

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA  
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 984, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, RELATING TO FIREARMS.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**DATE:** Friday, March 31, 2023

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016

**TESTIFIER(S):** **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.**

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Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) strongly supports this bill. The purpose of this bill is to clarify, revise, and update Hawaii's firearms laws to address the serious hazards to public health, safety, and welfare posed by firearms and gun violence. Like Senate Bill No. 1230, which the Committee heard and recommended passing last month, House Bill No. 984, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, would help to maintain the longstanding public policy and legislative intent of chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), amid a changing legal landscape following recent United States Supreme Court decisions.

For 170 years—since 1852—Hawai'i has protected public health and safety by carefully limiting who may carry guns in public. For decades, a system of discretionary licensing was used: the police departments would evaluate an applicant and decide whether there was a good reason why that person needed to carry a concealed firearm in public. This policy was preserved and supported across many different administrations and legislative sessions, and it played an important role in helping to reduce the risks of gun violence in our communities. Largely due to Hawaii's system of discretionary licenses, concealed weapons were not commonly carried in public in Hawai'i. Accordingly, there was not as great a need for some of the types of firearms laws that exist in many other states—for example, laws prohibiting carrying firearms in

“sensitive places” like schools, playgrounds, and government buildings, or laws prohibiting carrying a firearm in public while intoxicated.

In its June 2022 decision in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. 2111 (2022), the United States Supreme Court held that discretionary licensing systems for carrying guns in public cannot be used going forward. The Supreme Court stated that the Second Amendment requires that state law must provide clear and objective criteria for when licenses to carry firearms in public will be granted. Moreover, after *Bruen*, the Second Amendment requires that if an applicant meets the statutory criteria that have been established by the state legislature, then a license to carry a concealed weapon in public “shall” be granted.

The Supreme Court’s *Bruen* decision represents a very significant and disruptive change for our State. In the wake of *Bruen*, many more people are applying for licenses to carry a firearm. Under *Bruen*, those licenses shall be granted unless there is an objective statutory basis requiring denial. This will result in a significant increase in the presence of firearms in public, with more individuals carrying concealed weapons in Hawai’i than ever before in our State’s history. This presents serious challenges for public health and safety. This bill is an effort to address these challenges in the post-*Bruen* legal landscape.

Gun violence presents an urgent public-health issue, and even after the Supreme Court’s decision in *Bruen*, there are still a number of important tools available to address the serious and increasing risks posed by firearms and gun violence. States have the authority to enact “a ‘variety’ of gun regulations,” *Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. at 2162 (Kavanaugh, J., concurring), such as prohibiting the carrying of firearms in sensitive locations and adopting laws to ensure that those who carry firearms are “law-abiding, responsible citizens.” *Id.* at 2133, 2138.

At a fundamental level, this bill is intended to do two things.

*First*, some existing provisions of chapter 134, HRS, can no longer be applied going forward, and should be reframed to address the immediate effects of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Bruen*. The bill would update and revise these provisions to preserve the intent and purpose of chapter 134, HRS, to the extent possible. For

example, the bill would clarify the legal standards and criteria that will be applied when a person applies for a license to carry a firearm in public.

*Second*, the bill identifies policies that we believe would help address the significant risks presented by the increased public carrying of firearms.

As explained in greater detail below, this bill would:

- Prohibit carrying or possessing a firearm in certain sensitive locations;
- Require a person stopped by a law enforcement officer to inform the law enforcement officer if they are carrying a concealed firearm;
- Prohibit leaving an unsecured firearm in a vehicle unattended;
- Prohibit people carrying a firearm from consuming alcohol, consuming a controlled substance, being under the influence of alcohol, or being under the influence of a controlled substance;
- Prohibit carrying or possessing a firearm on private property open to the public without authorization;
- Require the Department of the Attorney General to publish an annual report regarding licenses to carry firearms;
- Revise, clarify, and focus Hawaii's mental-health disqualification for firearms possession;
- Protect public safety by ensuring that firearms are not possessed or carried by those who lack the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm;
- Add new education and training requirements for applicants for a license to carry a firearm in public;
- Clarify that when a permit to acquire a firearm or a license to carry a firearm is denied, the applicant should be given reasons for the denial and will have a right to a contested case hearing;
- Prohibit a person carrying a firearm in public pursuant to a license from carrying more than one firearm on their person at one time;
- Disqualify individuals who have been convicted of a violent misdemeanor crime or a crime relating to firearms from possessing firearms for 20 years

following the conviction and maintain Hawaii's lifetime prohibition on possessing firearms for persons convicted of a felony; and

- Adjust certain regulatory fees relating to firearms.

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**The bill would prohibit carrying or possessing a firearm in certain sensitive locations (section 2, section 134-A, HRS, page 3, line 16, through page 9, line 17).**

These include the following locations:

- State and local government buildings;
- Schools, colleges, and universities, including research facilities;
- Public or private hospitals, mental health facilities, nursing homes, clinics, medical offices, urgent care facilities, and other places at which medical or health services are customarily provided;
- Bars and restaurants serving alcohol;
- Stadiums, movie theaters, concert halls, and places at which a professional, collegiate, high school, amateur, or student sporting event is being held;
- Prisons and jails;
- Public library property, buildings, facilities, meeting rooms, and spaces used for community programming;
- Beaches, playgrounds, state monuments, and other state and county parks;
- Shelters, residential facilities, and programmatic facilities serving unhoused persons or victims of domestic violence or children, including children involved in the juvenile justice system;
- Voting service centers and other polling places;
- Banks;
- Places, facilities, or vehicles used for public transportation or public transit, including buses, bus terminals (but not including bus stops located on public sidewalks), trains, rail stations, and airports;
- Amusement parks, aquariums, carnivals, circuses, fairs, museums, water parks, and zoos; and

- Any public gathering, public assembly, or special event conducted on property open to the public, including but not limited to a demonstration, march, rally, vigil, protest, picketing, or other public assembly, that requires the issuance of a permit from a federal, state, or local government and the sidewalk or street immediately adjacent to the public gathering, public assembly, or special event and within one thousand feet from the public gathering, public assembly, or special event; provided that there are signs clearly and conspicuously posted at visible places along the perimeter of the public gathering, public assembly, or special event.

These provisions are intended to protect particularly sensitive locations from the risks of gun violence. These locations fall into three general categories: high-density locations; locations with vulnerable populations; and locations of governmental activity. Parking areas adjacent to the sensitive locations identified above are also deemed sensitive locations where possessing firearms is prohibited. These prohibitions do not apply to law enforcement and authorized security guards and are subject to various affirmative defenses.

The U.S. Supreme Court has made clear that the Second Amendment does not prohibit states from prohibiting carrying firearms in “sensitive locations.” The collection of sensitive locations defined in the bill is in line with the set of sensitive locations that a number of other states have identified in recent legislation. Although many states protect sensitive locations from firearms, Hawai‘i currently has no such law in place. We believe these provisions are legally appropriate and are grounded in longstanding history and tradition—as required by the legal test the Supreme Court established in *Bruen*.

This prohibition would not apply to law enforcement officers.

The bill would also amend chapter 706, HRS, by adding a new section that would establish enhanced sentencing provisions for carrying or possessing a firearm in sensitive locations when a person is not licensed under section 134-9, HRS. See section 3, page 15, lines 11-16.

**The bill would require a person carrying a firearm in public pursuant to a license to maintain possession of the license and proof that the firearm being**

**carried is properly registered (section 2, section 134-B(a), HRS, page 9, line 18, through page 10, line 9).** This provision is intended to promote public safety by making sure that those who carry firearms pursuant to a license comply with registration and licensing requirements. Many states have established similar requirements for licensees.

**The bill would require a person stopped by a law enforcement officer to inform the law enforcement officer if they are carrying a concealed firearm (section 2, section 134-B(b), HRS, page 10, line 10, through page 11, line 2).** This provision is intended to protect the public, protect law-enforcement-officer safety, promote situational awareness during investigatory stops, and avoid the risks of escalation. Many states have already established similar public safety requirements. See, e.g., N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-415.11(a) (“[Licensee] shall carry the permit together with valid identification whenever the person is carrying a concealed handgun, shall disclose to any law enforcement officer that the person holds a valid permit and is carrying a concealed handgun when approached or addressed by the officer, and shall display both the permit and the proper identification upon the request of a law enforcement officer.”); Alaska Stat. Ann. § 11.61.220 (requiring that a person must “immediately inform the peace officer of [firearm] possession” if stopped).

**The bill would prohibit leaving an unsecured firearm in a vehicle unattended (section 2, section 134-C, HRS, page 11, line 5, through page 12, line 2).** A significant concern associated with the increased public carry of firearms is the increased risk of theft of firearms from automobiles. See Megan J. O’Toole et al., *Gun Thefts from Cars: The Largest Source of Stolen Guns*, Everytown Research & Policy (May 9, 2022), <https://everytownresearch.org/gun-thefts-from-cars-the-largest-source-of-stolen-guns> (reporting, based on FBI crime data, that “gun thefts from cars are now the largest source of stolen guns—one that continues rising in parallel with rising rates of gun sales and violence”).

Under this provision, a person leaving a firearm inside a vehicle unattended would be required to securely lock the firearm in a gun safe or other secure container within the vehicle that is out of sight from outside of the vehicle. This provision is similar

to laws that have been enacted in a number of other states, including New York, California, and Connecticut. See, e.g., N.Y. Penal Law § 265.45; Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 29-38g(a)(1) (“No person shall store or keep any pistol or revolver in any motor vehicle that is unattended unless such pistol or revolver is in the trunk, a locked safe or locked glove box.”); Cal. Pen. Code § 25140 (“[A] person shall, when leaving a handgun in an unattended vehicle, lock the handgun in the vehicle's trunk, lock the handgun in a locked container and place the container out of plain view, lock the handgun in a locked container that is permanently affixed to the vehicle's interior and not in plain view, or lock the handgun in a locked toolbox or utility box.”).

This provision would not apply to law enforcement officers.

**The bill would prohibit people carrying a firearm from consuming alcohol, consuming a controlled substance, being under the influence of alcohol, or being under the influence of a controlled substance (section 2, section 134-D, HRS, page 12, lines 3-21).** This provision is intended to combat the very serious public health risks that are presented when intoxicated persons carry or use firearms. Research demonstrates that “people who abuse alcohol or illicit drugs are at an increased risk of committing acts of violence,” and “[d]rug and alcohol use by domestic abusers has been strongly linked with the perpetration of fatal and non-fatal domestic violence.” D.W. Webster & J.S. Vernick, *Keeping Firearms from Drug and Alcohol Abusers*, 15 *Injury Prevention* 425 (2009); see also B.G. Carr et al., *A Randomised Controlled Feasibility Trial of Alcohol Consumption and the Ability to Appropriately Use a Firearm*, 15 *Injury Prevention* 409, 409 (2009) (concluding that “[i]ntoxicated subjects were less accurate, slower to fire in reaction time scenarios, and quicker to fire in scenarios requiring judgement relative to controls” and determining that “[a]n association between firearm injury and heavy alcohol consumption has been demonstrated”).

Notably, “studies consistently reported that alcohol use was significantly associated with the possession of firearms, the ownership of firearms, and the use of firearm as a suicide means, and that the association was stronger for heavy alcohol use.” Charles C. Branas et al., *Alcohol Use and Firearm Violence*, 38 *Epidemiologic*

Reviews 32, 43-44 (2016). Moreover, “an overwhelming proportion (70%) of [intimate-partner] homicide perpetrators were under the influence of substances when the crime occurred, . . . and the use of alcohol is a strong predictor of intimate terrorism of women.” Darryl W. Roberts, *Intimate Partner Homicide: Relationships to Alcohol and Firearms*, 25 J. Contemp. Crim. Just. 67, 70 (2009).

The majority of states either prohibit carrying a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, prohibit carrying a firearm while consuming alcohol or a controlled substance, or both. Hawai‘i currently has no law prohibiting either.

**The bill would prohibit carrying or possessing a firearm on private property open to the public without authorization (section 2, section 134-E, HRS, page 13, line 1, through page 14, line 10).** The bill would create a “default rule” that a person may not carry firearms on other peoples’ private property without express permission of the owner or manager of the property. The purpose of this provision is to reduce the risks of gun violence on private property, to reduce the likelihood of armed confrontations, and to respect the right of private entities and property owners to decide for themselves whether to allow the carrying of firearms on their property.

This is similar to laws adopted in New York and New Jersey in 2022. See N.Y. Penal Law § 265.01-d(1) (“[a] person is guilty of criminal possession of a weapon in a restricted location when such person possesses a firearm, rifle, or shotgun and enters into or remains on or in private property where such person knows or reasonably should know that the owner or lessee of such property has not permitted such possession by clear and conspicuous signage indicating that the carrying of firearms, rifles, or shotguns on their property is permitted or has otherwise given express consent.”); N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:58-4.6(a)(24) (prohibiting carrying a firearm onto “private property, including but not limited to residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional or undeveloped property, unless the owner has provided express consent or has posted a sign indicating that it is permissible to carry on the premises a concealed handgun”); see also Alaska Stat. § 11.61.220(a) (prohibiting possession of a firearm “that is concealed on the person within the residence of another person unless the person has



first obtained the express permission of an adult residing there to bring a concealed deadly weapon within the residence”).

Under this provision, an owner or operator of private property may signify authorization for others to carry a firearm on their property by providing written or verbal authorization, or by posting a conspicuous sign indicating that carrying or possessing a firearm is authorized. To be subject to this provision, the private property must be “open to the public”—this includes places like malls, hotels, other retail establishments, etc.

Consistent with this provision, survey data indicates that most people would prefer that the default rule be that guns should not be carried on others’ private property without their express consent. As one recent study found, “a substantial and statistically significant majority of Americans reject the default right to carry weapons onto other people’s residences, unoccupied rural land, retail establishments and businesses.” Ian Ayres & Spurthi Jonnalagadda, *Guests with Guns: Public Support for “No Carry” Defaults on Private Land*, 48 *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 183, 189 (2020).

In light of the above, it appears that of the two possible alternatives for a rule like this—(1) a rule allowing the concealed carrying of firearms on others’ private property unless the property owners take affirmative steps to expressly deny consent or (2) a rule that prohibits concealed carry of firearms on others’ private property unless property owners expressly grant consent—most people would prefer option (2). As noted above, a central purpose of this provision is to protect the important right of owners and operators of private property to decide for themselves whether they want to allow other people to carry firearms on their property.

**The bill would require the Department of the Attorney General to publish an annual report regarding licenses to carry firearms (section 2, section 134-F, HRS, page 14, line 11, through page 15, line 7).**

**The bill would revise, clarify, and focus Hawaii’s mental-health disqualification for firearms possession (section 7, section 134-7(c), HRS, page 33, line 9, through page 35, line 2).** Currently, section 134-7(c)(3), HRS, prohibits persons “diagnosed as having a significant behavioral, emotional, or mental disorders [sic] as defined by the most current diagnostic manual of the American Psychiatric

Association or for treatment for organic brain syndromes” from possessing firearms. The bill would replace the current disqualifier provision with a new provision establishing that a person shall not possess a firearm if they have been “diagnosed with or treated for a medical, behavioral, psychological, emotional, or mental condition or disorder that causes or is likely to cause impairment in judgment, perception, or impulse control to an extent that presents an unreasonable risk to public health, safety, or welfare if the person were in possession or control of a firearm or ammunition[.]” The proposed revision is intended to update the statutory language to create a more targeted provision that focuses on reducing risks to public welfare. Additionally, the term “organic brain syndrome” is no longer commonly used. See, e.g., Donald W. Black, M.D. & Jon E. Grant, M.D., M.P.H., J.D., *The Essential Companion to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition* 360 (2014).

The wording of this provision is similar to an analogous Texas statute. See Tex. Gov’t Code § 411.172(d) (disqualification for license to carry based on “diagnos[is] by a licensed physician as suffering from a psychiatric disorder or condition that causes or is likely to cause substantial impairment in judgment, mood, perception, impulse control, or intellectual ability”).

**The bill would protect public safety by ensuring that firearms are not possessed or carried by those who lack the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm (section 5, page 24, line 4, through page 25, line 14, and section 8, page 40, lines 1-3; page 41, lines 4-6; and page 49, line 3, through page 50, line 6).** The bill provides that “[i]n determining whether a person lacks the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm, the issuing authority shall consider whether the person poses a danger of causing a self-inflicted bodily injury or unlawful injury to another person, as evidenced by:

- (1) Information from a healthcare provider indicating that the person has had suicidal or homicidal thoughts or tendencies within the preceding five years;
- (2) Statements by the person indicating dangerousness or violent animus towards one or more individuals or groups, including but not limited to groups based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender

expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or other characteristic, of a nature or to an extent that would objectively indicate to a reasonable observer that it would not be in the interest of the public health, safety, or welfare for the person to own, possess, or control a firearm or ammunition;  
or

- (3) Other information that would lead a reasonable, objective observer to conclude that the person presents a danger to the community or intends or is likely to use a firearm for an unlawful purpose or in an unlawful manner.”

**The bill would add new education and training requirements for applicants for a license to carry a firearm in public (section 8, section 134-9, HRS, page 43, line 17, through page 48, line 8).** This includes components on firearm safety, firearm handling, shooting technique, safe storage, legal methods to transport firearms and secure firearms in vehicles, laws governing places in which persons are prohibited from carrying a firearm, firearm usage in low-light situations, situational awareness and conflict management, and laws governing firearms, including information regarding the circumstances in which deadly force may be used for self-defense or the defense of another, mental health and mental health resources, as well as a live-fire shooting exercise on a firing range, with a demonstration by the applicant of safe handling of (and shooting proficiency with) each firearm that the applicant is applying to be licensed to carry in public. Increased education and training is expected to play an important role in mitigating risks associated with the public carry of firearms. This provision is intended to align with recent reforms in several other states.

The bill would also adjust the duration of a license to carry a firearm from one year to four years. See Section 8, section 134-7(m), HRS, page 52, lines 15-16 (providing that “[u]nless renewed, a concealed or unconcealed license shall expire four years from the date of issue”).

The bill also provides that a concealed carry license is valid throughout the State, rather than being valid only in the particular county in which it was issued. See Section 8, section 134-9(a), HRS, page 39, lines 11-14.

**The bill would clarify that when a permit to acquire a firearm or a license to carry a firearm is denied, the applicant should be given reasons for the denial and will have a right to a contested case hearing (section 5, section 134-2(i) and (k), HRS, page 29, line 16, through page 30, line 7, and page 31, line 11, through page 32, line 2, and section 8, section 134-9(j) and (k), HRS, page 50, line 11, through page 51, line 19).** This is intended to ensure efficient and fair administrative processes for applicants.

**The bill would prohibit a person carrying a firearm in public pursuant to a license from carrying more than one firearm on their person at one time (section 8, section 134-9(r), HRS, page 54, lines 7-11).** This provision is intended to address the risks to public health and safety associated with carrying multiple firearms in public without impairing the ability of a law-abiding, responsible individual to engage in effective self-defense with a firearm.

**The bill would disqualify individuals who have been convicted of a non-felony crime relating to firearms from possessing firearms for 20 years following the conviction (section 7, section 134-7(h), HRS, page 38, lines 7-16).** Under current law, felonies and a small number of other violent crimes result in an indefinite disqualification from possessing firearms. The bill would modestly expand the set of crimes that trigger a disqualification from firearms ownership, and establish a category of firearms crimes that also, upon conviction, result in a disqualification from firearms possession. These provisions are intended to reduce the risks to public health and safety posed by armed individuals who have a track record of dangerous criminal conduct—rather than being responsible, law-abiding gun owners. The core purpose is to ensure that those who carry guns are responsible, law-abiding gun owners. With respect to misdemeanor convictions, the bill would revise the length of the firearms prohibition associated with such convictions from an indefinite disqualification to a 20-year disqualification. In other states, qualifying misdemeanor convictions generally result in prohibitions on firearms possession that range from 3-20 years. The bill would maintain Hawaii's indefinite prohibition on firearms possession by felons, which parallels federal law.

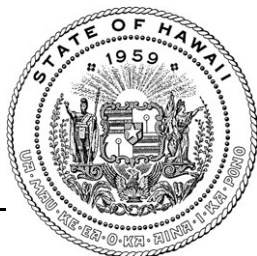
**The bill would adjust certain regulatory fees relating to firearms (section 8, section 134-9(i), HRS, page 50, lines 7-10, and section 8, section 134-9(q), HRS, page 54, lines 2-6).** The bill would provide for a nonrefundable fee of \$150 for an application to carry a firearm pursuant to section 134-9, HRS, and would establish a nonrefundable fee of \$50 for a license renewal application under section 134-9, HRS. These revisions are warranted because the prior fee (\$10 for a license issued under section 134-9, HRS) was set decades ago and it should be adjusted to reflect inflation and increased costs, including costs associated with background checks and investigations and additional procedures established in this bill. These fees shall be chargeable by and payable to the appropriate county and shall be used for expenses related to police services.

These fees are comparable to fees established in a number of other states. See, e.g., N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:58-4 (New Jersey: “[e]ach application [for a permit to carry handguns] shall be accompanied by a \$200 application fee”); Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 140, § 131(i) (Massachusetts: “[t]he fee for the application [to carry a firearm] shall be \$100, which shall be payable to the licensing authority and shall not be prorated or refunded in case of revocation or denial”); Okla. Stat. tit. 21, §§ 1290.5 and 1290.12 (Oklahoma: \$100 application fee and \$85 renewal fee); Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1351 (Tennessee: \$100 application fee).

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As outlined above, the Department strongly supports this bill. The bill would help to maintain the longstanding public policy and legislative intent of chapter 134, HRS, amid a changing legal landscape following recent United States Supreme Court decisions.

Thank you for your consideration of this measure.



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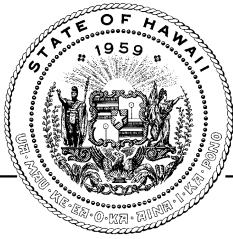
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**HB984, HD2, SD1**  
**RELATING TO FIREARMS.**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** HB984, HD2, SD1, which prohibits firearms in certain locations and premises and provides for enhanced sentencing; requires possession and disclosure of a license to carry; prohibits leaving an unsecured firearm in a vehicle attended; prohibits being under the influence of a controlled substance when carrying a firearm; prohibits carrying or possessing firearms on certain private property open to the public without express authorization; amends the requirements for, and revocation of, firearms permits and licenses; and amends the disqualification of persons from owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm.

The Department supports the intent of this measure which seeks to protect public health, safety, and welfare from the serious hazards associated with firearms and gun violence and clarifies, revises, and updates Hawai'i's firearms laws, while respecting and protecting the lawful exercise of individual rights. The Department is in support of protecting areas such as schools, government buildings, polling places, and other analogous locations from the potential dangers related to firearms and gun violence. The Department is also in support of respecting the right of private individuals and entities to choose whether to allow or restrict the carrying of firearms on their property, providing that firearms shall not be carried on private property open to the public without the express authorization of the owner, lessee, operator, or manager of the property.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



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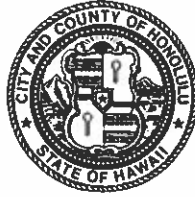
The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) supports HB 984, HD2, SD1, which prohibits firearms in certain locations and amends state laws governing firearms.

