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

Comments:

We should be focusing on violent crime and property crime. Guns don't commit crime people do. Focus on individuals and not tools.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:46:34 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
MYRNA WONG COBB	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill only creates more governmental jobs than is necessary. The firearm is used as a tool to defend against aggressors. When does a firearm commits gun violence?

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:46:51 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Courtney P Ludwig	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly disagree with SB3349

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:18:49 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lionel Delos Santos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha legistater i strongly oppose this bill because they should focuse on laws to put crimiminal away and trial them not letting out to do more crime if build more jails to keep them in there.

thank you



**SB-3349**

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

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Todd Yukutake	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3349.

This bill tries to fix the Gun Violence Commission by throwing taxpayer money at the problem and changing it's name. The gun violence commission has been a failure from reading their reports as they haven't accomplished anything useful. It was a waste of our leaderships time and resources that could've been better spent working in their own areas.

Focus on the source of the problem, the criminal. There have been many violent crimes committed in the past years leading to assaults and murders using various tools as seen in the Hawaii headlines:

Chemical violence  
Baseball bat vioelence  
Arrow violence  
Scissor violence  
Knife violence  
Machee violence  
Sword violence  
Tree violence  
Rope vioelence  
Drug violence  
Car violence  
Gravity violence  
Fist violence  
and more.

Focus on the criminal, and you solve the crime problem. Put that money towards better pay for law enforcement or towards the new prison.

Todd Yukutake  
toddykutake@gmail.com

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:59:51 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Romeo Yadao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb3349. Don't want wasted tax payer money to repeal the Gun violence and violent crimes commission to only establish a new office only for it to be non-progressive as it was with the commission.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:23:26 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Reid Oya	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. There are more people attacked / killed by other tools including hands and feet. It's violence no matter what tool was used. Will there be an office of blunt object violence? It's a waste of taxpayers money. That money can be better used elsewhere. Like stopping the flow of Fentanyl which has killed WAY more people than guns. Mental health problems are way worse than "gun violence ".

Thank you for your time

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:30:23 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Hechtman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose Bill SB3349!

It is a waste of taxpayers money as the state already has the Gun Violence Commision made up of government representatives.

Funds could be directed elsewhere to combat the surge in crime/ robberies in out community and shortage of law enforcement to combat this rise.

Again I strongly oppose bill SB3349

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:39:36 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jay Franzone	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Gun violence is increasing in Hawaii -- with full efforts and coordination that this office of gun violence prevention would provide, we can unlock Federal dollars and work to end gun violence before it takes one more life. From suicide, to murder, to a little kid playing with a gun, it's all preventable. Please support this bill.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:49:24 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
chad maeda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to sb3349

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:37:57 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cheryl Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

So for 2 years, nothing has been done. Now the solution is to toss more money and resources at this failed project.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:43:42 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kathleen Keilman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill, preventing gun violence is a good thing! Please vote Yes.

Thank you,

Kathleen Keilman



**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:46:20 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Alabanza	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it seems as the government wants to use this office to put more unnecessary restrictions on guns. The only way this office can work is that the appointed people to run it, come from people in the local firearm community.

I will be a new gun owner soon and I would like to be able to trust the government with correct firearm regulatuion. I don't want to feel that the government has a specific agenda to just outlaw guns all together. I still belive in my right to bear arms. This amendmant was created to not just secure the free state from foreign intruders, but also to be able to defend against unlawful violence coming from an overpowered oppressive government.

I am a logical and reasonable man. I see the pros and cons from the right and the left. I know Hawai'i is a very blue state. And the current trend is that the Democrats want to ban guns all together. Passing this bill seems like a step closer to achieving this Democratic goal; and one step closer to losing our rights to defend ourselves as American citizens.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:05:12 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Samuel Webb	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a waste of money, put criminals in jail, and juveniles need to be held accountable for their small crimes before they turn into major crimes.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:11:20 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Glenn	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Not in favor is the law because it seems like an attempt to introduce bias into our already biased judicial system. If there is going to be a position that includes someone who is gonna write grants I can only surmise that this means they will be writing to get money from pro gun control and anti 2A groups to push this politically motivated agenda. Let's get real and honest about what is really going on.