OPSD **strongly supports** this measure as a way to keep the public and state employees safe in public spaces and public work places. Members of the public and public servants want to reduce the chance of active shooter events in public spaces and places of work. Active shooter training cannot guarantee safety when persons intent on killing other people are allowed to carry firearms into public buildings and gathering places.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
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Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

**SUBJECT: House Bill No. 984, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Relating to Firearms**

I am Eric Yosemite, Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the intent of House Bill No. 984, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Relating to Firearms, and shares the following comments and concerns.

In the area of sensitive places, it is too broad and will be difficult to enforce. This bill proposes that several public and all private properties be classified as sensitive places. This is a concern with places such as a shopping center that consists of multiple businesses. An individual business may allow firearms on their premises. The opposite situation may also cause confusion in which the land owner or manager allows firearms on their premises with the required signage, but individual businesses within that property may not allow firearms in their business. The HPD also recommends that citizens who are authorized to carry a firearm via the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act be excluded from this section or prohibition as they are current, former, or retired law enforcement officers who have passed a firearms program with strict minimum regulations.

The second concern is regarding the confusing language in which persons and situations are excluded from sensitive places. As it reads, all firearms are prohibited from a list of sensitive places, and subsequently lists the exceptions. It is confusing



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when the exclusion lists persons licensed under Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Section 134-9, with the exception of the immediate area surrounding the person's vehicle within a parking area for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving the firearm. Senate Bill No. 1230 also addresses sensitive places and has it clearly stated that firearms are prohibited from sensitive places for those licensed under HRS, Section 134-9. The importance of clearly stated language is so that persons arrested for violating the section of Place to Keep are not able to plead from a felony to a misdemeanor.

The next concern is that this bill does not allow for persons traversing through or near a sensitive place without intentions to stop or linger.

Although there are historical locations listed as sensitive places for this bill, places of worship should also be included as a historically sensitive location.

The list of sensitive places also names public transportation. The HPD suggests that rideshare programs be clarified or addressed, such as Uber, Lyft, and taxis, for both the drivers and passengers.

This bill proposes that licenses to carry a firearm should be valid for four years. The HPD is concerned that there are current applicants who are barely passing with the minimum requirements for a one year license. Shooting accurately is a perishable skill, and an annual shooting proficiency test should be required to maintain a license for more than one year.

The requirements for a concealed license to carry includes the applicant to be a state of Hawaii resident. The requirements should be consistent and apply to those persons applying for an unconcealed license to carry.

The HPD repeats its concerns with the section of the bill regarding "Unlawful conduct while carrying a firearm; penalty," as it would be difficult to enforce and prosecute. The HPD appreciates the intent of this section; however, enforcement and prosecution of this section would require either the observation of the consumption of alcohol, intoxicating liquor, or controlled substance or proof of intoxication. Proof of intoxication would require a legal threshold limit and administrative procedures to legally allow law enforcement to draw blood or take a breath sample.

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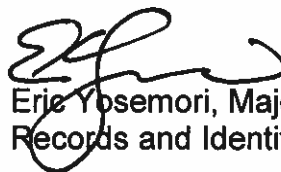
Additionally, we are concerned with the section of this bill that outlines the required information on the license to carry card. Each county in the state of Hawaii has different equipment and capabilities. The HPD currently does not have the equipment to capture the licensee's signature and would require additional funding to purchase the necessary equipment. An additional safety concern is that the licensee's address would be exposed if his/her card were lost.

The HPD also recommends that the proposed HRS, Section 134-B, Duty to maintain possession of license while carrying a firearm; duty to disclose; penalty, also require a government identification to be presented along with the license to carry card as indicated on page 9. It should also be noted on each license to carry that the card is not a form of a government identification.

The HPD respectfully requests the addition for a section of this bill to address persons with a firearm that is not properly concealed while authorized with a concealed carry license under HRS, Section 134-9.

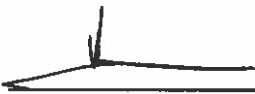
We thank you for the consideration of our concerns regarding House Bill No. 984, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Relating to Firearms, and for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Erie Yosemite, Major  
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:

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DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
JUDICIARY

**Friday, March 31, 2023, 10:00 AM, Via Videoconference**

- TO: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair, Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary
- RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 984, HOUSE DRAFT 2, SENATE DRAFT 1, RELATING TO FIREARMS

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) of the City and County of Honolulu (City) **strongly supports** House Bill 984, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1, relating to firearms.

DTS fully agrees with including public transit vehicles and facilities in the prohibited locations to carry or possess a firearm, and appreciates the Senate Draft 1 version that has added "paratransit vans" and "bus shelters," which are more defined structures than bus stops, to the list of prohibited locations.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support.



Committee on Judiciary  
Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard

Friday March 31 2023, 10 am Room 016 & Videoconference  
HB984 HD2 SD1 — RELATING TO FIREARMS

TESTIMONY

Beppie Shapiro, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

**The League of Women Voters of Hawaii opposes/supports HB984 HD2 SD1 which** Prohibits firearms in certain locations and premises and provides for enhanced sentencing; Requires possession and disclosure of a license to carry; Prohibits leaving an unsecured firearm in a vehicle unattended; Prohibits consuming or being under the influence of alcohol, an intoxicating liquor, or a controlled substance when carrying a firearm; Prohibits carrying or possessing firearms on certain private property open to the public without express authorization; and makes other important qualifications and limitations on the possession, use and regulation of firearms.

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi- automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens. The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety.

The League supports licensing procedures for gun ownership by private citizens to include a waiting period for background checks, personal identity verification, gun safety education, and annual license renewal. The license fee should be adequate to bear the cost of education and verification.

HB984 HD2 SD1 will enhance the safety of people across the state without unfairly limiting the Constitutional right to bear arms as currently interpreted by SCOTUS. People in Hawaii will be able to feel more secure for themselves and their children if this measure is passed and signed into law.

Please pass HB984 HD2 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

HB984 HD2 SD1

IN SUPPORT

Indivisible Hawaii supports HB984 HD2 SD1 and requests that the following amendments please be considered (these are valuable additions that have been made to SB 1230 SD2 in SB 1230 SD2 HD1):

p. 15, between lines 3 and 4, please insert "(5) The number of violations of section 134-A."

Pages 16-17, under "Crime of violence", please add "endangering the welfare of an incompetent person under Section 709-905".

Page 58, under "Terroristic threatening" please include "whether the firearm was loaded or not, and whether operable or not".

Please add:

Failure to conceal a firearm by a concealed carry licensee; penalty.

(a) A person commits the offense of failure to conceal a firearm by a concealed carry licensee if a person is carrying a firearm pursuant to a license issued under section 134-9 and intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes alarm to another person by failing to conceal the firearm, even briefly, whether the firearm was loaded or not, and whether operable or not.

(b) It shall be a defense to any prosecution under this section if the person:"

(1) was within the person's private residence; or

(2) Caused the firearm to be unconcealed for the purpose of self-defense in accordance with section 703-304 or defense of another person in accordance with section 703-305.

(c) Failure to conceal a firearm by a concealed carry licensee shall be a misdemeanor.



## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 984 HD2 SD1

**TO:** Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard, & Members  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
**FROM:** Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO  
**DATE:** March 31, 2023 at 10:00 AM

**Parents and Children Together (PACT) supports HB 984 HD2 SD1 Relating to Firearms**, which amends state laws governing firearms and prohibits firearms in certain locations, including:

(1) Any building or office owned, leased, or used by the State or a county, and adjacent grounds and parking areas, including any portion of a building or office used for court proceedings, legislative business, contested case hearings, agency rulemaking, or other activities of state or county government;

(8) The campus or premises of any public school, charter school, private school, preschool, summer camp, or childcare facility, including adjacent parking areas;

(9) Any beach, playground, park, or adjacent parking area, including any state park, state monument, county park, or other public park, but not including an authorized target range or shooting complex;

(10) Any shelter, residential, or programmatic facility operated by a government entity or a charitable organization serving unhoused persons, victims of domestic violence, or children, including children involved in the juvenile justice system, and including adjacent parking areas;

Founded in 1968, PACT is a statewide community-based organization providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 15,000 people across the state annually, we help identify, address, and successfully resolve challenges through our 20 programs. Among our services are early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community building programs.

Our services are provided in a variety of settings, including parts of all 4 items taken from the bill, above. It is critically important that these settings, our employees, and the people we are serve are kept safe.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or [rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org](mailto:rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org) if you have any questions.



*Submitted via web portal*

**RE: HB 984 (Saiki): Relating to Firearms - SUPPORT**

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

**Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America are writing in strong support of HB 984.**

Everytown is the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country with nearly 10 million supporters including moms, mayors, survivors and everyday Americans who are fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and help save lives. At the core of Everytown are Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and the Everytown Survivor Network.

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and protect people from gun violence. Moms Demand Action campaigns for new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our children and families. 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.

The Supreme Court's June 2022 decision in [\*New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen\*](#) invalidated New York's requirement that applicants seeking a license to carry a concealed handgun in public show "proper cause"—jeopardizing public safety in Hawai'i and other states with similar laws. The Court's decision is wrong, dangerous, and completely out of step with centuries of history and fundamental constitutional principles.

With a rate of 3.8 deaths per 100,000 people, Hawai'i has [one of the lowest rates of gun deaths](#) in the U.S. This is no accident—Hawai'i has the [third strongest set of gun safety laws in the country](#). Hawai'i is a national leader in gun violence prevention policy and has a long history of passing common-sense gun laws.

However, the Court's decision risks compromising those hard-won gains by making it easier for more people to carry concealed guns in Hawai'i communities and likely leading to significantly more guns in public places. In the first three months after the Court's decision, [more than 500 people](#) across the state had applied for permits. Data out of Maryland, which is similarly affected by the *Bruen* decision, shows that from June 23-July 11, people submitted 5,314 new applications for wear and carry permits—a 772.6% increase from the same time the prior year. As our nation continues to experience horrific mass shootings, an onslaught of daily gun violence, and a spike in hateful armed extremism, more people carrying guns in public is the absolute last thing we need.

Let's be clear—strong concealed carry permit systems save lives. One report found that when states weaken law enforcement's authority to deny permits to people who pose a danger, violent crime rates rise by 13 to 15 percent over what would have been expected without the change<sup>1</sup> and firearm homicides increase by 7 percent in urban counties.<sup>2</sup> Another report found that adopting a shall-issue law in general is associated with a 9.5% increase in the rate of firearm assaults. Researchers also found that states that have shall-issue laws without any provisions such as violent misdemeanor prohibitions, live fire requirements, suitability requirements, or dangerousness prohibitions in their shall-issue concealed carry permitting laws see rates of firearm assault and firearm homicide that were 22% and 30% higher than would be expected with these provisions.<sup>3</sup>

By requiring Hawai'i to eliminate its "exceptional case" standard for concealed carry permitting, *Bruen* completely upended centuries of precedent and made all Hawai'i residents less safe in the process. Thankfully, the Court made clear that states are still allowed to require a license to carry a firearm in public, and expressly declined to interfere with the public carry regimes of the overwhelming majority of states—including those that require firearm training and deny permits to applicants who officials find pose a danger to public safety. The Court also reaffirmed that the exercise of discretion by licensing authorities in order to deny licenses to those who might pose a risk to public safety is permissible, so long as the law provides narrow, objective, and definite standards to guide licensing officials in determining whether an applicant is responsible and not dangerous.

HB 984 will strengthen Hawai'i's concealed carry license system in a number of key ways in response to the Court's decision. It will ensure that licenses to carry a loaded gun in public are not granted to people who are determined to be a danger to self or others based on a thorough background check and will prohibit guns from sensitive areas where they don't belong. It will also improve training requirements for concealed carry to ensure license-holders can properly handle, store, and transport a firearm, and know where guns are not allowed.

For these reasons listed above, Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America strongly support HB 984.

Sincerely,

Sarah Sumadi

Associate Regional Director of State Government Affairs, Hawai'i  
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<sup>1</sup> John J. Donohue, Abhay Aneja, and Kyle D. Weber, "Right-to-carry Laws and Violent Crime: A Comprehensive Assessment Using Panel Data and a State-Level Synthetic Control Analysis," *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 16, no. 2 (2019): 198-247.

<sup>2</sup> Cassandra K. Crifasi, et al, "Correction to: Association Between Firearm Laws and Homicide in Urban Counties," *Journal of Urban Health* 95, no. 5 (2018): 773-76.

<sup>3</sup> Mitchell L Doucette, Alexander D McCourt, Cassandra K Crifasi, and Daniel W Webster, "Impact of Changes to Concealed Carry Weapons Laws on Fatal and Nonfatal Violent Crime, 1980-2019", *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 2022, kwac160, <https://doi.org/10.1093/aje/kwac16>





March 31, 2023

Aloha, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

My name is Erica Yamauchi, and I live and work in the Kaimukī area. As a gun violence survivor, business owner, mother of two children in public schools, and adjunct faculty member at the University of Hawai'i, **I'm writing today in strong support of House Bill 984.**

I don't want to wonder whether someone is carrying a gun when they come into our family's business, every time I go into a boutique or restaurant on Wai'alae Avenue, or when we take our children to the beach. The idea that concealed guns could be in these places makes me feel less safe in our community.

Our low incidence of gun violence here in the islands hasn't been by accident.

Here in Hawai'i, we had a strong law in place to make sure people weren't carrying firearms in public unless they had a specific need to do so. Our state law used to require that people had to prove they had an "exceptional" reason to fear injury to themselves or their property before they could get a license to carry a gun in public. Because of this state law, we haven't had guns in public places – which means we've had far lower risk of tense situations escalating into gunfire and fewer risks of guns being used for intimidation, or accidentally being fired, in public spaces.

When the Supreme Court struck down a New York law that was like Hawai'i's law, we no longer have that protective measure in place, and unfortunately, we can expect to see more guns in more places very soon.

The Supreme Court's Bruen decision opened up the floodgates for the possibility that more people will be carrying more guns all around Hawai'i. Hawai'i urgently needs to address this risk by passing a new laws that set clear requirements on *who* is, and is not, qualified to carry a gun in public; *how* our county chiefs of police can vet people applying to carry a gun in public; and *where* people who get permits to carry guns in public can and can't bring those guns.

For example, we need to make sure we don't let people carry guns in public if they've had a recent history of violent and/or threatening behavior, or have been recently cited for being reckless with firearms.

We need to require that people carrying guns in public must have been trained on the specific types of issues that come up when carrying a gun outside the home. This should include how to store their guns safely in cars so more stolen guns don't end up on the street, where they can and can't carry their guns, and when they can and can't legally use lethal force in self-defense.

We need to make sure law enforcement has the right information and authority to identify and deny public carry permits to people who pose a heightened public safety risk.

People applying for carry permits should be carefully evaluated based on objective criteria to ensure fairness and uniformity in the process. With more people now eligible to get permits to carry guns in public, we need to set clear boundaries on where they can and can't bring those guns.

Guns don't belong at playgrounds, parks nor schools, but without this bill, anyone who gets a concealed carry permit can currently bring hidden guns into those places.

Furthermore, it's common sense that guns and alcohol should never mix. This bill will make it clear that people carrying guns in public cannot bring their guns to bars or restaurants serving alcohol.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erica Yamauchi".

Erica Yamauchi  
Volunteer State Co-Leader, Hawai'i Chapter

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

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Please vote yes on HB 984.

Thank you,

Marissa Baptista

Honolulu, 96818

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Thank you,

Danette Kong

Kula, 96790

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Thank you,

Jay Franzone  
Kilauea, 96754

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Thank you,

Ami Stepanian

Kailua, 96734

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Thank you,

Kaopuuokaha Weir

Honolulu, 96825

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Thank you,

Karen Valasek  
Honolulu, 96819



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Cecily Kimura

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Thank you,

Jenny Silbiger

Honolulu, 96814

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Thank you,

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Thank you,

Cherisse Cabrinha

Kaneohe, 96744

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Thank you,

Ashley De Coligny

Kaneohe, 96744

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Thank you,

Jan Furuuchi  
Honolulu, 96826

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Thank you,

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kailua, 96734

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Megan Loomis Powers

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Thank you,

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Kekaha, 96752

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Thank you,

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Hauula, 96717

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Please vote yes on HB 984.

Thank you,

Clarice Smart

Honolulu, 96819

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 7:27:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jerry Yuen	Testifying for Pu'uoloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 984 HD2 SD1. This bill is unconstitutional. It contains measures that are unenforceable, vague, and/or does nothing to enhance safety.

I object to the enhanced sensitive places that are required by this bill. It would make it very difficult for the legal concealed carrier of firearms to visit most places the need for self-protection may be required. It will also be near impossible to enforce. Criminal concealed carry is occurring now. This is a real danger to the public. People have been shot, stabbed, and beaten in many of the public places that are proposed to be restricted from concealed carry.

I object to the raising of fees for concealed carry. \$150 for the initial fee and \$50 for renewals are excessive. It should be no more than the standard driver's license. The qualification test should also be provided by the city and county in the same manner as the driver testing is conducted.

I object that the Chief of Police will be the sole approver of firearms instructors when the NRA sets the National Standard for firearms safety and training that even the Honolulu Police Department must be certified by.

I object to subjective essential character and temperament.

I object to the requirement for firearm instructors to teach prevention of suicide and domestic violence. These subjects should be taught in our public school system and not just concealed carry applicants. There are about 40 permits issued of the applicants pending. I can confidently say that none of them have committed suicide or have been convicted of domestic violence.

## TESTIMONY - Senate Committee on Judiciary

### HB 984 HD2 SD1, RELATING TO FIREARMS

Friday, March 31, 2023, 10:00 AM  
State Capitol Conference Room 016 and via Videoconference

Submitted in STRONG OPPOSITION by Mrs. Jamie Detwiler, President,  
Hawaii Federation of Republican Women.

Honorable Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Takayama and Committee Members

The Federation OPPOSES HB984, RELATING TO FIREARMS for the following reasons:

1. The U.S. Constitution Second Amendment states, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. Furthermore, the Second and Fourteenth Amendments protects an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home.
2. The Supreme Court was clear in Bruen (June 2022) that in order for any gun control legislation to pass constitutional muster under the Second Amendment, such legislation must be consistent with historical tradition.
3. We can all agree that violent crimes involving firearms are tragic. However, the dictate of Bruen in clear: legislative interest balancing is understanding and elsewhere, appropriate. However, it is not deference that the Constitution demands. While the authors of this bill may disagree with Bruen, it may NOT disobey it.
4. Defines sensitive places: In the 2022 Bruen decision, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas said that there were a handful of places where guns could be constitutionally banned. He called these "sensitive areas" and they include places like courthouses, jails, and similar establishments. This makes sense as these are places where some are more inclined to be violent. These specific places are secured so that virtually no one can bring a gun in because metal detectors are used, not signs on the door. Currently, the term "sensitive area" is being used to justify additional restrictions.
5. There are countless stories verified by law enforcement records where criminals intending to kill innocent citizens in shopping malls, restaurants, and other heavily populated areas were stopped by a trained law-abiding conceal-carrying citizen.  
On February 1, 2023, a very tragic incident took place in Mililani, where my family and I have resided for 35 years. A married mother of 4 children who had her 6-month old infant with her was run down by a crazed man using his vehicle as a weapon and then beaten by the same man. An innocent bystander providing first aid to the critically injured woman was also beaten by the perpetrator. If a trained law abiding citizen who was licensed to conceal carry were there, the outcome would have been much different with minimal critical injuries.

I strongly OPPOSE HB984. Please vote NO. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2023 11:43:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Golojuch Jr	Testifying for Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization fully supports HB 984 HD 2 SD 1.

We hope you all will support this important piece of legislation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.  
Chair and SCC Representative  
Stonewall Caucus for the DPH

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2023 10:12:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deb Nehmad	Testifying for Brady Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:



Testimony of Deb Nehmad, Chapter lead, Brady Hawaii

Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary

SUPPORT FOR HB984 HD2

March 31, 2023

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary,

**In furtherance of BradyUnited’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 HB984 HD2.**

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
- Every 7 days, someone in Hawaii is shot and killed.
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It's clear that work remains to be done, and in the wake of the Supreme Court's (SCOTUS) decision in *NYSRPA v. Bruen*, which invalidated parts of Hawaii's concealed carry licensing provision, it is imperative that immediate action be taken. The passage of HB984 HD2 is a significant step in the right direction to ensure the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors.

### **Why This Bill is Needed**

As of December 22, 2022, over 600 people in Honolulu reportedly applied for concealed carry permits following the release of the *Bruen* decision in June. As of March 15, 2023, HPD had issued 60 permits to 51 applicants with no limitations in place on where guns can be carried. We can only expect thousands more applications statewide. In a State that had not issued any concealed carry permits for decades, this is a jarring number and absent action, those living and visiting Hawaii will be faced with a reality where guns are everywhere.

Research shows that if Hawaii does not act immediately to implement comprehensive and robust provisions to enhance its concealed carry permitting system, its citizens will face higher risks of homicide, gun theft, and gun violence. A rigorous study of concealed carry laws found that in states with weak concealed carry laws, violent crime rates rose 13% to 15% after ten years. A recent study conducted by the Center for Gun Violence Solutions analyzed the impact of weakened conceal carry permitting systems on violent crimes. The study found that states that loosened their concealed carry permitting systems (and failed to enact the very licensing requirements that Hawaii seeks to introduce in HB984 HD2) saw a 9.5% increase in firearm related assaults over a decade. In the interest of protecting its citizens, passage of HB984 HD2 will ensure the entire State has a standardized and robust concealed carry permitting system.

The Supreme Court in *Bruen* leaves it up to State and local legislatures to restrict the use of firearms in certain "sensitive places," including schools and government buildings. HB984 HD2 is consistent with SCOTUS case law. It's important to note at the outset that the Supreme Court in *Bruen* made it clear that its holding was "neither a regulatory straight jacket nor a regulatory blank check," and that restrictions on guns in sensitive places are still permissible, so long as they are objective.



Passage of HB984 HD2 will help Hawaii maintain its standing as one of the safest states in the country by ensuring that the State enhances and standardizes its concealed carry permitting/licensing requirements and broadens its sensitive place restrictions.

### **What The Bill Does**

HB984 HD2 ensures that those who are carrying firearms in public have proper licensing, adequate training, and are not at risk of harming themselves or others. It maintains Hawaii's requirement for comprehensive background checks for applicants for concealed carry licenses. Under this bill, an applicant could not qualify for a license to carry a firearm if they have any history of threats or acts of violence by the applicant directed toward themselves or others. Further, the bill prohibits the issuing authority from granting a license where the issuance would not be in the interest of public health, safety, or welfare because the person is found to be lacking the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm and establishes objective criteria for making that assessment. Additionally, the bill introduces a training requirement that involves live-fire instruction and demonstration of safe handling of, and shooting proficiency with, each firearm the applicant is applying to be licensed to carry.

HB984 HD2 further outlines "sensitive places" where firearms cannot be carried, including child-care facilities and other places frequented by children, city-owned buildings or offices, all forms of public transportation (except as provided for by State or federal law), voter service centers, and first amendment expressive spaces, like rallies and marches. Within this legislation, each sensitive place has been evaluated in terms of their individual characteristics. The nature of the activities taking place in each of these locations as well as the presence of certain vulnerable populations warrant each location's classification as a sensitive place. It would be illogical to deem a swath of locations "not sensitive," simply because the list seems too long. These are all areas where restricting the concealed carry of firearms only serves to benefit the health and safety of those living in and visiting Hawaii.

These essential safety measures –improvement to the concealed carry permitting system and the creation of sensitive place restrictions – pass constitutional muster. As noted above, the Supreme Court in *Bruen* made clear that its holding was "neither a regulatory straightjacket nor a regulatory blank check," and that restrictions on guns in sensitive places are still permissible, so long as they are objective. It would be illogical to deem a swath of locations "not sensitive," simply because the list seems too long.

## Conclusion

The provisions of HB984 HD2 are consistent with *Bruen* and pass constitutional muster. Considering the SCOTUS decision, immediate action must be taken in Hawaii to enhance the concealed carry licensing system. By implementing comprehensive provisions that will prevent reckless and dangerous people from carrying concealed firearms and designating safe spaces where concealed carry will not be allowed, Hawaii will keep its public spaces safe from the threat of senseless firearm violence. **For these reasons, Brady Hawaii strongly encourages the Committee Judiciary to vote YES on HB984 HD2.**

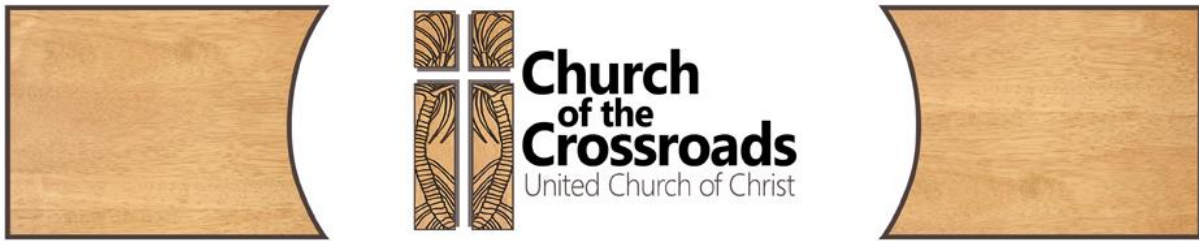
Sincerely,

Deb Nehmad

Chapter Lead, Brady Hawaii

The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence





## ***A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation***

### **THE CHURCH OF THE CROSSROADS TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL HB 984, HD2, SD1 WITH REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS**

*The Church of the Crossroads celebrates 100 years of being Hawaii's first intentionally multiethnic church, dedicated to missions of peace, justice, and stewardship of the environment.*

**The Church of the Crossroads supports HB 984, HD2, SD1 and requests amendments.**

In January 2023, our church congregation voted unanimously to advocate for stronger gun safety measures, including:

- requiring thorough background checks of criminal and mental health history;
- requiring proof of insurance for firearms injuries;
- requiring robust safety training for all firearms permits, transfers and licenses;
- closing the loophole that permits shotguns and rifles to be loaned to other persons for 15-75 days without notice to the government and without any license, permit or background check for the person receiving the weapon; and
- prohibiting the carrying of firearms in Sensitive Places, broadly defined to include but not be limited to governmental buildings, parks, public transportation, sports and entertainment venues, bars and restaurants, commercial establishments, schools and homeless shelters.

We support HB 984 because it creates numerous measures to better protect our community, while complying the unfortunate US Supreme Court's mandate that public carry permits be allowed.

**We request HB 984, HD2, SD1 be amended and strengthened to:**

- **Prohibit carrying of firearms in all commercial establishments, regardless of whether the establishment serves alcohol;**
- **In section 134-E, require "the posting of clear and conspicuous signage at all public entrances" to private properties open to the public where the owner consents to the presences of firearms being carried, so the public can know and choose to avoid places where firearms may be present. (The bill currently allows posting as an alternative to express owner consent, but the public has no way to know of that fact if there is not clear and conspicuous posting, and so has no ability to choose safer properties).**
- **Require disclosure of any "health care plans" in addition to "health care providers" in sections 134-2(c)(2) and 134-9(g)(2). Health care plans (such as HMSA and Kaiser) keep robust data on health care services and diagnoses from all providers reimbursed.**

- **Close the loophole in HRS 134-4(c) that allows shotguns and rifles (including assault rifles) to be loaned to other persons for 15-75 days, without any license, permit or background check. All these other enhanced protections in our law will have little effect when such uncontrolled transfers of firearms are still permitted. Section 134-2(h) in this bill continues to embrace the dangerous “lending” loophole in 134-4(c).**

Thank you for consideration of our testimony and helping protect the safety of our community.

Submitted by Ellen Godbey Carson on behalf of the Church of the Crossroads

Email: [office@churchofthecrossroadshawaii.org](mailto:office@churchofthecrossroadshawaii.org)

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

**INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030



**NRA**

March 30, 2023

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

Dear Chair Rhoads:

On behalf of the members of the National Rifle Association in Hawaii, I would like to communicate our strong opposition to House Bill 984HD2SD1 (HB 984). This legislation is deeply flawed, and in our opinion, blatantly unconstitutional. This bill runs directly counter to the United States Supreme Court decision in *NYSRPA v. Bruen*.

HB 984 is similar to legislation that has been passed in New York and New Jersey. Litigation has already ensued, challenging these misguided laws with injunctions being issued by Federal Courts in regards to "sensitive places" and abusive permitting conditions. If passed this legislation will be met with a legal challenge and will likely face a similar fate.

For the foregoing reasons and many more we request your opposition to HB 984.

Sincerely,

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

Daniel Reid  
Western Regional Director  
NRA-ILA

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2023 7:53:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Rosa	Testifying for ROSAS ARMS LLC	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If you representatives of Hawaii are truly interested in protecting public health, safety & welfare of Hawaii's people you would vote "NO" on bill HB984 HD2 SD1. I'm sure that you don't have accurate information on the number of violent crimes that are being committed on all of the Hawaiian Islands, since they are hided from you and the general public. By greatly limiting law abiding citizens the right to carry firearms, these violent crimes will not stop, in fact they will increase due to your irresponsible actions against the good guys. As a Federal Firearms Dealer, I speak daily with people having family members that have been raped, assaulted or killed, thus they are purchasing firearms to protect their families, yet none of these violent crimes have been shared with the Hawaii community. I would be happy to assist you in researching these many violent crimes before you vote on this bill. Please know for a fact that you will not be protecting the law abiding general public that voted you into office, but enabling the many criminals of Hawaii to continue to commit violent crimes if you vote yes on bill HB984 HD2 SD1. Thank You, James M. Rosa dba, ROSAS ARMS LLC

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 4:53:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
'Ilima DeCosta	Testifying for Mom's Demand Action	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB984 HD2 SD1.

Once passed, HB984 HD2 SD1 will clarify the rules related to concealed carry, including mandatory liability insurance – similar to automobile insurance – and the requirement to produce a permit for any law enforcement officer if/when asked. This bill will also be useful in identifying “safe places” and ensure that the most vulnerable in our community are protected from gun violence.

As a mother to a young woman who was killed due to domestic related gun violence, I support all reasonable measures to ensure that individuals who are granted a concealed carry permit are properly vetted and are held accountable if/when their firearm is involved in the commission of any crime, including suicide.

Since gun violence is the #1 leading cause of death for youth, it is imperative that the State of Hawai‘i maintain “safe places” and I urge the passage of HB984 HD2 SD1. Mahalo.



**HB-984-SD-1**

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lynn Murakami Akatsuka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the passage of HB 984, HD 2, SD 1 this legislative session.

**HB-984-SD-1**

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No guns should be allowed anywhere. As a kupuna I do not feel safe with hand guns being allowed anywhere. Where are our rights to feel safe in our own communities? If someone is paranoid enough to think they need guns, they are the very people who shouldn't be allowed to own them. Why is this not being acknowledged? Please, at least, begin by supporting this bill. Mahalo.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 6:14:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael I Rice	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I stand in STRONG OPPOSITION to this bill. There are many things wrong with it and much of it is blatantly unconstitutional, flying directly in the face of the recent Supreme Court ruling. Many of the provisions have already been challenged in other courts throughout the country with Injunctions and Temporary Restraining Orders issued against them on the grounds that the lawsuits will be likely to succeed on the merits.**

**Most recently I gave testimony on SB1230, the companion to this bill, in which I demonstrated over Zoom what I would have to do to comply with the law as a bus rider. I drew my pistol from its holster, unloaded and cleared the weapon before storing it in a locked case. One of the Committee members later commented that they felt ‘threatened’ by what I did, through a computer screen, over 25 miles away from him, and wondered why I would do such a thing. This committee member both missed my point entirely and proved it for me. If he felt threatened by what I did when I wasn’t even in the same zip code, how are people at bus stops going to feel? How about people inside sensitive places and private property going to feel when I pull my gun out outside the business in order to store it and render it safe? The Committee then amended the bill to add ‘brandishing’ as a crime.**

**The combination of these laws effectively ban those who take public transport, such as myself, from being able to legally carry a firearm to defend ourselves. Which law would be permissible for me to break? Do I just carry my firearm concealed into a sensitive place, or do I ‘brandish’ my firearm in order to store it?**

**There are numerous mainland groups just waiting to sue the City and State should laws like these pass, and they have been winning their cases so far with injunction and TROs issued against the violating entities. I can guarantee you that they are watching, and they already have at least a rough draft of their lawsuits ready. I can guarantee you you do not have the relevant historic laws that will be required to defend them in court. They’ve already laid out that the laws need to be from the founding of the country, the 1790s, and laws from the Kingdom of Hawaii, Republic of Hawaii, and even the Territory of Hawaii will not be valid.**

**The US Supreme Court has already said the 5 places that are historically sensitive enough for the carry of guns to be banned from. Those 5 places are Public Schools (Specifically banning students, not staff or teachers), Courthouses, Polling Places, Prisons and Jails.**

**Existing law already allows private businesses to deny entry or services to anyone for any reason, this includes carrying a firearm. If I were to go into a business with my firearm and they ask me to leave, I must leave or I'll be trespassed by the police and catch criminal charges, potentially losing my right to bear arms. During my CCW class, we were told in very clear language that if you are in a business and asked to leave you are to leave immediately. If one were to raise a stink like some Anti-Maskers did during the Covid Pandemic they would quickly lose their right to bear arms.**

**Someone has previously mentioned that places that could be made sensitive need to be protected. Will you have security guards at all parks, private businesses, public places and everywhere else you want the carry of firearms banned? We barely have enough police officers and security guards are routinely attacked by unarmed individuals, let alone armed ones.**

**The places are so broad, and by the wording of the bill, I'm violating the law even if I don't know I'm violating the law. If I go to an office building and I'm unaware that the city is leasing space there for whatever reason, I'm breaking the law. The City and County of Honolulu doesn't even know what all the properties they have, how can I be expected to?**

**Guns can be dangerous, the danger increases when they are manipulated. If I need to unload and unchamber my gun every time I park my car and put it in a locked case to comply with this law, that increases the potential to have a negligent discharge, to hurt or kill someone simply because I'm trying to comply with the law. Not only that but I expose my gun every time I need to transfer it from storage to my holster and back. If a criminal sees I've got a gun and leave it in my car they're gonna take the risk to get a free gun to either use or sell.**

**I am heavily against leaving a gun in the car, loaded or unloaded. Even if it's in a 'secure' lockbox there is the high potential for its theft. Some vehicles do not have a proper way to secure a lockbox so a thief could just reach in and grab it and pick or break the lock at their leisure and now they have a free unregistered gun. Even if I were to secure it by bolting the lockbox to my car or having a steel cable to anchor it, we've got criminals walking around with power tools stealing catalytic converters. If they can cut through a catalytic converter and be gone in 2 minutes, they can surely do the same with a gun lockbox.**

**The ban on carrying on public transport is also discriminatory towards those such as myself who rely on public transportation. I have witnessed and heard of many incidents on buses that became violent. People being attacked, people being sexually assaulted, some being murdered just for waiting at bus stops. I am a railfan and look forward to being able to ride the Rail when it opens. There are no security guards at bus stops, there are none on the bus, there will be one at the rail. If you're lucky the bus driver might pull over and intervene or a bystander might come to your assistance. Not always. I've questioned HART in the past about what would happen if there was a violent incident to take place on the rail. Their response was they will see it on the cameras in the cars and call the police to arrive at the next station. There's quite a few problems with that, first they need to actually see it happen. Each Rail Unit will have 4 cars, and assuming they only have 2 cameras per car, that's 8 cameras just for one Unit, the Project is estimated to have 20 units by project completion. Even if half of them are not in active service, that's 80 camera screens at once someone is going to have to watch and notice something happening, then have whoever is monitoring the situation to determine what's going on and call the appropriate response (Police, Fire, Medical).**

**You cannot guarantee my safety aboard public transit. I am my own first responder, police might show up 10 minutes after they get the call if I'm lucky.**

**Next subject, Duty to Inform. While I have no problem with informing a police officer that I am armed if requested, having to 'immediately' inform them I have a firearm can lead to some problems, such as with the shooting death of Philando Castile. He told the officer he was armed and went to get his ID and was shot. While training of Police Officers can help to reduce the likelihood of this it won't eliminate it. If I'm riding with someone and they get pulled over for whatever reason and someone in the back seat just randomly says "I've got a gun." How well do you think that's going to end? I carry my gun on my right side, I keep my ID on my right side as well, will I be shot because an officer I just made nervous and aware of the fact I have a gun and where it's located?**

**Another problem I have is the requirement to have my Registration as well as my carry license, the fact that I have a carry license should be evidence enough that I have a registered weapon as that is required to get a license in the first place. I'm also concerned about things that might be out of my control, what if I forget or lose my wallet? Police should be able to call HQ and run a check on me and see 'Registered Weapon, CCW Permit on file.' as well as see a picture of me from the last time I registered a firearm or got a permit.**

**Back to safe storage, particularly the wording ‘that when locked is incapable of being opened without a key, keypad, combination, or other unlocking mechanism and is capable of preventing an unauthorized person from obtaining access to or possession of the firearm contained therein and shall be fire, impact, and tamper resistant.’ Locks can be picked, drilled, and otherwise broken, mechanical and electronic locks can be bypassed. I have a decent safe in my house bolted to the wall, someone with a crowbar can break into it in 5 minutes, with power tools even less. And this doesn’t even mention the fire resistance requirement, most vehicle storage options do not have that.**

**The proposed requirement for a gun applicant to show that they have ‘the essential character or**

**12 temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm’ is just as vague and subjective as the already struck down ‘good moral character’.**

**I could write another 5 pages or so of what’s wrong with this bill, frankly these 2 and a half pages should be more than enough not counting all the other testimonies you’ll be reading today.**

**And meanwhile, while you’re putting all these restrictions on law abiding gun owners, criminals are doing their own thing.**

**HB-984-SD-1**

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill HB984. What evidence points to law abiding citizens needing to renew or redo their gun safety class every 4 years? has there been an uptick in criminal acts by law abiding citizens who have undergone the already high scrutiny and unconstitutional vetting that Oahu already requires?

I oppose all sensitive places. Law abiding citizens have the right to protect themselves and their loved ones at any place at any time. HPD cannot be in all places at all times. We don't have the resources. There is nowhere in the bill stating increased law enforcement will be increased at all sensitive places listed making it even more dangerous as criminals will not obey and will prey on the unarmed. This will not deter violent criminal acts from happening as we can see from our mainland counterparts.

why do NRA instructors now have to be approved by the respective county? What evidence do we have showing that our current NRA certified instructors are incapable or are below standard? What significant expertise do the respective counties have that make them an elevated authority on an already nationally recognized instructor? Why are we wasting valuable and limited resources both financially and manpower on things that will not have any positive effect on deterring criminal activities. Criminals will not take a NRA or county approved course, they will not bother to renew much less obtain a permit to acquire. they will not observe or obey any sensitive place listed. thanks for your time

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 9:53:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this Bill because it infringes on our Second Amendment Right to keep and bear arms. All these proposed rules and regulations will only jeopardize the safety of law abiding citizens from being able to defend themselves against criminals. Criminals do not follow the law. Criminals will still be in possession of a deadly weapon ie. firearm even though they are prohibited from having one. You should focus more on catching and locking up these criminals with multiple convictions instead of slapping them on the wrist and releasing them back out into the community only to terrorize innocent people over and over again.



**HB-984-SD-1**

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Please do not let this bill move forward!.

**RELATING TO THE CARRYING OF FIREARMS BY QUALIFIED CITIZENS ...**  
**ESPECIALLY WOMEN**

Hi, my name is Lori Fujimoto. I am here today to request less restrictions for us qualified civilians -- concealed carry weapons (CCW) permit holders -- to carry firearms concealed and non-concealed (open carry)...especially women.

Women are far more likely to be victims of violent crime, and far less likely to be perpetrators of violent crime.

Especially female CCW permit holders should not have any sensitive area restrictions. And if you keep any sensitive places, then they should only be those that have magnetometers to keep out all guns, which are places like airports and courthouses. And even in these places like airport and courthouses, there should be private lock boxes provided to secure firearms, like how the US Federal Court house, provides law enforcement officers a secure their firearms.

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The proposed ban prohibits qualified citizens from carrying in all the listed locations in effect is a “back door ban” or “disguised ban” that violates our US Federal Constitutional Rights. There is nothing “sensitive” about these places. These places that you deem “sensitive” are mundane and a part of normal everyday life. Qualified CCW permit holders literally cannot obtain simple basic, life necessities to survive or participate in society.

Integrity demands that you public officials abide by the US Constitution and what was specified by the US Supreme Court, and not circumvent or suppress the law with your own political bias. The City Council’s willingness to “back door ban” concealed carry shows your lack of integrity. Your liberal, crime-lenient political positions are soft (softer than conservative Republicans) on violent criminals and strip law-abiding citizens of their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and leaving innocent victims defenseless.

Criminals who are willing to commit violent crime, will certainly not obey lesser laws of carrying weapons. These restrictions sick/send/launch violent criminals to target law-abiding

citizens, especially in gun-free, sensitive zones, because criminals know that the law-abiding will obey the law and not carry their firearms in those zones. .

My husband has been employed/working as a federal law enforcement agent/officer for the past 18 years. I, as his wife, would pass the same background database checks as him. Yet your “back door ban” treats me as a criminal, who has no constitutional right to carry a firearm for self-defense.

The database background checks for CCW applicants are already the same as the police.

The firearms proficiency test is also comparable to the local police.

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(b) This section shall not apply to a person in an exempt category identified in section 134-11(a) [i.e., current LEOs]. It shall be an affirmative defense to any prosecution under this section that a person is:

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Lori Fujmoto

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Rory Fujimoto, S/A

**HB-984-SD-1**

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

Once again, it does not stop the problem of a bad person committing a crime. Criminals will not heed this or any law to carry out their bad intentions. This law is unenforceable. Enforce the laws that are already law. Restrict those that need to be restricted and stop the violation of our Second Amendment Rights!

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Markos Cabaong



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 11:59:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Honorable Legislative Representatives and Senators.

Again, I submit testimony in opposition of HB984. This Bill has become much more than a Bill for CCW. It has become more restrictive in every aspect of gun use and operation. The state should drop this bill and go back to the drawing board and create a good piece of legislation that will help the citizens of this state.

Sincerely,

David Fukuzawa, SAS-V (Retired)

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2023 10:49:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nancy Taylor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I strongly support the licensing requirements as specified in HB984 and urge support for this measure in order to help to protect the safety of the people of Hawaii.**

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2023 10:59:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jane Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mimi Beams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Submitted on: 3/25/2023 11:32:07 AM

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Rodney Salm	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nadine Ferraro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB984

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2023 12:28:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gaye Chan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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

Comments:

This is ridiculous! HPD cannot even process CCW applications in a timely manner. I know for a fact they are overloaded with CCW applications and need more staff to process applications. Stop wasting our time with these ridiculous bills and laws that are unconstitutional and will be fought. Most of us are okay with the guns laws in Hawaii, we just don't want more unconstitutional laws introduced. Stop introducing more infringements on our rights before we bring more lawsuits against laws already on the books and eventually you'll lose those as they make their way to the Supreme Court and it will be like Texas gun laws here. Is that what you want? Cause eventually, that's what you'll get.

Mahalo,

Wayne



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2023 2:05:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

**I support HB984**

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support, HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors

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

Comments:

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

Hope that you also support and sign this Bill

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair and Vice Chair:

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support, HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. I urge you to pass this bill. Thank You.

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Submitted on: 3/25/2023 4:57:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jake Ishikawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Jake Ishikawa, and I am a high school student at Kapolei High School. I am testifying in strong support of House Bill 984 SD1. I am not going to deny people's second amendment right to "keep and bear arms;" however firearms can be a danger and a threat to the public and therefore require special restrictions to protect the general public. Mass shootings have become too common in the Mainland and it is important that we protect Hawai'i from mass shootings. People's lives are far more important than a firearm. Additionally, this bill restricts the locations in which a person can carry a firearm. Schools, hospitals, and the like, must be protected from firearms because they pose a threat to the general safety. As we know all too well, school shootings are too common in the Mainland and each time we need to grieve and pray. We cannot let that happen in Hawai'i. Only sensible people should be issued a permit to carry a firearm and this bill clarifies the requirements to obtain a permit, such as knowing information like the individual's character, temperament, and mental health history. In order to keep the general public safe, we must pass this bill.

Once again, I strongly support House Bill 984 SD1 and it is my hope that this bill will pass out of this committee for the safety of everyone in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

With gratitude,

Jake Ishikawa

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
diane chen Koch-weser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Virginia Edmunds	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As grandparents of 3 school age children, we wholeheartedly support HB984 in hopes of never having to experience a school shooting or shootings in houses of worship and other places where large groups of people congregate.

Aloha,

Ginny and John Edmunds

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christy MacPherson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I support HB984 HD2 SD1. It's still not enough, but it's a start. It's absolutely painful to watch the news these days and people are going to keep doing things illegally, but we must do better as a state to protect innocent lives. We need to protect them as if they were our *own* friends and family.

Mahalo for your consideration.



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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Valerie Y O Kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I support HB984.**

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

stringly oppose

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Submitted on: 3/26/2023 10:19:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

So basically just trying to make more infringements on our Constitutional rights! You are following the footsteps of New York. New York has been losing in court trying to pass these Unconstitutional laws. Why not stop trying to hinder the law abiding citizens? Why not stop trying to criminalize the law abiding? Why not go after criminals? Why not use all this energy that is being used to stop law abiding citizens from exercising their God given Constitutional rights, and go after the criminals out there that don't care about and aren't affected by these bills and laws that you are pushing against law abiding citizens?