This is a complete waste of tax payer dollars and time and energy. This office of gun violence prevention is not necessary. We already know there is a problem. However the solutions are going to be different on either side of this issue.

The answer to the problem is not to attack lawful gun owners and this who choose to carry in public the solution is to go after those who are unlawful. Makes sense doesn't it?

The solutions will mean putting money toward things that are actually gonna attack the real causes and the solutions exist on the grassroots level. Fatherless homes where boys don't have a healthy role model and end up in gangs. Drug dealers being allowed to operate on Hawaiian homelands, illegal gambling operations being allowed to operate underground.

Quit going after lawful gun owners who could actually be your greatest resource out in the community. There is a saying 'when seconds count the police are minutes away.' I have a lot of respect for our men and women in blue but they can't be everywhere at a moments notice. The reality is we all need to our own first responders cause by the time the police show up there is a body on the ground and the criminal has fled the scene.

If you want to impact public safety rather than restrict lawful use of firearms, empower lawful firearms owners to operate effectively and efficiently. Have gun safety classes which help private citizens know how to effectively keep and operate in their own homes. Teach those who have a carry license how to operate in a public setting to be safe and stop threats without endangering other lives.

Like it or not the Supreme Court Bruen is the highest law of the land. Why not work with those who want to legally carry than make them the enemy? They are not the problem.

If guns were really the problem the reality is we would have way more incidents of gun related deaths or injuries than we do. There are more guns than people on the US. It is not a 'wild west' scenario that everyone fears.

Please do what is right in this case and don't waste time, money and resources on something that is ultimately not going to solve the problem

Thanks for your consideration

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:40:51 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marc Miya	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3349.

Creating another place to needlessly spend Hawaii taxpayers money is irresponsible. Hawaii's gun laws are already strict. Gun violence is low. Taxes are high. Budgets are tight. Many of the needed services don't get what they should to make Hawaii a better place.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:50:51 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alex B.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose creation of one more beurocratic institution that will work against people's liberties.

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 3349: RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION**  
**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 3349 to protect Hawai'i families by establishing an office of gun violence prevention in Hawai'i. Gun violence is the leading cause of death of children and teens. The CDC, which tracks causes of death, has found that since 2020, guns have surpassed car accidents as the leading cause of death for children and teens.

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.

Establishing an office of gun violence prevention is a sad and necessary step. I applaud Hawai'i for wanting to learn more about this plague and how to protect our children from it. I am also deeply saddened that our society has come to a point where such an office is necessary.

I urge your committee pass SB 3349 to protect our keiki, from brutal, preventable gun violence.

Best regards,



Karen Worthington



**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:28:10 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ted Baldonado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose measure sb3349. The appointment should be chosen by the people rather than the AG. The measure can potentially appoint a biased individual based on the AGs bias.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:45:01 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sarah Bauer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I respectfully submit testimony in support of SB3349.**

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

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:03:25 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patti Cook	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly SUPPORT. We must get serious about the safety of our island communities. Thank you, Patti Cook - Waimea, Island of Hawaii

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:08:34 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:

Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to hear my testimony in favor of **SB 3349**.

The Violence Project, which conducted research and interviewed perpetrators of school shootings, showed that perpetrators possess some of these commonalities: a history of childhood trauma, an identifiable crisis point, a script to follow, someone to blame, and an opportunity. Unfortunately, perpetrators have too many blueprints to follow these days, Columbine being the most popular.

A strong set of gun safety policies includes many types of intervention, from regulatory oversight to permit issuance and threat assessment programs. Robust implementation requires a clear mandate and infrastructure building. Several states have also created a hub to focus on firearm policy. Hawai'i, too, must act by creating a statewide office of gun violence prevention to find effective ways to fund and implement community programs and threat assessment programs that are specific to our population.

In closing, I want to thank you for your time and I implore you to pass **SB 3349** so that we can support the gun safety policies that Hawai'i stands for.