What you are basically saying is there is no ccw in Hawaii because you are trying to make everywhere illegal to have a firearm on you. Will there be armed guards at all these places that you are restricting us from protecting ourselves? And if I'm assaulted, robbed or attacked at any of these places will I not be permitted to sue not only the State but also the establishment that I was in when a crime was committed against me? Wouldn't the place of establishment and the State be liable for any crimes committed because we are forced to be helpless?

Also why is there armed guards at places like court houses and government buildings? Why are there metal detectors at these places as well? Why do they have guards and metal detectors at the airport? Wouldn't it be just as safe if they had a sign there that said no firearms allowed here? Would you politicians feel just as safe if a piece of paper said no firearms allowed here? Wouldn't it be cheaper than hiring armed guards and installing metal detectors?

It doesn't matter how people feel, it is our right to carry and bear arms period!

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Submitted on: 3/26/2023 10:32:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose this. Vote NO. No one can protect themselves with these anti 2A laws. Why do we need to disclose all doctors? Why do we need firearm class every 4 years? Give a good reason why lawmakers want all these laws. Lawmakers need to explain their intentions. Only to take away individuals 2A rights. You will only create easy targets

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Submitted on: 3/26/2023 10:38:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose. Support the second amendment and WOMEN'S rights to protect themselves.

Anyone who voted yes on this should be personally sued if something ever happens to them because of YOUR decisions.

All legislators are elected to represent the people NOT their own personal beliefs or opinions.

Shyla Moon

Kauai Resident

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Submitted on: 3/26/2023 11:03:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strictly oppose. This takes away our second amendment rights.

**TESTIMONY OF ELLEN GODBEY CARSON IN SUPPORT OF HB 984, HD 2  
WITH REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS**

**I write in strong support of HB 984, HD 2, with requested amendments to strengthen the bill.**

While I write as an individual, I have served as president of the Hawaii State Bar Association, the Institute for Human Services (IHS), and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center. In these capacities, I have strived to strike the right balance for safety of our community and protection of individual rights. I believe HB 984 strikes that right balance, but could be strengthened.

This bill creates numerous measures to better protect our community, while complying the unfortunate US Supreme Court's mandate that public carry permits be allowed. I especially support the bill's efforts to:

- require thorough background checks of criminal and mental health history;
- require robust safety training for issuance of permits/licenses; and
- prohibit the carrying of firearms in Sensitive Places, and other restrictions on carrying firearms in public.

**I request HB 984, HD2 be amended and strengthened to:**

- **Prohibit carrying of firearms in all commercial establishments, regardless of whether the establishment serves alcohol;**
- **In section 134-E, require "the posting of clear and conspicuous signage at all public entrances" to private properties open to the public where the owner consents to the presences of firearms being carried, so the public can know and choose to avoid places where firearms may be present. (The bill currently allows posting as an alternative to express owner consent, but the public has no way to know of that fact if there is not clear and conspicuous posting, and so has no ability to choose safer properties).**
- **Require disclosure of any "health care plans" in addition to "health care providers in sections 134-2(c)(2) and 134-9(g)(2). Health care plans (such as HMSA and Kaiser) keep robust data on health care services and diagnoses from all providers reimbursed.**
- **Close the loophole in HRS 134-4(c) that allows shotguns and rifles (including assault rifles) to be loaned to other persons for 15-75 days, without any license, permit or background check. All these other enhanced protections in our law will have little effect when such uncontrolled transfers of firearms are still permitted. Section 134-2(h) in this bill continues to embrace the dangerous "lending" loophole in 134-4(c).**

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony and helping protect the safety of our community.

Ellen Godbey Carson  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Submitted on: 3/26/2023 12:49:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Coralie Matayoshi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Hawaii's efforts to continue taking vigorous precautions to protect public safety even while complying with the US Supreme Court's decision regarding a Second Amendment right to carry firearms in public. Our nation now has more mass shootings than days in the year. It doesn't have to be this way; Our death by gun rate is over 20 times higher than other industrialized countries in the world.

Every year, in every public school in Hawaii, lock down drills are conducted for training students on what to do in the event of an active shooter on campus.

Thoughts and prayers are never enough to combat gun violence. Action is needed.

HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for carrying concealed guns will weed out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth an extensive list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried, so as to help protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors

Thank you for helping do everything you can to create laws that protect from injuries and deaths caused by firearms.



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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
lynne matusow	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am very disappointed. Previous drafts, especially in SB1230, gave me protection. I live in a high rise condominium. It is private property. There are over 1,000 human residents, from infants to centenarians, plus many dogs. We have employees. Vendors and visitors are on the property all the time. But language which would have protected us by letting the ownership decide if they wanted concealed weapons on the premises ave been erased from the latest version of that bill and are missing from thi bill. What are you waiting for, for the first person(s) to be killed on the prpoerty and then saying e kala mai?

To protect the hundreds of thousands of people and pets who live in private property you must amend this bill to insert the following language:

"Private property of another person without authorization" means property that is privately owned or leased, including but not limited to residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional, or undeveloped property, unless the owner, lessee, operator, or manager of the property has provided express authorization to carry firearms on the property or premises, or clearly and conspicuously posts a sign at the entrance of the building or on the premises indicating that carrying firearms is authorized on that property or premises.

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

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Submitted on: 3/26/2023 1:45:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
DOMINIC CHOW	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Dominic chow

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Easter K. Logan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this. This has not been properly thought out and doesn't accomplish anything.

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Submitted on: 3/26/2023 2:12:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I continue to be in absolute opposition to this bill that creates a SCHEME in which there will be a period of time NO ONE will be able to obtain a permit to acquire and apply for a concealed carry license due to this measure completely re-writing the certification of handgun safety courses state-wide. This is being done on purpose to spite citizens for political biases as a result of Bruen vs NYC and the US Supreme Court's ruling on concealed carry nation-wide.

None of this is for actual safety concerns, it's all political and everyone involved are the real "bad guys" abusing their power over the actual "good guys"

You are all horrible "human beings".

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

Comments:

I support this bill as a step towards some kind of control over how people use guns in public places. The founders of our nation did not have mass shootings of innocent people or terrorizing children in mind when they wrote the second ammendment.

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Please vote no. Thank you.

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lynne Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We have to be vigilant against the false belief that more guns in the community make us safer.

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support, HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors



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

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional on many levels and violates citizens rights to self protection and the exercising of our 2nd Ammendment rights. If the bill were to pass citizens who carry for self protection will be under more scrutiny and be inhibited in the ability to protect themselves and their loved ones. Furthermore the bill also allows the amending and revocation of firearms licenses, permits, and firearms though the citizen(s) have already passed the unjust and unconstitutional requirements this state mandates. The expansion of the qualified immunity for health care providers providing information on firearms applicants is also an issue. This protects the healthcare providers from lawsuits in the event of inaccurate information leading to the denial of a firearms application. In conclusion most of the provisions of this bill do nothing to stop actual crime, all it does is handicap law-abiding citizens who are already greatly limited in our ability to exercise our God given rights as Americans and human beings.

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Violation of the 2nd Amendment. In all the other State they are losing the Battle of Gun Control. They have lost all there Bids to the Supreme Court . The Federal Court has also Shut Down the A T F. The A T F can no Longer make or Change Police in the Gun regulations. more and More States are going with Consitutional Carry. The 2nd Amendenment is the Law of the Land and any Laws put in by the State will not superced the 2nd Amendment. They will be Nulanvoied. You time is Limited. We are watching. V time is Comeing!!!!!!

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this.

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Linda Legrande	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Guns can and should be safer. Children are dying because the manufacturers have chosen not to make them safer and have suffered no consequences. No industry should be above the law.

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alice Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support, HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lois Langham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB984.

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Submitted on: 3/26/2023 5:57:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Chair and members -

I strongly urge passage of this important measure. The Bruen decision is a disaster for states like Hawai'i who aren't steeped in gun culture. This bill is a strong and thoughtful response to Bruen.

This bill is particularly important because it is in the Governor's bill package. It will surely be aggressively litigated after passage. Please make sure this bill has the AG's buy in because success in the litigation will be necessary if this bill is to protect Hawaii's citizens from the ludicrous law reflected in Bruen.

Thank you for considering my testimony and please pass this measure consistent with the AG's recommendations.

Robert Marks

Hawaii Attorney General 1992-94

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
sherry fisher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Safety is a top priority!! I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support, HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Mahalo



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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Thirty percent of Americans are gun owners. The overwhelming number of them are afraid for their children too, their loved ones. It is a tiny number of people who are driving this country's inability to keep us safe from gun violence and the assault on our most basic sense of safety. Yes, these minority of people have power and money but we have numbers too, an over-the-top majority! We are a people who want to stop need for "live shooter drills" done regularly starting in elementary school, thinking about exit routes wherever we go, fear of having one of our precious family members or friends gunned down in revenge of a perceived wrong. Keep Hawaii safe by passing this legislation. Thank you. Kathleen Triolo

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Submitted on: 3/26/2023 6:15:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
PAMELA SUMMERS	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I support HB984 HD2 SD1**

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2023 6:31:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
gabrielle davidson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Richard Tillotson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

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- Every year, in every public school in Hawaii, lock down drills are conducted for training students on what to do in the event of an active shooter on campus.
- Thoughts and prayers are never enough to combat gun violence. Action is needed.
- HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for carrying concealed guns will weed out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth an extensive list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried, so as to help protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors
- Thank you for helping do everything you can to create laws that protect from injuries and deaths caused by firearms.

Thank you for considering my testimony and mahalo for your service.

Richard Tillotson

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill restricting CCW in sensitive areas. This bill is way too restrictive and confusing for anyone to understand. We are only wanting the ability to protect ourselves and loved ones.

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Submitted on: 3/26/2023 8:57:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB984 since the said bill not only lack clear and full detailed understanding /definition of words used within, but the bill will only force and steer retail stores from ceasing from selling firearms, ammo, accessories etc. since it will place fear on these retail stores of liability.

I urge you to oppose Bill HB984

Mahalo,

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

Comments:

Unconstitutional

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lynn Otaguro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 984 HD2 SD1. It sets forth clear permitting requirements and boundaries for where guns may be carried, and will keep our communities safer. Please support this bill.



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2023 10:18:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Esther Geil	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please keep us safe. I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support, HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors

**HB-984-SD-1**

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<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 HB984. This is the worst bill that has been proposed in a long time. It has many flaws and is far too complicated.

1. The premise of the bill assumes that people who apply for a carry license or permit pose a threat to public safety. This is a false assumption. Society is safer when more citizens are armed. The criminals are the ones who need to be afraid, not the normal people.

2. This bill offers very little support of our constitutional right to bear arms. The list of prohibited places is unconstitutionally too long. It would make kapu almost any place where anyone would need or want to go and carry a firearm, except ranges where it is already allowed. Criminals will be armed anywhere but normal people will not be. This bill would deter only the law-abiding citizens. It puts gun owner into a regulatory straight jacket and makes them easy targets for criminals.

3. The \$150 non-refundable fee is not helpful to working families or retired people on fixed income. What if you had to pay a non-refundable fee to make a political speech, vote, serve on a jury, or attend a worship service?

4. Public sentiment and preferences are poor substitutes for the physical protection you need at the time of danger when criminal(s) threaten to kill you or a family member. This bill would all but negate our right to bear arms.

5. This bill seriously threatens our right to keep arms. If someone who does not agree with you politically makes up a lie that you threatened him or her with violence of any kind, that person can petition the court for the issuance of a protective order or a restraining order ex parte. This would result in the loss of firearms and ammunition leaving you defenseless in your home and you would not be able to stop it. This violation of civil rights could result in death or serious bodily harm being in an unarmed condition unable to defend yourself or your home.

6. A better approach would be to recognize out-of-state carry licenses and permits. It would be far less complicated and promote reciprocity with other states.

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB984 as it violates the decision in the SCOTUS's decision in the Bruen case and infringes on our 2nd ammendment rights to protect ourselves in public. "Sensitive Places" is just another term for "Gun Free Zones" and will NOT impede a criminal's intention of committing their crimes against citizens who they know will be unarmed.

**HB-984-SD-1**

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

It is painfully and blatantly obvious that the Legislators, Governor, Lt. Governor, Mayors, Police Chiefs and other “government officials” have zero intent to protect and uphold the rights of the citizens of Hawaii as outlined in both the Federal and State Constitutions regarding firearms. We are all tired of holding our breath waiting for you to uphold your sworn duty. You don’t care, and never will. You spread misinformation, spin half-truths and make up “facts” to suit your own purposes. I would dare to find but few of you who can tell the difference between a clip or magazine, bullet or cartridge, semi-automatic or automatic. It may behoove you to actually learn something about firearms and even use one before you make laws and regulations surrounding them. Take the requisite firearms training class to see what is required of those who wish to own and/or carry firearms in this state. I am confident that most of the local firearms instructors in Hawaii would be happy to give any of you a lesson in the use of them. You may learn something.

The plain verbiage of the 2nd Amendment of the United States and Article 1, Section 17 of the State of Hawaii Constitution is clear. **SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED**. SHALL NOT is a legal term of which it seems none of you have the want, intent or fortitude to uphold. Nowhere does it mention in the respective Constitutions that these can be set aside due to feelings or in matters of sensitivity, inclusion, diversity, etc.. Please go read the NYSRPA v Bruen response for details. The 14th Amendment of the United States also makes clear that States shall not make or enforce any laws violating the citizens rights and privileges.

All of you have abdicated your duty to the people of Hawaii by failing uphold your oath of office. I have included the appropriate text for you. Perhaps you may need to read these sections again to refresh your collective memories. But then again, you have no interest in actually representing your constituents. ALL your constituents, even the ones you disagree with.

HAWAII CONSTITUTION

OATH OF OFFICE

Article XVII, Section 4. All eligible public officers, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as ..... to the best of my ability." As used in this section, "eligible public officers"

means the governor, the lieutenant governor, the members of both houses of the legislature, the members of the board of education, the members of the national guard, State or county employees who possess police powers, district court judges, and all those whose appointment requires the consent of the senate. [Ren and am Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978; am SB 1440 (1992) and election Nov 3, 1992]

## RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

Article I, Section 17. 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.*** [Ren Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

## UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION – BILL OF RIGHTS

### RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

Amendment II. 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.***

### DUE PROCESS & EQUAL PROTECTION

Amendment XIV. Section 1: All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. ***No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States;*** nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. (if any have issues remembering the applicability of the 14th Amendment, please go read the decision in Obergefell v. Hodges and substitute same-sex marriage for ownership and carrying of firearms)

## DEFINITIONS

**Shall:** Shall is an imperative command, usually indicating that certain actions are mandatory, and not permissive. This contrasts with the word “may,” which is generally used to indicate a permissive provision, ordinarily implying some degree of discretion.

**May:** The word “may” is an expression of possibility, a permissive choice to act or not, and ordinarily implies some degree of discretion. This contrasts with the word “shall,” which is generally used to indicate a mandatory provision.

**Infringe or Infringement:** A breaking into; a trespass or encroachment upon; a violation of a law, regulation, contract, or right. An infringement is a violation, a breach, or an unauthorized act. Infringement occurs in various situations. A harm to one’s right is an infringement. A violation of a statute is also an infringement.

## The meaning of the phrase "well-regulated" in the 2nd amendment

From: Brian T. Halonen <[halonen@csd.uwm.edu](mailto:halonen@csd.uwm.edu)>

The following are taken from the *Oxford English Dictionary*, and bracket in time the writing of the 2nd amendment:

1709: "If a liberal Education has formed in us **well-regulated** Appetites and worthy Inclinations."

1714: "The practice of all **well-regulated** courts of justice in the world."

1812: "The equation of time ... is the adjustment of the difference of time as shown by a **well-regulated** clock and a true sun dial."

1848: "A remissness for which I am sure every **well-regulated** person will blame the Mayor."

1862: "It appeared to her **well-regulated** mind, like a clandestine proceeding."

1894: "The newspaper, a never wanting adjunct to every **well-regulated** American embryo city."

The phrase "well-regulated" was in common use long before 1789, and remained so for a century thereafter. It referred to the property of something being in proper working order. Something that was well-regulated was calibrated correctly, functioning as expected. Establishing government oversight of the people's arms was not only not the intent in using the phrase in the 2nd amendment, it was precisely to render the government powerless to do so that the founders wrote it.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Estella Berg	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support, HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors

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Submitted on: 3/27/2023 8:31:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to this bill. This attempts to redo other Bills that have already failed or re-written and HPD testified against. For example, there is no historical precedent to limit consumption of alcohol while carrying. Further, HPD has testified it will be nearly impossible to enforce and impossible with available resources. Does the State plan to build an enforcement arm on this? Many other aspects of this Bill are out of touch and limit the rights affirmed by the recent Bruen decision summer of 2022. That was already a long time ago, and the State of Hawaii and in particular Honolulu are probably the last jurisdiction in the country to comply with this decision and affirmation of the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution. Clearly the Mayor and Governor disagree with that outcome by their actions to continually support laws for the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii that seek to further limit and define the rights of a citizen to bear arms outside the home as affirmed in Bruen. This will only lead to further legal costs for City and State tax payers, already in the top four highest taxed jurisdictions in the past decades as ranked by the financial press. There is no reason in historical precedent or the law as affirmed by Bruen to go down the paths in this Bill. It should be stopped immediately. A similar Bill, and in fact one other for a total of two that I know of, was so extremely out of touch with Constitutional Law and the recent Supreme Court Decision (Bruen) that HPD testified against it in person and submitted written testimony. In one case, HPD even cited the recent US Supreme Court case, along with other factors. Please stop putting your personal feelings about the rights affirmed by the Bruen decision first, and wasting tax payers time and money in resulting legal proceedings.

Thank you,



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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Again Glenn WAKAI this goes against our constitutional rights as a United States citizen  
!!!! you keep bringing up these bills what you should do is have HPD run 24/7 security patrols  
around our residential communities or let us law abiding citizens help ourselves and our  
community Aloha

**HB-984-SD-1**

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

The real people who would support this bill are those who are criminals because this bill only makes it easier for them to harm people. This bill makes their victims not have the best tool for self defense against a rapist, kidnapper, murderer, active shooter, etc...

All those politicians who vote to support his bill are either incompetent or corrupt since no criminal would obey this bill. It only affects law abiding citizens.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 9:23:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sara LaBelle	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a mother, military spouse, and UH Mānoa graduate student. My family has been stationed in Hawai'i twice. Both times we moved here, I breathed a sigh of relief that we would be safer from guns here than we are on the continent. The *Bruen* decision has been devastating for those feelings of safety. As a lifetime school volunteer, I have been part of active shooter drills in elementary schools. They are terrifying (even for the grownups who know they are simulations) and traumatize our children. My university has to train me to run, hide, or fight (<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/dps/active-shooter/>). I just want to learn and research. Our families should not have to live this way. Concealed carry permits increase our collective risks of experiencing gun violence (Smart, R., 2023, online: <https://www.rand.org/research/gun-policy/analysis/concealed-carry/violent-crime.html>). I urge you to pass HB984 to enact all measures possible to reduce the harm of *Bruen* with strict licensing procedures, broad sensitive spaces identification, and all other allowable gun safety measures. Please keep us as safe as possible. Thank you for your time.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 9:32:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cheryl Ho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

- My grandchildren, in Ewa Beach, Makiki, and Manoa, confirm that this is truly the practice: In every public school in Hawaii, lock down drills are conducted for training students on what to do in the event of an active shooter on campus.

This is a necessary practice for the sake of maintaining safety for schoolchildren, staff, and teachers. Yet how much better it would be if preventive measures, such as those in HB 984, were instituted.

It is imperative that Hawai'i's lawmakers legislate stricter measures to ensure our safety and reduce deaths and injuries from firearms.

Mahalo for your strong action!

Cheryl Ogawa Ho, Nu'uuanu

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 10:12:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Martha Nakajima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 10:43:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Taylor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass HB984. The number of gun deaths in the United States is 20 times that of other developed countries. The protections for citizens included in this bill are essential for preserving lives. Over and over again the gun loving lobbies across the country deny the statistics and the facts that people carrying guns are killing our children and our communities. It is amazing that these gun lobbies have reached this far into our state to oppose the reasonable protections included in HB984. This bill clearly maintains the freedom for the majority of residents of the state to enter public spaces, to attend school, to enjoy public beaches without fear from gun toting swaggering cowboys. It keeps guns out of places that serve alcohol. The requirement that those establishments that allow guns to be carried prominently post that notice is essential. Then, an informed public can also "vote" with our dollars and stop entering these places. Please pass this bill overwhelmingly and send the message to the gun lobby that they are not welcome in this state.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 10:45:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB984 HD2 SD1 to keep Hawaii safe from the gun violence.

To: Hawaii State House Committee on Judiciary

Hearing Date/Time: Friday, 31-March-2023, 10:00am

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, CR 016& Videoconference

Re: Judith Ann Armstrong is in strong support of HB 984 which would set up clear permitting requirements before someone is allowed to carry a gun in public.

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I, Judith Ann Armstrong, am in strong support of HB 984 Relating to Firearms.

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support, HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB984.

Sincerely,

Judith Ann Armstrong



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 12:06:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NOTE TO LEGISLATORS- the representative from the Atoorney General LIED at the last meeting when he stated that he feels that they can defend against lawsuits and that jurisdictions have won cases regarding similar laws. fact is, EVERY jurisdiction has LOST and has restraining orders in place against similar laws

please do not allow the state to be engaged in another costly lawsuit that they will LOSE...

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB984

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 12:38:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please be a responsible steward of our tax dollars and oppose this Bill. Passing this Bill will be in conflict with Bruen and will cost Taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. Please consider making life harder for criminals, not harder for law abiding and responsible firearms owners. Thank you for your Public service.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 2:07:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Senator,

I am in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 984 HD 2 SD 1.

I support Hawaii's efforts to continue taking vigorous precautions to protect public safety even while complying with the US Supreme Court's decision regarding a Second Amendment right to carry firearms in public. Our nation now has more mass shootings than days in the year. It doesn't have to be this way; Our death by gun rate is over 20 times higher than other industrialized countries in the world.

Thank you for your support on this important bill.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 2:15:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dr. Sharon Weiner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 984 to protect not only the safety of our people, but also our sanity. Going to a school or a mall or a store in fear of being randomly shot is not the way we malama our people.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 3:05:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill as it's purpose is to simply discourage people from purchasing and using firearms.

this bill makes it a crime to take an unloaded firearm into a police station. Okay so how does one register a firearm at HPD if you can't walk into the registration unit.

And now at 73 years old you want me to complete a firearms safety course every 4 years. Why? Do you expect that I will suffer short term memory loss and not know how to handle my firearms? Ridiculous!

It is unfortunate that the Legislature continues to burden its citizens with overbearing firearms laws while continuing to coddle Hawaii's criminal population. Maybe if you all would do something about assaults, muggings, robberies, etc. the citizenry wouldn't feel the need to have to take measures to protect themselves.

**HB-984-SD-1**

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<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 HB984!

It is obviously designed to discourage/ prevent law abiding citizens from concealed carry of a fire arm for self defense.

It is intact a de facto ban and in direct contradiction of both the 2nd amendment and the recent Bruen decision.

It will not hinder criminals or deter them from carrying illegally as they don't follow the laws anyway. This bill will not make our communities safer. In fact it will have the opposite effect. Decent people will not be allowed a means to protect themselves and be easy prey to criminals. Look at the recent rise in violent crimes the past few years.

Please vote against this bill.

Aloha, Robert Hechtman

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 3:50:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support HB 984 HD2 SD1

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 4:22:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose This bill.



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 4:55:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

oppose!!

Aloha,

I am providing written testimony in opposition to HB984 SD1.

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), through the NYSRPA vs. Bruen decision, recently established “text, history, and tradition” as the new standard for jurisprudence regarding the Second Amendment. Any precedent analyzed using the text, history, and tradition method must have its origins rooted near the creation of the Second Amendment in 1791.

In regards to sensitive places, the SCOTUS ruling specifically mentioned polling places, schools, and government buildings as examples of sensitive places that historically prohibited the bearing of arms. Additional proposed locations noted in HB984 SD1 fail to provide historical context or justification for inclusion on a list of sensitive areas.

New York included all of the sensitive areas defined in HB984 SD1 in the Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA), which was a response to the SCOTUS decision. U.S. District Court Judge Glenn Suddaby, among other judges, have already ruled large parts of the (CCIA), particularly many of the sensitive locations, are unconstitutional and do not adhere to text, history, and tradition.

Further, U.S. District Court Judge Renee Marie Bumb ruled New Jersey’s list of sensitive locations, which are very similar to New York’s, unconstitutional. Bumb also blocked the enforcement of carrying firearms on private property without the “express consent” of an owner or signage indicating firearms are allowed. New Jersey’s default ban for firearms on private property essentially made a decision for an entire population. HB984 SD1 replicates the same directive for private property.

HB984 SD1 provides no validation for the list of sensitive places in accordance with the text, history, and tradition method set forth by SCOTUS. Banning the bearing of arms in various proposed sites, which mimic New York’s CCIA and New Jersey’s sensitive places list, has already been ruled unconstitutional. Numerous testimony alluded to these facts under review of the previous versions of HB984, but despite no indication of conformance to SCOTUS’s Bruen decision, the State appears poised to force through a law that does not pass constitutional muster.

Thank you.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 4:58:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in **STRONG** opposition to HB984. The proposed changes enact a de facto statewide ban based on its use of "expressly written consent" for private places open to public. This makes it virtually impossible for lawful citizens to properly navigate any area, private OR public, as it increases in complexity when two steps in or out of a location can mean a change ownership requiring multiple consents from multiple parties. Enacting this bill only serves to make lawful carry nearly impossible without extensive research and effort beyond what could be considered rational and reasonable to exercise a right that has been enshrined in our bill of rights and expressly recognized by our supreme courts.

Rights should be protected, not regulated out of existence. Please vote in opposition of HB 984 and allow lawful citizens to protect themselves and the ones they love.

Thank you.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 5:08:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Au Doyle	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Aloha,

Please pass HB984 HD2 SD1 out of committee. This bill addresses two key areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe in the wake of the Bruen decision by the Supreme Court. First, it makes it less likely that individuals who would present a threat to themselves or others would be licensed to carry concealed guns. Second, it sets forth a comprehensive list of sensitive places statewide where firearms cannot be carried. These provisions together will increase the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors.

Please support HB 984 HD2, SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 5:10:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bonnie Tokita	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB984. More guns in public places do not make us safer.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 5:10:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rebecca Kesler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Today there was another school shooting. There are places where no guns should be allowed! The public is at risk. This bill will start to address some of the essential gun control legislation that needs to be put in place.



HAWAI'I STATE  
**COALITION AGAINST  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

March 31, 2023

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

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

Re: HB984 HD2 SD1 Relating to Firearms

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

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

On behalf of HSCADV and our 28 member programs statewide, we respectfully submit testimony in **strong support of HB984 HD2 SD1**. This measure would have a profound impact on public safety, survivors of domestic violence, their children, and the organizations that serve them.

**Many domestic violence programs provide services to survivors outside of a shelter setting. Those programmatic sites provide counseling, supervised child visitation, and exchange and advocacy services.** 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.<sup>1</sup>

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.<sup>2</sup> Adults are not the only victims. [On March 4, 2022,](#)

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<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> 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.



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[a father under a restraining order killed his three daughters during a court-ordered family visitation](#) at a church.<sup>3</sup>

We must create safe spaces where survivors of domestic violence are free to heal and seek help after traumatic events. Prohibiting firearms in these spaces is paramount to public safety by creating this healing environment without the threat of harm, revictimization, or re-traumatization.

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

Sincerely,  
Angelina Mercado, Executive Director

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



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 5:39:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
chris p pang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose HB 984 this bill is written poorly. The bill is written to make the gun permit applicants look like a criminal when they are not. The lawmakers should make a bill to have the city and county do a background check to see if the driver has had any past DUI's and if they have they would be ban from buying or registering any vehicle.

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Submitted on: 3/27/2023 7:24:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Julian Tongpalan Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose bill HB984 HD2 SD1

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 5:24:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB984. This bill only makes it safer for those who have criminal intent.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 5:55:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

These restrictions have already been challenged around the country, and have already had enjoining rulings against them. I can not see Hawaii fairing any better in court if the legislature decides to further infringe on the rights of every law abiding citizen of this city, county, and state.

The SCOTUS has already been clear in many rulings.

This is the right of “THE PEOPLE”, not the city or state.

The right to keep and BEAR arms is a protected RIGHT

It is the burden of the city or state to PROVE the restrictions are backed by historical precedent (up to 1791) if it wishes to restrict such rights.

Please remember your oaths of office, to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

To do the opposite, with complete knowledge, is a violation of every citizen’s civil rights.

Below is quote from a recent decision for similar ordinances.

Oppose this bill

Thank you

Brendon Heal

"Surely, Defendants had or should have had-the historical materials and analyses the State relied upon when it began its legislative response to Bruen.

After all, the Supreme Court was clear that in order for any gun control legislation to pass constitutional muster under the Second Amendment, such legislation must be consistent with historical tradition. The State has had six months since Bruen to identify well-established and representative historical analogues."

"the Presiding Officers must keep the litigation progressing on the right track. All agree that violent crimes involving firearms are tragic. But the dictate of Bruen is clear: "legislative interest balancing is understandable--and, elsewhere, appropriate - [but] it is not deference that the Constitution demands here." While the Legislature may disagree with Bruen, it may not disobey it."

Renee Bumb

United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:12:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nancy Marker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I support HB 984 HD2 SD1 that addresses our public health and safety by establishing sensitive areas where firearms cannot be carried by individuals. I support the amendments that have been made on the list of sensitive areas; who is disqualified to own, possess, and control a firearm; and, who are health care providers qualified to provide information on firearms applicants.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

Nancy Marker

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:45:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB984 which restricts law abiding citizens' right to self protection and personal safety at any place at any given time. This bill will violates citizens' rights under the 2nd ammendment and supported by the US Supreme Court. Crime happens everywhere, and unexpectedly. The Police will not be around when crime usually happens, which leaves good citizens vulnerable to attacts from criminals. This bill will be helping criminals instead, since they'll know that good citizens are left without protection in these places. This will not lower crimes, but instead will go up due citizens being easy targets.

Thank you,

Gener Macaraeg

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:56:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Renewal every four (4) years puts undue cost burden on the individual. Amongst other things please stop this bill.



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 9:07:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This proposed bill is unconstitutional, and anti-America in its nature and intent. The drafters and sponsors of this bill are either ignorant of the Constitution and our rights as Americans, or they are knowingly attempting to violate the rights of American citizens. Either way they are unfit to serve in the best interest of our state and our country.

Bill drafters and supporters: Direct your efforts toward improving any of Hawaii's actual problems like our homeless epidemic, overdevelopment, or fighting to help keep home prices affordable for our local residents and their children in the future.

Atom Kasprzycki [atomkasprzycki@icloud.com](mailto:atomkasprzycki@icloud.com)

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 9:15:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Normand A Cote	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I Stongly OPPOSE HB 984.

To place a financial penalty to law abiding citizens excercising thier Constitution Right to keep and bear arms is aagainst my rights.

I have been collecting legally purchased, stored, and handled for 25 years. This penalty would create a severe hardship.

Respectfully,

Normand A Cote

Law Abiding Citizen

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 9:20:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
shari kogan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support, HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## ‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

### Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
March 31, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

By

Michael Bruno, Provost, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Bonnie Irwin, Chancellor, University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Maenette Benham, Chancellor University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu

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### HB 984 HD2 SD1 – RELATING TO FIREARMS

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 984 HD2 SD1, which, among other things, prohibits the carrying or possessing a firearm in certain locations and premises, including any public or private community college, college, or university, and adjacent parking areas, including but not limited to buildings, classrooms, laboratories, artistic venues, research facilities, and athletic fields or venues. The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports the intent of HB 984 HD2 SD1 and this provision in particular.

In light of the frequency of mass shootings, increasing reports of gunshots, and the availability of guns that heighten the risk for suicide on college campuses across the U.S., the risk and scope of gun violence has taken an enormous toll on students and employees sense of safety on campus.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this issue.

**HB-984-SD-1**

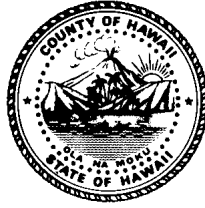
Submitted on: 3/28/2023 10:15:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill!!!!



## HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 2

25 Aupuni Street • Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

DATE: March 28, 2023  
TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
FROM: Jennifer Kagiwada, Council Member  
Council District 2  
SUBJECT: HB 984

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee,

I am writing to you in **strong support of HB 984, with comments included to strengthen and clarify this legislation.**

Since the Supreme Court Case last year decreed that Hawaii must allow people to carry concealed guns, it is VITAL to the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors to pass HB 984 which sets clear requirements for:

- who is, and is not, eligible to carry a gun in public
- how our county chiefs of police can assure that permits for concealed carry are approved only after a thorough background and mental health review
- locations where those who get permits to carry guns in public can and cannot carry those guns

Our Hawai'i County Council passed a law in response attempting to accomplish these goals and through observation of that process and the aftermath our office is offering the following recommendations for your consideration:

1) Involving private property: We support the “default” provision that is currently included in SB1230 that respects the right of private individuals and entities to choose for themselves whether to allow or restrict the carrying of guns on their property. It provides that firearms shall not be carried on private property without the express authorization of the owner. This is the opposite of what ended up passing at the Hawai'i County Council level and it has caused considerable confusion and concern amongst community members to force them to opt out of allowing firearms in spaces that have always by default been firearm free. Placing the burden on Hawaii's residents, merchants and other businesses or private entities to affirmatively state that firearms are not allowed could encourage unnecessary and potentially dangerous confrontations. We believe that language is now included in HB 984 and want to make clear that we support it.

2) HB 984 originally did not provide specific protection for First Amendment expressive spaces, like rallies and marches. We believe this has also been added, but want to ensure that we support such a provision similar to that included in SB 1230 or Honolulu City Council bill 57. This is a common sense addition that will provide for additional clarity and avoid confusion and concern amongst community members wishing to exercise their First Amendment rights to free speech and assembly, with clear rules on firearm safety and without fear of intimidation in such a potentially highly emotionally charged space. Please keep this provision in the bill and/or add it back in if it was removed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of HB 984**.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenn Kagiwada', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jenn Kagiwada

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 10:42:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a retired navy veteran I still feel it's my duty to defend the constitution so I have to oppose this bill as I feel it would violate the second amendment.



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 12:02:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as an infringement on my 2nd amendment rights.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 12:55:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

oppose HB984. It's too restrictive. Sensitive places only make for an ideal place for criminals to conduct their crimes. Gun free zones do not work because criminals do not obey laws. Only limits the ability for law abiding citizens to protect themselves. There is no need to renew the safety class every 4 years

sincerely

Gavin Lohmeier

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 2:10:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael EKM Olderr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support of this bill. The people in the state need some gun regulation laws, which I believe helps. Whether or not this will stop criminals with intent is up for debate. However, I feel this would ensure safety and inspire confidence in those who legally and ethically abide by gun safety standards. A few weeks ago, there was an incident in a Texas public school where a third grader found a loaded gun in their own bathroom. It belonged to that school's superintendent. After the firearm was found and confirmed (by another student sent in to verify that it was a gun), the superintendent denied wrongdoing before resigning in shame.

Here is the article for the story: <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/22/us/texas-superintendent-resigns-gun.html>

This is kind of the action I believe this bill can fight back against the best. This kind of negligence could easily harm or ruin the lives of a Keiki or their family. Please support this bill for our state and our people's good.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 2:40:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support HB984

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 3:17:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elizabeth Nelson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support this legislation. I am an elder and I fully support protecting our youth and all our citizens.

I also support people's right to have a weapon to protect themselves, but agree that certain places should be restricted from carrying a gun. It is just so easy to have something go wrong and then it is a disaster.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Nelson

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 3:36:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer McFarland	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing testimony in support of this draft ordinance and strongly encourage the support of Bill 984. I am so grateful to live on this island where local leaders understand the importance of keeping firearms out of locations where the risk of harm is particularly high.

I have a strong belief that guns do not belong in schools, parks, or other places where children play and my concern is that without this ordinance in place, this is a very real possibility. The fact that concealed guns could be allowed in these locations make me feel less safe in our community and I fear for the safety of my family and community with a potential increase in gun presence. I feel so fortunate that historically I have not had to worry that someone may be carrying a gun when I go into businesses or take my children to the zoo or drop them off at school.

I strongly encourage the passing of this common-sense ordinance and I thank you for your time.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 3:40:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

The most stringent rules must be in place for the safety of our residence against gun violence.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 3:52:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I would like to OPPOSE this bill in its entirety. What this bill does is provide easy targets for criminals to target. The reason of having a concealed firearm in certain places is for the protection of the innocent. Why do you think criminals will obey the laws now? They are always targeting the most vulnerable citizens and get away with their crimes. Police will show up after the crime has been committed and provide first aid to the victims. The proposed actions in this bill will not prevent or reduce crime, it will create more victims because they could not protect themselves with legal tools. Not everyone can fight like an experienced martial artist or a trained boxer. Allow the legal citizens the tools to protect themselves and their families. Please OPPOSE this entire bill.

Barry Aoki of Lahaina, Maui, HI



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 4:00:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lisa Metzger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Voicing my complete support of bill HB984. If the Supreme Court is going to force those of us who don't want to live surrounded by weapons of death at all time into a more dangerous life, we at the very least need to put strict limitations on who can conceal carry and where. Guns have absolutely no place near schools, parks, playgrounds, hospitals or any other private business who doesn't want it. Please protect my keiki and myself by passing HB984.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 4:16:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mericia Palma Elmore	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

- I support Hawaii’s efforts to continue taking vigorous precautions to protect public safety even while complying with the US Supreme Court’s decision regarding a Second Amendment right to carry firearms in public. Our nation now has more mass shootings than days in the year. It doesn’t have to be this way; Our death by gun rate is over 20 times higher than other industrialized countries in the world.
- Every year, in every public school in Hawaii, lock down drills are conducted for training students on what to do in the event of an active shooter on campus.
- Thoughts and prayers are never enough to combat gun violence. Action is needed.
- HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for carrying concealed guns will weed out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth an extensive list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried, so as to help protect the safety of Hawaii’s residents and visitors
- Thank you for helping do everything you can to create laws that protect from injuries and deaths caused by firearms.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 4:31:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Elmore	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

We are the only state with hard borders and we have strict gun laws. We are proof that gun laws WORK! It is insane that at the federal level they want to make it easier to carry a gun than get a driver's license.

We have the lowest amount of gun violence in the country and that is not by accident. Let's do what we can to protect our community and our kids. It is absolutely ridiculous that we even have to address this gun nonsense because of decisions at the federal level.

The answer obviously is not more guns. The continental us has more guns than any other country and that has never worked...you know what has worked, our gun laws. Let's keep it up.

Thanks,

Gerard Elmore

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 5:30:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ashley de Coligny	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am a Kaneohe resident, and mother of two, begging you to please support these common sense gun safety precautions in Hawaii. Please help keep our islands the safe places we know and love. We shouldn't have to worry about who is carrying a weapon in our public spaces. You have the power to save lives. Please choose the safety of our keiki, our communities, and the our public spaces over the interests of a few gun enthusiasts, and support these common sense safety measures for us all. Thank you.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 5:38:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
adam ruderman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a school teacher. Last week at our school--as has become required at all schools--we did an active shooter drill. I am always taken aback during these exercises that we have come to this point, that we don't see it anymore as outside the realm of possibility that someone from our own community would try to harm child at school with a firearm. What strikes me as especially alarming is what is going through the minds of our students during these drills, as they silently sit on the floor, advised to get out of the line-of-sight of any windows through which a would-be assailant might target them. How can their imaginations not run wild? And not in a good way. I remember growing up in the '80s at the height of the Cold War doing nuclear bomb attack drills at school. I remember ducking under my desk and wondering how the nuclear fallout was going to miss me in such a vulnerable position. And--most tellingly--I remember getting awakened at the age of 12 in the middle of the night by a particularly loud and rumbly thunder strike during a rainstorm and thinking (literally, I thought this), "Well, this is it...that MUST have been a nuclear bomb. I wonder how long it will be until the blast wave sweeps over the hill and gets me?". There are way, way too many guns in our country. There is way, way too much awareness of guns in our kids' minds. And there is just no way--no way--we need our kids seeing guns in town, guns at restaurants, guns at the supermarket. Please lead the way and pass this sensible piece of legislation.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 5:48:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I want every right afforded to me by the 2nd Amendment.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 5:50:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill HB984 as we the people should have a choice to protect ourself and others when needed in any setting ... why do the criminals get to have guns but not us that are willing to take classes and get approved to carry and protect ?!

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 5:57:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a law abiding citizen and I oppose bill HB984. This is an infringement of my second amendment rights. This is our God given right.



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 6:01:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. (HB 984)

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 6:01:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

The state got caught violating the constitution and instead of correcting the problem they presented this bill. This bill is a tantrum. I expect to see good gun laws struck down and burned to ash as collateral damage to this shameful display of legislative lawlessness. And always my tax dollars will end up paying the lawyers fees to defend this nonsense while programs that could benefit the state go underfunded. You guys should be ashamed of yourselves. I know I'm ashamed on your behalf.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 6:08:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elaine Gierlach	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The continuing mass shootings - especially school shootings! On the mainland is horrifying. Please do whatever we can to limit guns in Hawaii -- please protect us and our children. Permits and safe zones everywhere please. Don't let the violence come to the islands -- we need gun control!!

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 6:19:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill!

Please do not pass this bill.

Thank You

Steven Fukuhara

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 6:20:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha

I oppose HB 984. This bill is a perfect example of government overreach.

Mahalo

Clardean Lehano

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 6:26:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I'm in *opposition* of bill **HB984**. Please stop trying to restrict are **2nd Amendment right**.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 6:27:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

We as law abiding citizens should be able to carry firearms to protect our life and the life of our ohana, and also property. I hear gun owners through all the hoops you ask to go through, but still have restrictions. You trust criminals who don't follow the law, to adhere to these "sensitive places"??? The people in said places will be sitting ducks until police arrive. How many lives of no name nobodies will you sacrifice before you wake up realize that?

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 6:31:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
April Ching	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

A warm aloha,

As a citizen and mother of two watching the numerous mass shootings take place over the past few weeks has been extremely challenging. These shootings take place in public spaces where many people have been killed. I do not want an increase in public danger for Hawaii, my home. Weapons have no place in public spaces and must be carefully regulated. Our theaters, parks, churches, hospitals, libraries, sidewalks, stores, beaches, schools, and homes are not war zones or spaces where weapons are needed for self-defense, but are instead spaces for living together as a community. Please protect all of us by regulating permits and weapons in public spaces. I ask you to take action to protect life. Protect our public spaces.

April



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 6:33:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kealakai Hammond	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support, HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors.

Please vote yest on HB984.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 6:45:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB984.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 6:50:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

**I strongly oppose** this Bill.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 6:58:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Putting restraints on lawful citizens who can carry will only make the unlawful ones more powerfull to possess them. It goes against the right to bear arms. There should be no restrictions against a lawful person who may possess their concealed carry. This bill will not pertain to a person who will do harm.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 7:03:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

I am writing to oppose HB 984. This bill is another effort to compromise the Second Amendment. I ask for your support to stop this bill from proceeding forward.

Thank you,

Jason Kimura

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 7:07:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 7:12:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 7:26:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB984 HD2 SD1.



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 7:28:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cynthia Mckean	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please vote yes. Protect the people.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 7:29:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is UNCONSTITUTIONAL and the individuals from the AGs office know it, yet they continually lie to you.

Do not pass this bill. You will see numerous lawsuits if passed and signed.

<https://youtu.be/wgNIUs0VRjE>

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 7:36:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose Bill HB984.

This is a government overreach. Completely unconstitutional!!

You all have solemnly sworn to support and defend the Constitution of the United States as well as the Constitution of the State of Hawaii. The people deserves better leadership. Stand for what is pono.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 7:50:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill and every other unconstitutional anti gun bill.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 7:58:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

oppose

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:03:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hunting, shooting skeet, target shooting are some of the healthiest leasure sports as well as keeping the family safe is a priority of mine, as should be all others too. The state is becoming increasingly unsafe with robberies with many homeless and drug addicts all around. Even in the most beautiful neighborhoods. The police are great people but they can't respond quick enough if someone is trying to engage in violence. Mahalos for your time,

chris

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:24:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Yvonne Alvarado oppose to Bill 984

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:27:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB984



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:28:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This infringes on 2nd amendment.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:29:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hawai'i already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation, as well as some of the lowest firearms related deaths and or injuries injuries per capita. Despite these facts, it seems all we are ever presented with via new bills and amendments to existing law - are strategies to further infringe on the rights of your constituents. Lawbreakers will always find a way to get guns and commit violence. Most mass causlaty events happen in "gun free zones" like the ones you are proposing; because they do nothing to stop law breakers from committing crime. The only thing "gun free zones" do is take away a law abiding citizens' right / chance to defend themselves.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:34:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB984.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:43:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I, Sabrina Sumner, OPPOSE this bill.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:49:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB984

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 9:07:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Opposed

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 9:09:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 9:20:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB 984

A designation of a location will not stop a person with ill intent.



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 9:22:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB 984

A designation of a location will not stop a person with ill intent.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 9:36:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose this bill. Politicians protecting criminals and betraying the people who elected them.

Re: [HB984](#),

To Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

**I am writing in support of HB984** because I want to keep Hawai'i safe from adding to the tragic statistics that document the leading cause of death for American children is by gun violence – even more than those killed in automobile accidents.