Mahalo,

Vanessa Ruderman



**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:55:24 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Micah Wong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:56:51 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
austin gapsis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

So you want to swap a gun violence thing for a gun violence thing but with more money? Thats a no. Do your jobs and spend less.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:42:47 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sviatlana Burko	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose that ban/bill because that measures are unnecessary



**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:59:10 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:14:21 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 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-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:28:06 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bruce Combs	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Members of the Committee;

By removing the words "violent crimes" everywhere it appears in HRS134-C it is clear that the commission will focus solely on gun violence prevention including the lawful use of firearms to protect one's self and family.

The commission will thus become a taxpayer-funded advocacy group against the public's natural right to self defense.

For these reasons the bill must be voted down.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:43:48 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:49:37 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:06:07 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tina Lia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill establishes an office to promote anti-gun policies without actually addressing crime in our communities.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:22:47 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Mersburgh	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3349 as written.

The Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission should be repealed. Any moneys should be appropriated to/for law enforcement to investigate and prosecute violent crimes or crimes involving a firearm to full extent of existing law.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:25:42 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Malcolm Yee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill and view it as an infringement on our 2A Rights.



**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:25:54 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ronald Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

2nd amendment

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:35:50 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose SB-3349. We do wish our tax payer dollars be used on 2nd amendment infringement.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:42:38 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kai Asam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposition to the establishment of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention within the Department of the Attorney General, coupled with the repeal of the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission, is imperative due to potential inefficiencies and the risk of overlooking critical aspects of addressing gun violence and violent crimes. While administrative streamlining is often desirable, creating a separate office may inadvertently isolate gun violence prevention efforts from broader criminal justice initiatives, hindering coordination and holistic approaches to public safety. Additionally, the repeal of the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission could erase valuable expertise and insights amassed over time, jeopardizing the state's ability to effectively combat these pressing issues. Furthermore, appropriating funds for this new office at a level exceeding the state's general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 raises concerns about fiscal responsibility and the allocation of resources, particularly if such funds could be more effectively utilized in existing initiatives or programs.

**SB-3349**

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Wayne Asam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sean Langley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There should be no separate office to differentiate gun violence from violent crimes, as any crime committed with any type of object is considered assault with a deadly weapon.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:55:56 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keith Lamon bruins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB3349

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:01:46 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gisele Hammond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose, mahalo

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:02:16 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Janie Bryan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha--

I am writing in support of establishing an Office of Gun Violence Prevention in the office of the Attorney General. Gun violence prevention is imperative in our state as we have seen a rise in shootings and murders recently. Very concerning!

Please vote YES on this bill!!

Malalo, Janie Bryan

Resident since 1988



**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:03:43 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
DARRYL MACHA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly OPPOSE.

Taxpayer funds can be of better use elsewhere at this time.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:04:40 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Hammond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill,

Mahalo

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:22:00 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rita Kama-Kimura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose the passing of this bill.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:32:34 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Quentin Kealoha	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** this bill.

The creation of an office for gun violence is unnecessary and will be utilized to create new, unnecessary positions (at tax payer expense) while simultaneously being filled with individuals who share the similar anti-constitutional perspective as the introducer of this bill, all of which will be weaponized to further infringe upon the rights and freedoms of the People of Hawai'i.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:44:30 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Berta Narbonne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill so that Hawaii'i remains at the forefront of gun safety. Five other states already have a statewide hub focused on gun violence protection. In Hawaii'i, there are more gun deaths from suicide than from homicide. With the stresses our communities have been facing along with our mental health support systems stretched thin, we should make sure that our efforts to keep our community safe are coordinated and efficient.

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:44:36 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
JayC@118	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i oppose

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:47:54 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Karl Braun-Ortega	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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.

**LATE**

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:17:58 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Allegra Giacchino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please join me in support of SB3349 to establish an Office of Gun Violence Prevention. Effective gun violence prevention, intervention, and response requires strategic coordination to implement new policies and programs. A state Office of Gun Violence Prevention—equipped with clear mandate and experienced personnel—can coordinate resources and accelerate implementation. State offices should have sufficient authority to: (a) coordinate across state agencies and with local and federal governments; (b) build gun violence data collection and analysis capacity; (c) develop and implement comprehensive strategies for addressing various types of gun violence; and (d) develop and implement a state plan to prevent targeted violence and effectively respond to incidents of mass shootings and surges in other forms of gun violence.

Constituents like me care about doing everything we can to make our state safer.

Mahalo



**LATE**

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:22:34 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

**LATE**

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:54:47 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lindsey A Drayer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I respectfully submit testimony in support of SB3349.**

- **A strong set of gun safety policies includes many types of intervention, from regulatory oversight and funding of community programs to permit issuance and threat assessment programs.**
- **Robust implementation is not a given, but rather can require a clear mandate, infrastructure-building, and personnel who believe in their work.**
- **Several states have already created a single hub to focus on firearm policy, including CA, CO, NY, IL, MA and WA. As these agencies grow in scope, they can handle issues as varied as community violence intervention funding, consumer product safety standards, oversight of gun dealers, and police accountability.**

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

**LATE**

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:06:27 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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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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, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Wakai and Members:

**SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 3349, Relating to Gun Violence Prevention**

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. 3349, Relating to Gun Violence Prevention, and submits the following comments and concerns.

The HPD supports the establishment of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention within the Department of the Attorney General, State of Hawaii for the purposes of data collection and reporting its findings. However, this bill lacks details as to the level of commitment each county's police department is required to have, to include what type of data will be collected, how often the data will be required to be submitted, what extent will be required regarding meeting participation, and how often will the meetings be held.

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety and  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
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We thank you for the consideration of our concerns regarding Senate Bill  
No. 3349, Relating to Gun Violence Prevention, and the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Carlene Lau, Acting Major  
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:

  
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Arthur J. Logan  
Chief of Police

**LATE**

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:29:46 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Chong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in opposition of SB3349. By creating another entity when there is already one in place would be a waste of resources that could be used elsewhere in the community.

**LATE**

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:01:25 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Beth Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is important to increase resources to track and analyze gun violence in our state and support work on focused on reduction of gun violence and development of approaches and solutions to prevent gun violence,

Please support SB3349

**LATE**

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:37:31 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vote NO on SB3349. It is a waste of time and money. It is just another excuse to find ways to infringe on our God-given constitutional right to keep and bear arms. Why so much focus on "gun violence?" Does this imply that other forms of violence are OK? Why not "knife violence" or "baseball bat violence?" The money spent on this could be spent better on something else, such as beach restoration and cleanup of Lahaina Harbor. Kill this bill now.



**LATE**

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 2:52:13 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ronald Livingston	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

oppose

**LATE**

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 5:32:58 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
George Wilcox	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to SB3349 as it infringes the rights provided by the US Constitution 2nd Ammendment.

**LATE**

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 8:00:48 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeffrey Post	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The state of Hawaii already has many crime task forces in place, do we need another one? Gun violence or violence in general in Hawaii is nowhere what it is places like Chicago they who do have a state office of gun violence. The point is many cities and towns already have an office like this in place and it has not helped the violence. As a taxpayer and citizen of Honolulu I want my taxes spent efficiently however, taxes spent on another office that doesn't prove its worth is something I can't support, and neither should you as a representative of Hawaii. I'm disappointed at the current state of many departments in our state and I would prefer that we don't add to the problem.

Thank you

Jeffrey Post

**LATE**

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 9:09:25 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Miyagi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kill this "Bill". The people of Hawaii do not need another government agency added to the beurocracy of red tape and another government entity that will not help the situation. Spend the taxpayers revenue in a more realistic entity, like "Mental Health". Thank You

**LATE**

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 10:24:11 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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 SB 3349, 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-3349**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 11:37:55 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dennis Dunn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support S.B. 3349.

Mahalo!

Dennis Dunn

dennismdunn47@gmail.com

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**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 12:11:07 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Betsy Scolnik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Gun safety is critical!

**LATE**

**SB-3349**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 12:46:27 PM

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

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

Comments:

im agaist this the lable of this office already creates a bias. Lets create a firearm safty training course.that would enhance law abiding citizens and there skills.