There is enough to worry about these days than feel stress because someone might have a gun when going into a school, a hospital, a government building, a church, a bus, and other vulnerable public places. I do not want to permit anyone in my home that might be carrying a gun. HB984 will help make me feel safer and have a whole lot of less stress.

I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of HB984.  
Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,  
Jeannette Paulson Hereniko  
1189 Waimanu Street, Apt 3602  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 9:48:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This measure may be well -intended. However, it is too flawed to move forward: it punishes law-abiding citizens, makes it easier for criminals to assault citizens in locations deemed as "sensitive", and unlawfully restricts the second amendment rights of U.S. citizens therefore rendering it unconstitutional. Please defer this measure. Thank you.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 9:49:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
MaryAnn Omerod	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support gun safety and the setup of clear permitting requirements and public "no carry" boundaries/zones. I would also like to see an our of state permit requirement and an insurance requirements for Concealed carry.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 9:54:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
M. Leilani DeMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

As our elected officials, I ask that you **STRONGLY OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 9:56:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 10:02:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaysha Mata-Peahu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. As a Native Hawaiian, Christian, Female from the west side of Kaua'i. I oppose this bill!



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 10:18:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB984 and ask you to vote NO on it. People with intent to do harm or kill do not care about "safe zones". They have no safe zones. Also people should be able to defend themselves on private or public property. It is our 2nd amendment right. There should be no restrictions to a right guaranteed to us in our Constitution. People with ill intent don't care about safe zones and rules or restrictions. We have the right to defend ourselves and our property and nothing, especially government, should interfere with that right.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 10:38:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 10:58:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB984-2

I oppose HB984-HD1. This is another bill that will deny CCW holders their constitutional right to carry outside the house as “Heller vs DC” stated. This bill will criminalize all CCW permit holders. This bill will not do anything to deter any criminal activity. If you are not hardening our schools, offices and etc..Criminals will hit all areas that are anti-gun.

We should not be “required” to have insurance. As a hard worker that is still trying to recover from Covid lockdowns I cannot afford paying for insurance. I have a hard enough time paying for auto insurance. In time I would like to purchase insurance but I’d like to do so on my time unless the city and tax payers would like to foot all of our bills from taking classes to paying for proficiency tests and insurance. If the state requires all of that on a constitutional right then the state can pay for it.

Waiting for a permit any longer than a day is terrible and bad policy. There was an instance where a woman had a TRO on her Ex-husband and applied for a CCW permit. Her Ex found her and killed her before she could even get her CCW permit approved.

All these minute micro managing rules makes no sense. As a gun owner we already hold ourselves to a higher level where we take every step with responsibility

If we can safely keep our firearms in holster, we should be able to do and carry as we please.

All of these rules and sensitive places will only create safe haven for criminals and they will never stop stealing and ruining lives. As I stated before we need more laws and focuses to make it more difficult for these people to stop committing crimes.

We should not be speaking about enhanced sentencing with CCW holders when we can’t even punish the very criminals that roam our streets. The city and state has done nothing for homelessness, violent and nonviolent crimes.

Our medical records are our own business. The state or city has no business knowing any of my medical records. The state is clearly overreaching its “authority” just as they did during covid. What was the result.... A devastated economy which has not recovered and still has not come up with any alternatives to state income besides “tourism”. Also qualified immunity for physicians,

psychologists and etc. is grossly uncalled for. We know that there are many unqualified healthcare officials that will make bad diagnosis and they need to reap the repercussions of a bad diagnosis. This amendment will not hold anyone liable for their actions with the exception of the CCW license holder. Do not forget the right to bear arms is our 2nd amendment right and not a second class right. We are innocent until proven guilty.

Your anti- gun legislation will put us in danger rather than keep us safe.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 11:00:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Yet another mass shooting--this time in a Nashville school this week should strengthen our resolve to protect the public and our children from the senseless gun violence that has engulfed this nation. We are not helpless. All we need is the will to address this horrific problem. This bill tempers the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Please move this bill through to passage. Mahalo.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 11:20:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose this bill and vote NO. This is a waste of our tax money. Focus on catching and punishing bad guys instead of making it hard for law abiding Hawaiians to defend themselves and others against violent criminals. How will this bill protect and provide safety to our community and stop crime? Do not pass unconstitutional laws in Hawaii-vote no on this bill please.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 12:45:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I believe that a person have the Constitutional Right. To defend themselves with a firearm. Now hb984 prohibits firearms in certain locations and premises. As we know Criminals do not obey the law. Any places that would prohibits any type of firearm. Would only In Bolden any criminal who wish to do harm. And leave the Law abiding citizens unable to defend themselves.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 1:12:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Kevin Cortez and I am an American Citizen and I choose to oppose this bill. We are God given right to bear arms. I don't agree with the entirety of the bill.



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 1:40:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB984 in its entirety and respectfully request you do the same.

This bill makes it impossible for a law-abiding citizen who is granted a firearm carry permit to exercise their Second Amendment right to defend themselves.

For this reason, I oppose HB984 and its amendments and again respectfully request you do the same.

Thank you.

Chester Lum

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 7:12:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This letter is to serve as my OPPOSITION to HB984.

It already has been established that a citizen's right to carry a concealed firearm is protected by the Constitution, and affirmed by the United States Supreme Court. And it also is known that states that try to circumvent law by imposing rules containing "sensitive places" are being instructed to retract them. There are already laws in place that ban carrying of firearms into places like Federal Buildings, courthouses, and schools. It is clear that the inclusion of these sensitive places are nothing more than an attempt to restrict constitutionally protected rights of citizens.

Stop supporting these bills, as passing them contradicts the laws of the country and your duty to uphold and protect them.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 7:16:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB984. This is an infringement of my rights under the 2nd amendment

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Submitted on: 3/29/2023 7:17:08 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Melody Torres	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support, HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 7:29:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. I am a law-abiding gun owner and have followed all the requirements for me to obtain my firearms. What any "sensitive places" legislation fails to understand is that this will only prevent law abiding citizens from having a firearm in these designated places. Those who follow the law and obtain their firearms legally and comply with concealed or open carry requirements will be the only people not having the ability to defend themselves or their loved ones in the designated places. Those with ill intent will not care about any law saying they are not allowed to have a firearm in these designated places. If they choose to illegally carry a firearm, they will. It is also safe to assume that their firearm was not obtained legally.

The recent shooting at The Covenant School in Nashville demonstrates the preference of the soft target. The killer said in their manifesto that they had another target in mind but it was too secure, so she chose The Covenant School instead.

The bottom line is that PREDATORS WILL SEEK PREY. Designating "sensitive places" will encourage people with homicidal, evil, and demonic ideations to go to these places because it is a soft target. It would be like letting a hunter go to a nature preserve.

This law will also tie the hands of business owners who would choose to allow licensed concealed or open carry on their premises. It should be up to them to decide if they would like to carry a firearm on their person to protect their business and/or allow their customers to do the same. If a place is considered "private property" it should be the decision of the property owner.

Those who go through the process of legally obtaining and carry firearms respect the law. They understand the consequences of having a firearm and take that responsibility seriously. They have trained with their firearm and know how to use it. They understand what will happen should they draw their firearm on another person and do not take this action lightly.

History has proven that such government overreach only hinders law abiding citizens from protecting themselves, not prevent criminals from committing crimes.

I am also disappointed that the hearing notice has designated this a "decision making meeting only, no oral testimony will be accepted". Why would you not want to hear from the public regarding a matter that will affect their safety? Don't forget who you work for.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 7:40:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

i am opposing this bill because this is just another ploy to turn law abiding citizens into felons while doing nothing about criminals who don't care about the laws you are trying to pass.stop giving the criminals a free pass.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 7:40:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Josh Green you are a tyrant and sellout to big pharma

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 7:40:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose. It is clearly stated in the 2nd Amendment to not infringe on the rights of the citizens to bear arms. Stop chipping away at We the people's Constitution of The United States of America. Period.



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 7:52:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jane Gibbons Taylor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/29/2023 8:51:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I respectfully submit testimony in **strong support of HB984 HD2 SD1**. This measure would have a profound impact on public safety, survivors of domestic violence, their children, and the organizations that serve them.

**Many domestic violence programs provide services to survivors outside of a shelter setting. Those programmatic sites provide counseling, supervised child visitation, and exchange and advocacy services.** 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.

We must create safe spaces where survivors of domestic violence are free to heal and seek help after traumatic events. Prohibiting firearms in these spaces is paramount to public safety by creating this healing environment without the threat of harm, revictimization, or re-traumatization.

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

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:06:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dr. Faith Joyner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:09:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:16:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB984 BECAUSE IT VIOLATES MY 2ND AMMENDMENT RIGHTS.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:23:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it infringes upon my second ammendment right.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:32:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shay Chan Hodges	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support gun safety regulation.



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Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:34:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Klaudia G Kemenes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is a straight attack against the 2nd amendment and the U.S. constitution. Firearms have a protecting role. Taking away citizens' right to protect their families is not acceptable. Hawaii gun regulation is already strict enough not to carry. Tightening the rules further might result in putting the residents in jeopardy. Knowing how criminal activity is rising in Hawaii, I feel unsafe if the government takes away my rights to protect my family.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:38:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Faith Marie Harding	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. I am testifying today in support of HB 984. We, as people of this nation, the state of Hawaii and the county of Kauai have so much to be concerned about. Whether it's Coco Palms, traffic, housing, food costs, sovereignty issues, or voting rights, for me, there is nothing more important than the mass shootings that have continued to plague this nation. Since the reversal of the ban on assault weapons in 2004, the mass shootings in this country have risen to epic proportions. We are now at approximately 130 mass shootings for 2023 alone. This is unacceptable something we don't want to see happen to people or keiki in Hawaii! In June 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States issued a 6-3 decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v Bruen* that expanded the right of Americans to bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This decision is over the oral arguments from November 2021 about the 100-year-old New York state handgun licensing law requiring individuals to show proper cause before they can be licensed to carry a concealed weapon in public. The plaintiffs argued that the law violates the Second Amendment in which the Supreme Court agreed. Hawaii has been the beacon leader in gun sense laws. We have some of the strongest for over 120 yrs and the lowest rate of gun deaths in the nation. Among many of its life-saving laws, the state has a law that requires gun purchasers to obtain a license and complete a firearm safety course. [Gun violence in Hawaii](#) The Supreme Court has never before held that the second amendment protects an individual's right to carry firearms outside of the home, let alone in crowded city streets. We, as the general public, have now been thrown into a quagmire. This is over the "sensitive areas" question in which conceal carry weapons are not allowed. There is no legislation from the Federal government, nor the state of HI yet. The Supreme Court has left it to the local governments to create this legislation which is causing much confusion. Now is not the time to throw out life-saving gun laws. Both the pandemic and increased gun sales have been linked to more gun deaths. Meanwhile, frequent mass shootings continue to devastate the country., the threats posed by violent extremism and domestic terrorism are growing, and gun violence in cities are spiking! Now is the worse time to deprive communities of their tools to protect all of us from gun violence. I am a survivor of gun violence. Do the right thing. Set clear boundaries where guns can/cannot be carried. Guns don't belong at schools, parks, playgrounds, movies, theatres, public spaces. Guns and alcohol should never mix so not at restaurants or bars. Make it clear with this bill. Also anyone that is a threat to the public or to an individual such as a domestic violence offender should not be allowed this permit to carry. We implore you those of us that have had gun violence in our lives to please do the prudent and reasonable action. Mahalo.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:39:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michele Nihipali	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB 984 HD2 SD1 would set up clear permitting requirements before someone is allowed to carry a gun in public and clear boundaries on where someone can and can't bring those guns. This is a common sense gun regulation that will ensure the safety of keiki and all hawaii Kamaaina from unnecessary gun violence. Guns do not belong near schools, parks or other sensitive public areas.

**Please support HB984.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Michele Nihipali

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Hauula, HI 96717

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:54:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jenny Silbiger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of HB984:

- I support Hawaii’s efforts to continue taking vigorous precautions to protect public safety even while complying with the US Supreme Court’s decision regarding a Second Amendment right to carry firearms in public. Our nation now has more mass shootings than days in the year. It doesn’t have to be this way; Our death by gun rate is over 20 times higher than other industrialized countries in the world.
- Every year, in every public school in Hawaii, lock down drills are conducted for training students on what to do in the event of an active shooter on campus.
- Thoughts and prayers are never enough to combat gun violence. Action is needed.
- HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for carrying concealed guns will weed out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth an extensive list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried, so as to help protect the safety of Hawaii’s residents and visitors
- Thank you for helping do everything you can to create laws that protect from injuries and deaths caused by firearms.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Mahalo,

Jenny Silbiger

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Submitted on: 3/29/2023 10:03:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

They should call this the **Ghost Gun Promotion Act**. The Supreme Court rulings were clear, and a tempter tantrum from a lawless legislature only encourages a lawless citizenry. Lo and behold. The more unconstitutional laws you've passed, the more crime rates have gone up.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 10:15:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE due to the fact a LAW ABIDING Citizen is restricted to Lawfully carry and protect themselves at all times while in a public setting. Criminals don't follow the LAW and this Bill will do nothing to stop crime.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 10:24:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Meribeth Kekumu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**The 2nd admendment of the constitution stands. Remember the oaths you took for office.**

## HB984 – Relating to Firearms

### Testimony Judith Mills-Wong

I support HB984. Due to the US Supreme Court decision that Hawaii must allow people to carry concealed guns, it is essential that the legislature define the requirements for licensing in order to protect the people of Hawaii.

Hawaii has long been the safest state with respect to gun violence and this is a credit to the laws and restrictions that have been in place thus far. HB984 establishes a strong framework for keeping Hawaii safe.

This bill identifies who will be and who will not be able to carry a gun in public. It clearly identifies “sensitive locations” where firearms will be restricted. These include schools, places of government, places of worship and other locations that have sadly been locations of gun violence in other states. This component of the bill helps keep Hawaii’s population safe.

The bill specifies how county chiefs of police shall verify people applying to carry a gun in public including a thorough background review, consideration of character/temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm, mental health review.

HB984 specifies clear and sufficient waiting periods to allow for a ‘cooling off’ period for the purchase of a gun.

The law includes instruction for the safe storage and transport of guns including instructions for securing firearms in locked, secure containers and provides penalties for failing to store a firearm securely. This is a sensible and reasonable requirement.

The law requires applicants for a license to carry a concealed weapon to provide proof of a firearm certification program that includes safe handling of a weapon, knowledge of relevant gun laws including secure storage practices and sensitive location restrictions. This measure helps keep the people of Hawaii safe.

Throughout the bill, provisions are made to allow responsible gun owners the opportunity to use firearms appropriately, such as for hunting, target shooting and self-defense. This law is not unduly onerous to the careful and responsible gun owner.

To summarize, I support HB984 which will address the issue of the US Supreme Court’s decision while protecting the safety of the people of Hawaii.



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 10:36:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Stephanie Hall Morin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support this bill to help keep our community safe. We also need to support measures to increase access to mental health treatment.

Mahalo,

Stephanie Hall Morin

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 11:28:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mitchell H. Weber	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE HB984,

This bill will create a backlog and deny lifesaving tools to women & lgbt, especially those that are minorities and low income. You will also simultaneously fan the flames of a black market.

40 days to process a permit to aquire may be a death sentence for women of color who are merely trying to protect themselves from the white supremacists who plague our state.

Please check your privilege, protect POC's & LGBT. HPD's newest report lists 293 cases of forcible rape committed in 2021, that's down from 368 in 2020. Those are just the ones reported, many of those women or other women close to them are the blunt of new firearms owners in the state. Do you stand with them or will you empower their attackers?

Regards,

Mitchell Weber.

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT of HD984 HD2 SD1 by Marya Grambs**

I am the previous Executive Director of Mental Health America of Hawaii, and I am currently President of the Board of Directors of Partners in Care, a member of the Board of Directors of Waikiki Health, and a volunteer with IHS's Women's and Family Homeless Shelter. I am testifying as an individual.

If people having guns made us safer – and America now has literally more guns than people – we would not lead the world in mass murders and gun-related homicides and suicides.

I am grateful about the almost-comprehensive list of places where guns cannot be carried, although I would add grocery stores to the list of prohibited spaces. (I really don't want to be walking down the produce aisle thinking someone could have a gun. I don't think most people want guns in their grocery stores either!)

**I am unclear how the prohibition of "carrying or possessing firearms on certain private property open to the public without express authorization" will work. Does that mean that everyone walking into a place of business can assume that no one will be carrying a gun, unless there is a sign saying, "guns allowed?" How will gun-carrying individuals know that? Or does it mean that these businesses will actually post signs saying, "no guns allowed?"**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. I hope you will support HB984HD2SD1, and provide some guidance on the above.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 10:50:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

We the people strongly oppose this bill. With the supreme courts ruling on the Bruen case, you have to follow the historical context of America and the plain text of the constitution. "A well regulated militia" meant the people be trained and ready for war against foreign and domestic threats. "The right of the people to keep and BEAR arms shall not be infringed upon" means The right of the people to keep and BEAR arms shall not be infringed upon!!!

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 11:43:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 11:49:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I stand in opposition to this bill and it's infringement on personal freedom.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 12:25:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in opposition of this bill. The second amendment is an absolute right and should not be infringed upon. You are only affecting law abiding citizens. Criminals don't follow laws!  
Think about it

Thank you for your time.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 12:34:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose All infringements on our 2nd Amendments rights.



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 11:29:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is crazy unconstitutional. Why are firearms laws getting worse all of a sudden? For what purpose are you all making the laws crazy difficult to purchase a firearm? I oppose this bill as it will solve zero problems.

Aloha board members,

Today I am writing in opposition to this bill. This bill would render one's concealed carry permit useless with such broad definitions used. This bill is a copy of other states' bills trying to restrict our right that the US supreme court ruled in the Bruin V.S. New York case this summer said you can not make every area a sensitive place. New Jersey and New York that have tried passing bills like this are now dealing with lawsuits and have been ruled by more than 3 judges unconstitutional and that this does not meet the text and history test the supreme court said must have been in place when the 2nd amendment was written.

I would also like to ask if you are going to pass this bill please push back the date for it to take affect to give police departments time to come up with policys and procedures since that will require public hearings under state law. Other wise the countys will face lawsuits for delaying and denial of peoples rights.

The Fee for the CCW license of 150 dollars per application that must be paid for each firearm I wish to have a license for is nothing more than a poll tax. Only the rich and politically connected will be able to afford this constitutional right.

The training requirement add for ccw classes are things that are not taught in concealed carry classes and most instructors are not trained in these subject matters. It is outside of the scope of materials, and they would be in violation of their agency and would lose their teaching credentials. The state should provide a video like what Utah has for their ccw class this video is mandatory. This is a link to that Hawaii should make and have for people to view please watch it is only about 8min of your time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Plr44kZqU88&t=6s>

Some training agencies like USCCA(United Concealed Carry Association) allows videos like this to be used in their classes. While others like NRA does not allow.

If the ccw license I have is to be good state wide should the training not be the same state wide and not left up to the county police department discretion. One county could have must harder requirement than a different county. This should be uniform for the whole state wide.

There needs to be a timeline for the application to be approved or denied. It take 14day to do a background check to acquire a firearm. It should not take that much longer for a concealed carry license. It also places a huge cost requirement for people to take classes every year and with only a one-year valid license. You must take a class every 8 months so you can turn your paperwork in before your permit expires. I think a more normal time is a 3- or 5-years valid permit like most other states have and a fee of 50 to 60 dollars.

I ask what other constitutional right requires that someone has to take a class and pass a test to exercise that right. Did you take a class to be an elected official and what was your score and how long is your permit valid for and cost? None it is your right as an American to run for office. Many people like to say that you have to take a test to get a driver's license but that is a privilege not a constitutional right.

The requirement for someone to just acquire a firearm take a class every four years I ask you what other constitutional right to you take a test every 4 years to have that right.

The essential character requirement is just another subjective test that is not allowed under recent supreme court ruling yet you still are going to do it.

Has the AG or your legal team given you the laws that are using to justify that meet the text history and tradition that the supreme court said you must have. And not the 170 years of Hawaii law it must be from 1791 when the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment was enacted. I will bet they have not and that there are non or else they and you would be telling and showing them to everyone. Again this bill if passed into law will be in the courts in law suits that is why you have a effective date of this bill June 30<sup>th</sup> 3000. You know this bill is unjust.

Mahlo for your time and reading this letter.

Jason T Wolford

Any questions about my testimony please don't hesitate to call me 808 870 1796 look very much forward to having a conversation with you about this matter.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 1:44:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Regina Gregory	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please keep us safe

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 2:45:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adriel Lam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii firearms laws are a vestige of the martial law era and the internment of American citizens during World War II.

These draconian laws are in direct violation of Constitution of the United States.

Section 17 of the Hawaii State Constitution is verbatim to the Constitution of the United States on the right to bear arms.

**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 legislation, if enacted, will lose in court and will further increase the distrust and illegitimacy of Hawaii's presumed elected officials.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 2:51:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

As usual trying to strip us of our rights and freedoms under the guise of safety. Did you even pay attention to how the Common Wealth Countires treated the citizens during the scamdemic? Is that what you want your children to be? At the mercy of tyrants? A "law" is not going to stop anyone from getting a gun if that is their intent. It's just an excuse to disarm the population to clamp us down further. Do your job and protect our right to bear arms.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 3:37:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Valerie Smalley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

As a parent, social worker and resident of Hawaii I am in strong support of HB984. Please vote with your conscience in regards to this bill which would set up clear permitting requirements before someone is allowed to carry a gun in public and clear boundaries on where people can carry guns in the State of Hawaii. While I do support individuals who are responsible in their ability to own and handle guns. Let us be the state who leads the nation in making sure that there are stopgaps in place to protect citizens like myself. Many citizens have no desire to own a gun or be in a situation where they have to be concerned that others are not emotionally stable or responsible to be carrying them. We can take care of this now!!

Thank you for taking this seriously.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 3:55:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

The right to protect ourselves from oppressors or criminals who are armed is a right guaranteed in our 2nd amendment. Limiting areas in which we are allowed to protect ourselves runs contrary to the vision of the forefathers to his great nation. Criminals by definition will not follow laws put in place by legislation- only law abiding citizens will. The result of this legislation is to put law abiding 2a citizens at a clear disadvantage in situations where an active shooter is present at these locations.



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 4:42:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Eliminating gun use in "sensitive" areas only gives more reasoning that these areas need the presense of guns to keep peace. People are far safer having a firearm of their own, for defense, than awaiting a police officer in this state. If you want to regulate, teach people gun safety across the instead of going completely away from the Constitution of the United States of America. The fact that this bill is even being presented is an embarrassment to the people of Hawaii.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 4:49:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Committee Members:

HB984 HD2 SD1 proposes serious and unconstitutional restrictions upon a US Citizen's Second Amendment rights. Both the US Supreme Court and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals have affirmed a citizen's right to keep and bear arms. This year in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. vs. Bruen*, the Supreme Court not only ruled that broad limits against people carrying firearms in California and New York were unconstitutional, but that other restrictions on firearms that aren't deeply rooted in early American history would likewise violate the 2nd Amendment.

The proposed legislation violates the Second Amendment and must not be enacted. While the legislation attempts to control gun ownership, usage, transportation and storage under the guise of reducing crimes involving guns, it will do nothing to keep the bad guys from getting guns. This is the truth in not only Hawaii, but in every US State.

Please reject HB984 in any form as it is both unconstitutional and will be ineffective to address the stated goal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Fagundes III

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 4:50:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I stongly OPPOSE this bill. It is an attempt to circumvent the recent SCOTUS decision on concealed carry. This proposed law has already been found unconstitutional in other states. It is a waste of your time {our time} and taxpayer money to defend poorly written legislation that will inevitably be struck down in the courts. However, criminals and potential mass shooters will applaud your creation of more gun-free zones to exploit.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 5:00:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cheryl Bellamy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB984.

HB984 addresses two areas of major concern on how residents and visitors can remain safe. it ensures the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. Ant it sets forth a much needed list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried to protect residents and visitors. We do not want a Tennessee-type incident here.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 5:00:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB 984 has my strongest support and I am asking for your support as well. It is possible to both uphold the Second Amendment, **and** set up clear permitting requirements before someone is allowed to carry a gun in public, **and** clear boundaries on where someone can and can't bring a gun.

Protecting something as vital as Hawaii's public health and safety surely deserves common sense guidelines. We have a moral imperative to do what we can to reduce the staggering occurrence of gun violence.

Please support HB 984 HD2 SD1 today.

Mahalo,

Allegra Giacchino, 96816

March 31, 2023

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Hawaii State Legislature  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: HB 984, HD2, SD1

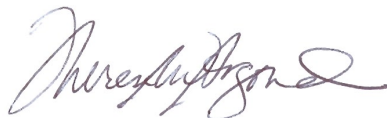
Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I support HB 984, HD2 SD1, that prohibits firearms in sensitive places and includes other important gun safety provisions to protect the public. I strongly support the amendments that have been made on the list of sensitive places, who is disqualified to own, possess and control a firearm, and the health care providers who have qualified immunity to provide information on firearms applicants.

This bill comes at a critical time when the safety of Hawaii residents and visitors to Hawaii is threatened by the Bruen decision. Hawaii has always been at the national forefront of protecting the public through a history of strong firearms laws with the data to show that these gun laws are effective.

I urge you to pass this bill and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Therese Argoud". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "A".

Therese Argoud, MPH  
3314 Woodlawn Dr.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 6:12:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
karolle t. bidgood	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB984. I ask that you do the same.

Thank you.



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 6:41:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

THESE SENSITIVE PLACES THAT THIS BILL IS TRYING TO SAY THEY ARE "PROTECTING", ARE THE EXACT PLACES THAT ARE TARGETED BY THESE CRIMINALS. I OPPOSE THIS BILL BECAUSE IS DISREGARDING OUR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

LAWSUITS WILL BE FOLLOWING IF YOU SO CHOOSE NOT TO HEAR THE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 7:43:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Will Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Although the United States Supreme Court has held that the Second Amendment provides for an individual right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes, this right has limits and is subject to regulation to protect public health, safety, and welfare from the serious hazards associated with firearms and gun violence.

States retain authority to enact a variety of gun regulations, such as prohibiting the carrying of firearms in sensitive locations and adopting laws and regulations designed to ensure that those who carry firearms are law-abiding, responsible citizens.

We need to update Hawai'i's firearms laws to mitigate the serious hazards to public health, safety, and welfare associated with firearms and gun violence, while respecting and protecting the lawful exercise of individual rights. This bill achieves that goal. Please pass HB984 HD2 SD1.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 8:18:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this unconstitutional bill. The 2nd amendment is clear on the right to bear arms. Carrying concealed weapons will make us safer, due to the fact that incidents happen quickly before police can arrive. Law abiding people can be there to protect themselves and others. It also acts as a deterrent to criminals. I urge you to kill this bill.

Alice Abellanida

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 8:42:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hawai'i already has strict gun laws. More restrictions are Unconstitutional.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:14:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha

I strongly oppose HB984 as written.

In particular the sensitive places restrictions that this bill will impose on legally armed law abiding citizen. The recent tragedy in Nashville has shown all it take is a single deranged evil criminal to indiscriminately kill and he was only stopped by the quick action of the brave Police Officers who at the risk of their own lives, found and killed the scum bag. It took the arrival of the good guy with a gun to stop evil. There were several mass shooting in shopping malls on the mainland that were stopped by a legally arm civilian who at the risk of their own lives found and killed the evil doer. There are an estimated 500,000 to 3 million legal uses of firearms in self defense every single year. In the majority of those not a single shot was fired, simply brandishing the firearm was all it took to stop the criminals. Like the mass shooting that were stopped by civilians, most of these never made the news simply because the legal use of firearms prevented a greater tragedy.

Recently in the law suit by the family of the poor woman that was beaten to death in front of the Kapolei Police Station against the Honolulu Police Department. The County's lawyer argued correctly that the Police are under no obligation to protect anyone. That statement is proof that the law abiding citizens cannot depend on the Police to protect us against evil criminals and we must be able to legally defend ourselves.

the one part I do agree with is the concealed carry license should be a state wide permit and good for 4 years.

As Robert Heinlein wrote " an armed society is a polite society, Manners are good when one may have to back up his acts with his life"

Thank You

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 9:27:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB984 as a law abiding american citizen. Section 2 "134-A" **Carrying or possessing a firearm in certain locations and premises prohibited** would only empower criminals. Knowingly that it would be against the law for law abiding citizens to be only able to carry/posses a firearm in very limited areas. It's very unconstitutional for the law abiding citizen.

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary  
Hearing: Friday, March 31, 2023, at 10:00 AM  
Regarding: **HB984 H.D. 2 S.D.1 (Relating to Firearms)**  
**Voter Position: OPPOSITION**

Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

I express my **opposition** to **HB984 H.D.2 S.D. 1 (Relating to Firearms)**.

**Overreach with Enhanced “Certain Locations” and “Premises Prohibited”**

**HB984 H.D. 2 S.D. 1** continues (for yet another iteration) to leave out the fact that the added “variety” of gun regulations that supposedly justify the prohibition of lawful concealed firearms carry must be germane to the text, history, and tradition of firearm regulations as set forth within *District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U. S. 570, and McDonald v. Chicago, 561 U. S. 742*. Nothing changed in the second House or Senate Draft.

“To determine whether a firearm regulation is consistent with the Second Amendment, *Heller* and *McDonald* point toward at least two relevant metrics: first, whether modern and historical regulations impose a comparable burden on the right of armed self-defense, and second, whether that regulatory burden is comparably justified.”

**Source:** [https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843\\_7j80.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843_7j80.pdf) (Page 3)

Lacking such important context, **HB984 H.D. 2** in its revised **S.D. 1** continues to list firearm prohibitions that supersede historic analogy. The only locations where prohibitions have an established historic analogy would still include a short list of locations such as state/federal government buildings, schools, voting centers, and courts.

**A Charge for the Exercise of a Right is Still Not Justifiable**

Citing inflation and cost increases, **HB984 H.D. 2 S.D. 1** continues a vain attempt to justify the added cost of background checks and stipulates that such increased costs must be imposed upon the constituent via CCW license fee increases. This is an artificial problem self-generated by the state. Any associated cost-absorption must not be placed upon the constituent seeking to exercise a basic human right. If additional cost-bearing associated with continued background investigations is not desired by the state, then background checks should be discontinued for all firearm sales, just like how such checks have been abandoned by 29 other states throughout the rest of the nation<sup>1</sup>. The states that don’t impose artificial background check requirements aren’t complaining about increased background check costs.

**Added Cost of Storage**

**HB984 H.D. 2 S.D. 1’s** modified §134-C, subsection (b) perpetuates a bizarre situation by forcing CCW license holders to purchase an expensive vehicle safe and thereby, attempts to absolve the state with its responsibility to produce sites of firearm deposit at government-owned premises where firearms are prohibited. Such cost associated with storage is imposed upon the CCW license holder and would add, at the least, a \$40 or \$130 added cost to carrying a firearm, even if the safe is not fire resistant<sup>2</sup>. Such act of negligence forces constituents to pay for their own disarmament and curtails exercise of their own human rights.

<sup>1</sup> [https://maps.everytownresearch.org/navigator/trends.html?dataset=background\\_checks](https://maps.everytownresearch.org/navigator/trends.html?dataset=background_checks)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.forbes.com/wheels/accessories/best-vehicle-gun-safes/>

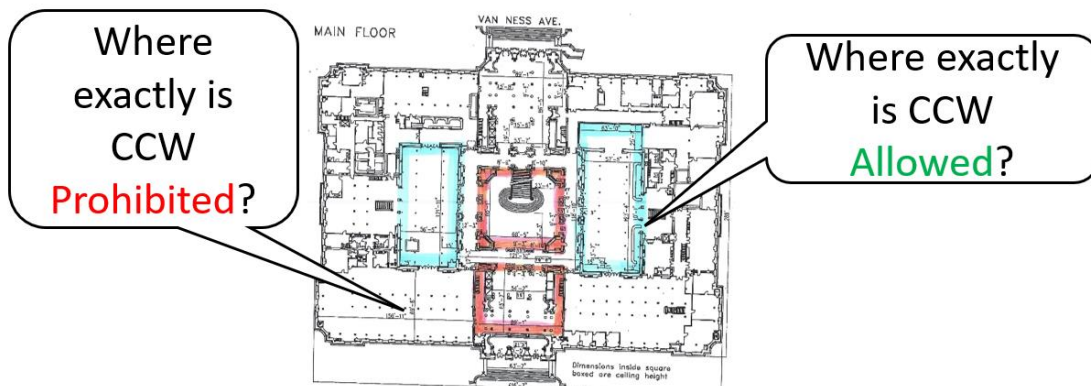


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### Continued Problem with “Opt-In” by Default

**HB984 H.D. 2 S.D. 1** continues its ban of CCW island-wide by default and simultaneously coerces speech by forcing private proprietors to advocate their personal political views by advertising admission of concealed carry weapons (CCW) license holders under **§134-E Carrying or possessing a firearm on private property open to the public without authorization; penalty**. Even though the City and County of Honolulu passed a measure through Bill 57 that allows businesses to permit CCW carry on their properties, some business owners may not want to advertise their permission of CCW license holders and likewise would not wish to absorb the added financial burden of creating signage or investing extra time by advertising the admittance of CCW license holders onto their property.

### Continued Problem with Continued “Prima Facie” Evidentiary Basis



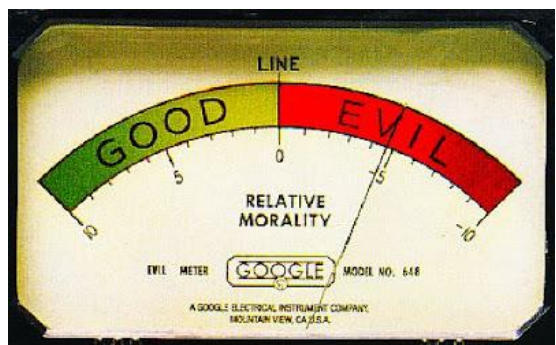
The continued inclusion of a presence-based prima facie evidence foundation for determining what constitutes a violation of CCW carry is still outright egregious. Even if signage is utilized by certain properties, the state’s proposed **H.B. 984 H.D. 2 S.D. 1** would duplicate the default CCW carry ban enabled by **Bill 57**.

Prosecution based upon a prima facie basis constitutes criminalization of a right using conflicting bodies of law between state statute and City and County statute.

<sup>3</sup> Image Source: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/349591989798757704/>



## Essential Character and Temperament Requirements Constitutes Continued Moral Relativism



**HB984 H.D. 2 S.D. 1**, like its original draft and second revision, repeatedly refers to so-called “essential character” and “temperament” requirements that CCW license holders must uphold without explicitly defining either in an objective, scientifically sound, measurable, or replicable manner. **HB984 H.D. 2 S.D. 1**, thereby, continues to impose de facto moral relativism since “essential” character and “temperament” are inherently subjective matters that are both subjected to an issuing authority’s views concerning what constitutes “essential” character or “proper” temperament. This provision can be construed to mean whatever a government official desires and therefore, must be eliminated due to its easy potential for abuse.

### Continued Abuse via Hearsay

**HB984 H.D. 2 S.D. 1** still permits hearsay by not explicitly identifying what constitutes the supposed “other information” under the proposed **HRS §134-2 Permits to acquire, Subsection (e)(3)**. “Other information” can mean almost anything, including personal opinion not based upon objective, substantive, or evidence-based reality. Moreover, “intention” or “likelihood” cannot determine the potential unlawful use of a firearm since they are concepts that are not clearly defined or measurable. Both “intention” and “likelihood” can be construed to mean whatever an issuing authority personally believes and can result in the deprivation of another individual’s rights due to such ambiguity of “intention” and “likelihood.” Lacking objectivity, this provision permits hearsay without any reasonable limits whatsoever.

### Do Not Place Constituents at Risk

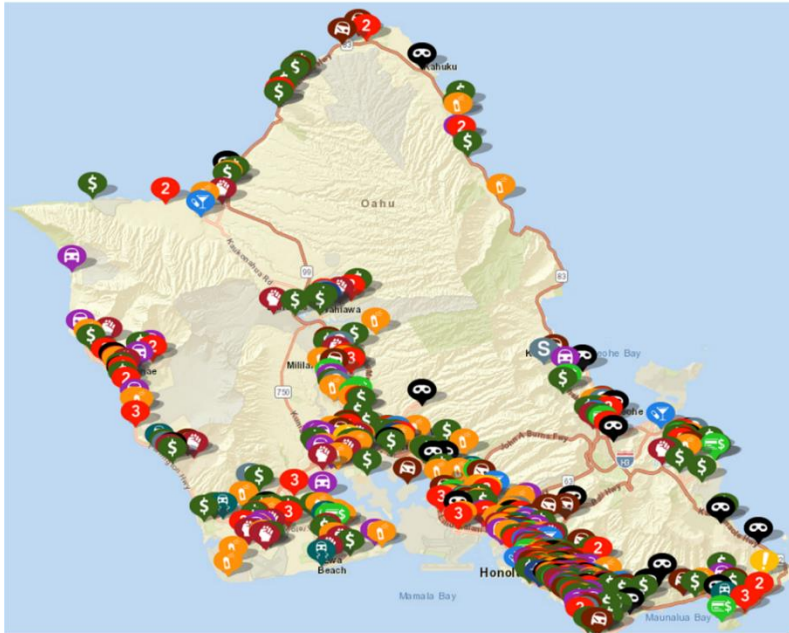
Passage of **HB984 H.D. 2 S.D. 1** still does not substantively enhance public safety and neither articulates how criminals will cease from their ongoing criminal activities once the measure is enacted. The only result enactment of **HB984 H.D. 2 S.D. 1** will achieve is the continued encroachment of a human right with no measurable criminal activity mitigation. Criminals will continue to defy all of **HB984 H.D. 2 S.D. 1**’s provisions while additionally breaking other laws that have nothing to do with firearm prohibitions. When looking at the beginning and end of March, it is apparent that criminals continue to defy the Legislator’s supposed “interest” in public safety, while the general public has to suffer the consequence of inaction against crime mitigation.

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<sup>4</sup> Image Source: <http://advocatusatheist.blogspot.com/2011/03/do-you-practice-moral-relativism.html>

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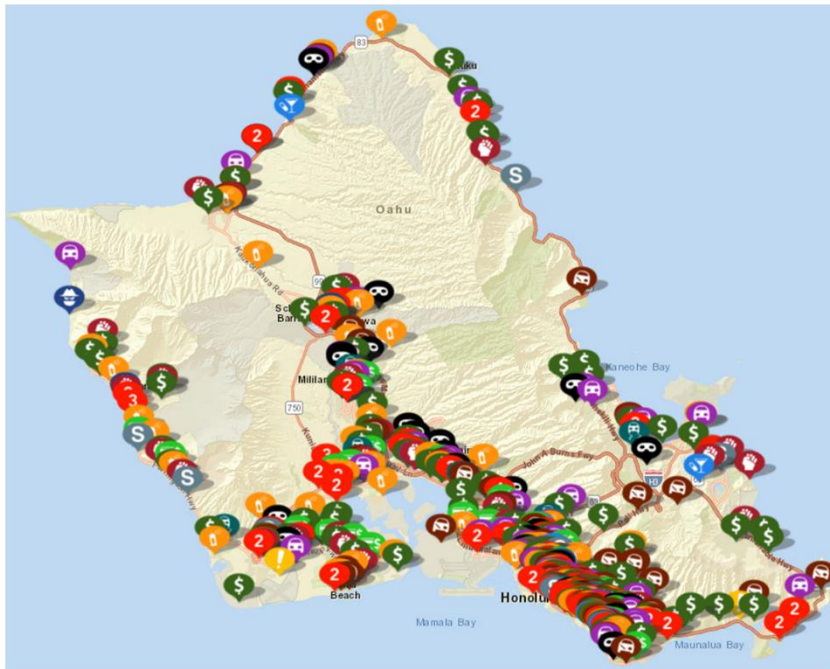


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670 Records

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- Arson
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- Burglary
- Disturbing the Peace
- Drugs / Alcohol Violations
- DUI
- Fraud
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Source: <https://www.crimemapping.com/map/agency/165>

Even when removing datapoints reflecting firearms-related crimes, a recent Crime Map reveals that Oahu's residents will continue to suffer at the hands of criminals that can commit homicides, assaults, and arson. Turns out that criminals can still commit crimes other acts of violent in lieu of a firearm—a gun-free society doesn't automatically guarantee a massive increase in public safety. It was disheartening to witness how your City Councilmember counterparts who voted yes on their Bill 57 didn't even appear to react at all when presented with evidence that firearms are not the only threat to the safety of their constituents' lives. It's also interesting to note that **HB984 H.D. 2 S.D. 1**'s focus on the supposed "serious hazards associated with firearms and gun violence" continues to be misguided by emotion and fear mongering.

The people of still Hawaii deserve better legislation. Instead, we are presented with a violation of basic human rights yet again. Constituents deserve the assurance of public safety that is always promised year after year, but have yet to be delivered in reality.

Thank you for your time and consideration of your constituents' safety by voting **NO** on **HB984 H.D.2 S.D. 1**.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of **Senate District 23**

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 10:04:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I write in regard to HB984 Relating to Firearms/Sensitive Places. HB984 is far overreaching and prohibits a citizen from exercising his/her Constitutional right. What is the National historical tradition that would support each sensitive location identified in this legislation? HB984 also sets a precedent that a right should only be exercised by those wealthy enough. I urge you to please oppose HB984.

In the Supreme Court decision *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, it was determined that regulations, put in place by the government, must adhere to our national historical tradition that is widespread. A state's history is insufficient to be used to justify violations of a Constitutional right. The Supreme Court's opinion included, and I quote, "To justify its regulation, the government may not simply posit that the regulation promotes an important interest. Rather, the government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with this Nation's historical tradition of firearms regulation. Only if a firearm regulation is consistent with this Nation's historical tradition may a court conclude that the individual's conduct falls outside of the Second Amendment's "unqualified command"". For your convenience, I attach a link to the US Supreme Court Ruling for *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*: [https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843\\_7j80.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843_7j80.pdf)

In our national history voting service centers and government buildings were places that limited a citizen's constitutional right. These would pass the litmus test of our Nation's historical tradition of firearms regulation.

Many other places in this bill would not adhere to our National historical tradition.

Artistic venues, parks, and theaters do not meet the criteria of National historical tradition. Restaurants that serve alcohol do not meet the criteria of National historical tradition.

Modes of public transportation, such as buses also fail to meet the National historical tradition criteria. Washington DC is being taken to court for prohibiting carry on their Metro system. HB984 would prohibit a citizen's right to self-defense on buses. What of the people who rely on the city bus? How would they protect themselves walking between the bus stop and their homes at night?

While government buildings and judiciary buildings are no carry zones, adjoining parking lots should not be prohibited areas. According to HB984 if a law-abiding citizen leaves their firearm in a vehicle that is parked in a parking lot (in order to do business in a building where carry is prohibited) then he/she would be guilty of a crime. If a citizen is not permitted to carry a firearm on his/her person in a prohibited building and is unable to secure their firearm in their vehicle, where would the firearm go? HB984 is unclear about this. Would the citizen leave the firearm in a locked container on the sidewalk beyond the perimeter of the parking lot? Alternatively, will all prohibited locations have firearm check-in points where citizens can leave their firearms until completing their business/leaving? States who have long histories of conceal/open carry allow citizens to leave their firearms in their vehicle (when needing to access a government building/prohibited location).

Prohibition on the carry of firearms on private property, if determined and advertised by the property owner, meets the criteria of National historical tradition. However, HB984 inappropriately adds that it is the responsibility of the businesses to post signs saying that “carry is permitted”. In other states, businesses are responsible for posting a sign indicating that NO carry is allowed. This would also align with the widespread concept of establishments posting “No smoking” and “No food or drinks allowed”. Firearm business owners in Hawaii have often been harassed by unsavory members of the public. This harassment would no doubt escalate and include any business that posts a sign that concealed-carry is welcome.

HB984 also contains language on additional fees and training courses. By imposing additional costs on citizens who wish to exercise their Constitutional Right, HB984 would only permit them to do so if they are wealthy enough to afford it. A Constitutional Right is guaranteed to a citizen regardless of class and financial status. Is it Constitutional for HB984 to make exercising a right cost prohibitive? Further per *Murdock v. Pennsylvania* is it Constitutional for the government to charge citizens in order to exercise a right?

While education and training should be available to the public--having training requirements, in order to exercise a right, is questionable. When tasers were legalized in the State of Hawaii, a training requirement became law. Training courses for tasers are not available in many places around the state. As a result, people living in these areas cannot purchase a taser. If firearm training programs are not readily available throughout the state (as mentioned in HB984), it would be a de facto ban on exercising a Constitutional right (much as it was in the case of procuring tasers). Who will offer these training courses? How long would it take for these training courses to become available? Will the State ensure that these training courses are available in each county? Will the State shoulder the costs for these training courses for citizens?

When reviewing HB984 I humbly ask that you please carefully consider the United States Constitution and Supreme Court ruling in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*. Many components of HB984 infringe on Constitutional rights without meeting the requirement of National historical tradition. I also please ask that you consider *Murdock v. Pennsylvania* when considering fees on citizens in order for them to exercise a Constitutional right. As many components of this bill are unconstitutional, I urge you to please oppose HB984.

I appreciate your time and all that you do for the people of Hawaii!



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 10:25:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lee Ann Trent	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2023 10:39:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nancy Lorenzo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I support HB984”**

Citizens of Hawaii should be free from fear of concealed weapons, especially in places such as schools, places of worship, public parks, etc.

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii’s residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support, HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii’s residents and visitors



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Submitted on: 3/29/2023 11:26:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB984.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 2:42:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!!!

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 3:49:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Legislature,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the HB984 HD2 SD1 that proposes to prohibit firearms in certain locations and premises and provides for enhanced sentencing. While I understand the intention to improve public safety, I strongly oppose this legislation for a number of reasons.

Firstly, this bill would significantly infringe on our Second Amendment rights as American citizens. Gun ownership is a fundamental right that should not be easily taken away or restricted. The proposed legislation would make it difficult for law-abiding citizens who have undergone the necessary background checks and training to carry their firearms for self-defense and protection.

Additionally, the requirement of possessing and disclosing a license to carry is cumbersome and may deter individuals from legally possessing a firearm. This may lead to increased cases of illegal possession and use of firearms, creating rather than reducing safety concerns.

Furthermore, the prohibition of carrying or possessing firearms on certain private properties open to the public without express authorization limits our freedom and autonomy as citizens. Our right to bear arms should not be restricted based on the whims of private property owners.

Lastly, the expansion of qualified immunity for health care providers may lead to potential data misuse and breaches. Patient privacy must be protected, and this proposal may expose private patient records under the guise of public safety.

In conclusion, while the intentions behind the HB984 HD2 SD1 to regulate firearms may be of concern, it is simply not an effective solution. I urge you to re-examine this legislation and consider the impact it would have on Second Amendment rights, personal safety, and privacy.

Sincerely,  
Sunshine Hauanio

Senate Committee on Judiciary  
HEARING: March 31, 2023 at 10am  
RE: HB984 Firearms

**I OPPOSE HB984**

I oppose 984 as it is unconstitutional, restrict places where licensed people may carry a handgun, and has burdensome requirements and restrictions to Concealed Carry Weapons(CCW) licenses and Permit to Acquire Firearms. This bill appears to be created out of fear and panic, rather than facts and research, and does not have the text, history, and tradition evidence present as required by the US Supreme Court.

**The US Supreme Court 2A Standard**

The US Supreme Court ruled in NYSRPA v Bruen last June that the Government has the burden of showing the text, history and tradition supports the firearm restriction, or in other words that similar laws were generally in place in the states around the time of the US Constitution ratification in 1791. There are no historical analogues provided with this bill and they should be researched and provided prior to voting on this bill.

In the post-Bruen lawsuits, New York's Antonyuk v Bruen, which is similar to HB984, the Federal district judge granted an injunction due to the historical laws provided were not relevant, not near the time of ratification, applied to territories and not states, or affected a very small population such as a small town. New Jersey's law was stopped due to not providing any precedent with the judge stating that the historical evidence should have been researched prior to the law passing.

**Sensitive Places**

The long list of sensitive places are unconstitutional and make no sense, except having the goal to reduce the lawful carry of guns for self-protection. There is no reason for banning CCW licensees from parks, museums, stores, parking lots, public transportation, etc. Criminals will still enter these places with or without a "sensitive places" designation and commit harm while CCW licensees will be defenseless.

The US Supreme Court did provide references to firearms restrictions in sensitive places: government buildings, courthouses, legislative assemblies, polling places, and school buildings. If you restrict firearms in these places, please ensure exceptions are provided for employees, parents picking up children from school, college students living in dorms, and private schools.

**Significant issues I oppose in this bill include:**

- Banning firearms possession for minor crimes, examples of such are a push or argument under harassment, excessive speeding for Reckless Endangering, registering firearms late. These crimes should not be done, but they are not uncommon does not justify revoking a person's civil rights and confiscating their firearms. This will lead to a retroactive confiscation of firearms from gun owners with some trouble in their past but are in good standing now.

Please see the attached 2021 Federal lawsuit Choda v County of Hawaii concerning firearm prohibitions for person's with a harassment conviction. Mr Choda had gotten into an argument

with his neighbor, with no threats or violence, and received a conviction for Harassment. The police threatened to confiscate Mr Choda's firearms despite it not being a crime of violence. Hawaii County settled the lawsuit agreeing that Harassment does not necessarily revoke a person's 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.

- The use of essential character and temperament standard to deny firearms possession and carry, which can be vague and subjective compared to using indictments and convictions. It is also very intrusive into people's personal lives and those that may be used as references.
- Banning CCW from private property open to the public is a drastic way in how we do things, with the only purpose of making it difficult for licensees to carry firearms. This is considered compelling speech, a 1<sup>st</sup> amendment violation, where property owners are being defaulted to a ban.
- The training requirement changes for the permit to acquire will be costly for gun owners to constantly have to retake training. The current system has been working and should not be changed.

I do support the changes to a 4 year statewide CCW license. Also corrections in the firearms law due to 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment lawsuits such as making CCW shall issue, having a better definition of mental health disqualifiers for dangerous persons, and restoring the right of US nationals to own firearms. However the severity of the bad things in the bill far outweigh the good therefore I am opposed. I'm available for any questions.

Mahalo

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## References

New Jersey Koons v Reynolds opinion: <https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/district-courts/new-jersey/njdce/1:2022cv07464/506033/34/>

Page 19: “That Defendants dedicate a significant portion of their argument discussing the benefits of the firearms regulations and not evidence of historical analogues is quite telling. And although Defendants represent that the “State will offer ample evidence that Chapter 131 is constitutional,” [State’s Br. at 2], they do not adequately explain why—if such evidence was critical to the passage of the legislation that would pass constitutional muster post-Bruen and available to the Legislature as set forth in Section 1(g) of the statute—they have not introduced such evidence here. Certainly, Defendants anticipated challenges to the legislation and should have been better prepared to defend the legislation’s constitutionality. Plaintiffs implore this Court to consider the only reasonable conclusion from Defendants’ posturing: their dragging of feet is evidence that no such historical tradition and evidence exists. Perhaps. At this juncture, there is no bona fide basis for this Court to withhold its ruling because the State says it needs more time to come forward with historical evidence that the Legislature represented it had at the time of the law’s passage. The Court will therefore proceed to consider the evidence and argument the parties have presented.”

New York Antonyuk (GOA) v Bruen decision: <https://michellawyers.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-08-31-Decision-Order-on-MPI.pdf>

Page 71: “Although Defendant cites some historical analogs for restricting firearms at some of the above-listed locations, he often ignores the fact that vast majority of the other states (of which there were 14 in 1791 and 37 in 1868) did not have statutes restricting firearms at those very locations (suggesting that Defendant’s “historical analogs” might represent exceptions to a tradition more than a tradition), and that some of the states even had contrary statutes (for example, statutes regarding carrying in places of worship and educational institutions). In any event, and more importantly, he does not cite any historical analogs for restricting firearms at all of the above-listed locations. IN short, the CCIA’s list of “sensitive locations” is not deeply rooted in the Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.

US Supreme Court statement: [https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/22pdf/22a557\\_0pm1.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/22pdf/22a557_0pm1.pdf)

“I understand the Court’s denial today to reflect respect for the Second Circuit’s procedures in managing its own docket, rather than expressing any view on the merits of the case. Applicants should not be deterred by today’s order from again seeking relief if the Second Circuit does not, within a reasonable time, provide an explanation for its stay order or expedite consideration of the appeal”

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 5:11:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jacqueline Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

- I support Hawaii’s efforts to continue taking vigorous precautions to protect public safety even while complying with the US Supreme Court’s decision regarding a Second Amendment right to carry firearms in public. Our nation now has more mass shootings than days in the year. It doesn’t have to be this way; Our death by gun rate is over 20 times higher than other industrialized countries in the world.
- Every year, in every public school in Hawaii, lock down drills are conducted for training students on what to do in the event of an active shooter on campus.
- Thoughts and prayers are never enough to combat gun violence. Action is needed.
- HB984 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for carrying concealed guns will weed out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth an extensive list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried, so as to help protect the safety of Hawaii’s residents and visitors
- Thank you for helping do everything you can to create laws that protect from injuries and deaths caused by firearms.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 5:12:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Maria Y Song	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 5:55:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alexander Pacheco jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Legislature,

I am writing to express my opposition to Hawaii Bill HB984 that seeks to prohibit firearms in certain premises, requires possession and disclosure of a license to carry, and provides for enhanced sentencing.

As a law-abiding citizen, I strongly believe that this bill violates my constitutional rights to bear arms for self-defense and protection of my family. The restrictions included in this bill such as prohibiting firearms in private property open to the public without express authorization, and leaving an unsecured firearm unattended in a vehicle are extreme and unjust.

Furthermore, the requirement for annual reports from the Department of the Attorney General on carry licenses and the amendment of requirements for the revocation of firearms permits and licenses will only increase bureaucratic overhead and create unnecessary delays and confusion.

In addition, the expansion of qualified immunity for health care providers who provide information on firearms applicants to include physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses is concerning. It could potentially lead to unintended consequences and legal issues.

Instead of limiting the ability of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and their families, I urge you to focus on enforcing existing laws and providing more education on responsible firearms ownership.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Alexander Pacheco Jr.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 5:59:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<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 HB984.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 7:33:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laetitia Thibault Santoro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

my name is LAETITIA Thibault Santoro.

I am one of your constituent, but also a wife, a mom and a retail worker.

i want to let you know that I support HB 984.

Day after day, our country see horrific acts committed against the most precious and vulnerable people: our kids.

it is time to do everything we can to stop that.

please vote yes to HB984.

thank you very much in advance.

best regards,

Laëtitia Thibault Santoro

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 7:50:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is just an all out ban on CCW.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 8:28:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lisa Huynh Eller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Lisa Eller and I live in Hilo, Hawaii. I'm a parent and concerned citizen. I'm writing to support HB984. Every day we hear about another tragedy that illustrates the need for laws like HB984. The most recent, of course, took place at the Covenant School. The victims included 3 young children. A law like HB984 would ensure guns don't end up in the hands of people who should not own them. Here in Hawaii, we had a strong law in place to make sure people weren't carrying firearms in public unless they had a specific need to do so. Our state law used to require that people had to prove they had an "exceptional" reason to fear injury to themselves or their property before they could get a license to carry a gun in public.

With more people now eligible to get permits to carry guns in public, we need to set clear boundaries on where they can and can't bring those guns. Guns don't belong at playgrounds, parks, or schools, but without this bill, anyone who gets a concealed carry permit can bring hidden guns into those places.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 8:32:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose HB984. This bill will effectively make it legal to carry a firearm in places such as the sidewalk or the mall as long as you don't go anywhere that serves alcohol. Anyone who just wants to protect themselves and others will be a criminal due to this bill. As we recently saw in Nashville, the shooter did not care that the school was a so called gun free zone. In fact, the shooter chose the school because it had less security. Banning people from carrying firearms in all the proposed areas will not make anyone safer. All the shootings in "gun free zones" proves that it makes those places a target for violence. I think this bill should not pass.

Thank you

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 9:37:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carolyn Pearl	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Carolyn Pearl and I'm proud to have lived in Hawaii, one of the safest places from gun violence in the US, for over 30 years. Because I want to keep us safe, I strongly support the passage of HB984 HD2 SD1. Hawaii needs clear boundaries on where people can and can't bring firearms. We also need strong, common sense standards to assure that these armed citizens are trained and competent in the safe handling and storage of their weapons.

Hawaii has been relatively safe from gun violence - so far - because of our common sense gun laws and our geographic separation from other states that have lax (or no) firearms regulation. The Bruen decision has dramatically emboldened a group of gun owners who want Hawaii to mimic those lax jurisdictions. Their belief that injecting more guns into public spaces somehow makes us safer is ill-founded, as can easily be seen in gun violence data from across the mainland US.

Most Honolulu residents, however, prefer that this remains a safe place to live and raise our families by limiting the presence of firearms in public spaces. A "Big Q" survey in the 3/14/23 edition of the Star Advertiser found that 76% of the respondents support limiting gun carrying "as much as possible". Another Big Q survey, published in the 3/20/23 edition of the Star Advertiser, showed that 70% of the respondents agree that the law should provide for designated safe spaces.

We should be able to continue to go shopping, to worship, to work or school, to parks and beaches without worrying that our lives and the lives of our children are in peril due to some random armed person who's having a bad day.

There's nothing wrong with being well regulated. All I ask is that common sense prevail. Please pass HB984 HD2 SD1.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 9:43:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Committee Members:

HB984 HD2 SD1 proposes serious and unconstitutional restrictions upon a US Citizen's Second Amendment rights. Both the US Supreme Court and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals have affirmed a citizen's right to keep and bear arms. This year in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. vs. Bruen*, the Supreme Court not only ruled that broad limits against people carrying firearms in California and New York were unconstitutional, but that other restrictions on firearms that aren't deeply rooted in early American history would likewise violate the 2nd Amendment.

The proposed legislation violates the Second Amendment and must not be enacted. While the legislation attempts to control gun ownership, usage, transportation and storage under the guise of reducing crimes involving guns, it will do nothing to keep the bad guys from getting guns. This is the truth not only in Hawaii, but in every US State.

Please reject HB984 in any form as it is both unconstitutional and will be ineffective to address the stated goal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Rizzo



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 9:52:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<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 as written.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:00:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:01:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Strongly OPPOSE HB 984!!!

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:19:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Elected Leaders,

I am a United States Citizen, resident of Hawaii (Born and Raised), a career Law Enforcement Officer (25 years+), family man, Scout leader, Law Enforcement Firearms Trainer, hunter, and a 16-year military veteran.

I Strongly Oppose this bill. This bill has a lot going on, some changes are resonable, most not so much. (Yes we shouldn't be drinking while carrying a firearm in public) (Kind of like drinking and driving)

It is unfortunate that the vetted, law abiding firearms owners will be burdened while the crimininal will do whatever they want. Because they are criminals.

We have laws. Let us use our current laws to fight crime, and not burden our law abiding citizens with new laws.

I am concerned about the sensitive area restrictions. Crimininals like targets like this. They know, there isn't anybody that will fight them until the Police arrive.

It is a people problem not a gun problem.

Thank you for letting me voice my opinion.

Please make good choices for our People, do what is right for us, the law-abiding citizens.

Aloha,

Shane

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:27:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:28:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

[House Bill 984](#) greatly restricts the right-to-carry in Hawaii. It massively expands “gun-free zones” where law-abiding citizens are left defenseless and also prohibits carrying firearms on private property unless the owner gives affirmative permission. In addition, it creates new subjective criteria for the issuance of carry permits to allow authorities to arbitrarily deny applicants.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 10:47:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LEE JEAL	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In case you have never read it: AMENDMENT II to the Constitution of the United States. (Pretty Simple) "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."

The United States Supreme Court has ruled, so do you understand the word INFRINGED?

The focus of this "Right to keep and maintain Arms" is the security of a Free State (The Rule of Law).

As most public servants - military and others, vow: "I swear to support and defend the Constitution of the United States from all enemies of the United States, both foreign and DOMESTIC!

It is clear that the intent of Bill 984 is to make it impossible to carry arms in the in the State of Hawai'i. You are proposing to create a checkerboard, 'Ouiji Board' of real estate and facilities that no normal person could possibly keep track of, Great Law huh? This bill would effectivly restrict the legal concealed carrying of a firearm to your house, your vehicle, and the sidewalk.

Your desired net effect from Bill 984 is to criminalize all weapons carry in your area of responsibility. No normal person could possibly keep track of all your categories of terrain and facilities. You do, of course understand that most gun crimes are perpetrated by criminal outside the law. Yet, you propose to criminalize the behavior of normal citizens, with an obscene list of prohibited places that creates instant criminals of any unwary citizen? These "Sensitive Spaces" just become "Soft Targets", places where those intent on hurting pthers will know that they can act with impunity, as noone will be able to stop them.

Meanwhile, the courts are perpetrating upon the public, large numbers of those committing all sorts of misdemeanors and felonies by allowing persons with many dozens of offenses on "the street" to perform more carnage on our population and visitors. Shame on the lot of you. I'm deeply offended by the priorities of your leadership and yours if you vote for this travesty you presume to call legislation. "For the good of the people" you are legislating that they risk heavy jail time if they dare to defend themselves and loved ones against well armed criminal assailants.

If you do not know that the worst carnage from guns in the United States is regularly documented as within "NO Gun Zones," (check it out) you do not deserve to sit as a

representative of all the people. How dare you attempt to destroy the Constitutional Right of us citizens to keep and bear arms. Here's one for those that tell us they have only the best public interest at heart. "We must ban all guns in any way we can??" Example: In Switzerland the national law mandates that all citizens of age have guns and all must be trained to use them. Result? One of the lowest gun crime rates in the world. How could that possibly be? Explain that if you can? It seems wrong that I am required to send this to you, our public servants! to stand up for a right guaranteed in the constitution, how would you be voting if the the 1st Amendment were being attacked in this way?

In the landmark SCOTUS decision in *NYSRPA vs. Bruen*, the court reaffirmed a citizen's right to BEAR arms in public, and stated that the "sensitive places" doctrine cannot be used as a blanket prohibition on weapons carry. The type of legislation proposed in 984, will be fought, and the higher courts will find it unconstitutional.

Please vote against HB984



**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 11:12:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

**I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE THIS!!**

Criminals LOVE Gun Free zones!! I respectfully request that you really think about this... a criminal will not think twice about bringing a gun in a GUN FREE zone. It absolutely ensures their safety!!

CCW holders are vetted by HPD , background checks and medical records; of having inherently good moral character.

The shooter in the unfortunate TN school shooting purposely disregarded target sites because of security barriers and armed citizens.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 11:12:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

<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 HB984. This bill ignores and distorts the latest SCOTUS ruling in the Breun case. It includes subjective criteria to deny permits. Gun free zones provide targets, not safety. The government should not set as a default a condition that takes away a right guaranteed, not granted, by the US Constitution. The default on private property should be to allow firearms unless the owner denies permission. This will be overturned in the courts and we, the taxpayers, will expend dollars and time defending this indefensible bill. Please OPPOSE HB984.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 11:31:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

[House Bill 984](#) greatly restricts the right-to-carry in Hawaii. It massively expands “gun-free zones” where law-abiding citizens are left defenseless and also prohibits carrying firearms on private property unless the owner gives affirmative permission. In addition, it creates new subjective criteria for the issuance of carry permits to allow authorities to arbitrarily deny applicants.

**HB-984-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2023 11:42:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-984 is an attempt o subvert the SCOTUS Bruen ruling here in Hawaii. Law abiding citizens should not be restricted from legally carrying firearms for personal protection. In addition, law abiding gun owners are involved in less than 1% of any gun crimes nationally. This bill diverts attention from the core issues of gang, cartel and criminal activities that are conducted in order to proliferate the sale, possession and trafficking of illegally obtained firearms. The lawmakers in Hawaii are targeting law abiding citizens with this bill instead of focusing the efforts of law enforcement to crack down on crime and and enforce existing laws.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2023 11:44:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

**I oppose HB984.** It is clear that with this bill you all are trying to turn ever public space in the state into a sensitive area thus restricting law abiding citizens from exercising their Constitutional right to protect themselves from assault or murder by a criminal. With the introduction and almost certain passage of HB984 you are thumbing your nose at the Supreme Court's Bruen ruling that will most certainly get challenged in court. This will waste more taxpayer money that could have been used for better things. Turning every place into a sensitive location is not the answer and will do nothing to stop criminals from carrying firearms into these locations nor stop them from committing murder. All of the State's counties have now issued CCW permits since the Bruen opinion has been released by the Supreme Court and Hawaii has not changed for better or worse. Nothing has changed one bit. There are not rampant gunfights in the streets as anti-Second Amendment politicians and activist claim will happen. Everyday across America law abiding people are carrying a firearm legally in public and nothing bad happens to them nor do they misuse their firearm while in public. At some point a lawful CCW holder will be forced to use their firearm for self-defense. When this happens the facts of the case will come out whether it is justifiable or not.

This proposed bill also changes the permit process and training requirements that have been in place for decades. This is why gun owners will never agree with the bills you legislators introduce. You guys pass laws and then move the goal post after you get your way. Your continuing efforts to further restricting the rights of legal gun owners/citizens in this state under the disguise of public safety is laughable. The best defense is to not be in a dangerous situation to begin with but the next best defense when it is unavoidable is carrying a firearm for self-defense. We can't all have a police officer in our back pocket on staff for our security detail or safety. The Heller case guaranteed our right to keep and bear arms in the home and the Bruen case guarantees our right to carry a firearm for protection outside of our home. The second Amendment guarantees the right to keep and bear arms just like our rights to free speech and the right to vote. Do we require a license or insurance to practice the first Amendment or to vote? No, because doing so no longer makes it a right and makes it a privilege. When you have to ask for permission it is a privilege. Rights are guaranteed and not granted by another person.

It is funny you guys introduce these bills every year and only adopt ideas from anti-gun organization. You guys never try to hear the opposing viewpoints or ask us for input that is taken into consideration. If you would take the time to contact organizations like Lessons in Firearms Education, HRA, HIFICO, or GOA you may understand our positions as well. Most of you in the Legislature will not ever try to reach out to us or other firearms instructors in the state which

reinforces our belief that you do not care about our position nor care to hear our stances on a subject matter that we have educated ourselves in over the years.

Brandon Leong

VP Hawaii Rifle Association

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Submitted on: 3/30/2023 11:50:38 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable members of the board, I know you are people of high intelligence and perhaps under the premise that HB984 is a sensible gun law to mitigate the serious hazards to public health, safety, and welfare associated with concealed carry of firearms and the potential of increased gun violence. HB984 is not a reasonable law. This bill screams of political rhetoric that is fueled by lobbyist who wholeheartedly believe all firearm owners are psychopaths and will be out there with guns blazing if HB984 does not become law. I can assure you that gun owners are not impulsive or engage in reckless behavior. Gun owners have empathy, remorse, and guilt. Gun owners also understand firearms are dangerous in the hands of the unskilled and untrained. Gun owners obtain proper training, understand gun safety, and they obey laws and regulations.

HB984 is opposing the US Constitution you swore to defend. The passage of HB984 will affect a person's rights under the second amendment. HB984 is "a regulatory straightjacket" and will restrict me from defending me and my family outside of the home; it will put an unfair financial burden on me and my family; and finally inconvenience me with bureaucratic red tape in order to fulfill our God-Given Rights.

I employ you to remove yourselves from the pressure to act on HB984 and take the time to review the definition of "strict scrutiny" as it applies to gun laws. This will save all of use time in the court system. It is your responsibility to the US Constitution, your constituents, and the position you hold to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that HB984 is presumed to be unconstitutional until proven otherwise.

Thank you giving me the opportunity to share my perspective.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2023 11:52:21 AM

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

Comments:

I am against bill HB 984



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

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB984.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Pcola_Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

CAN WE JUST DO SOMETHING!

Update.

Just got news.

It's a "threat" of an active shooter. Police are at the school. Someone called the school to threaten a school shooting and it was also on social media.

We are going to be in lockdown for the rest of the day, continuing to teach, locked in.

Active shooter. Radford high school. Police are present. My school is next door. My kids and I are currently on lockdown.

As I sat in lockdown with my class today, I started thinking things. Things I had not really thought about before. These things I was thinking, I felt were SO ABSURD to me. Why am I thinking about this? Do other teachers think these things too?

I took a moment to reflect on the sheer abhorrent society we live in.

As a teacher, I should NEVER have to (and I don't get paid enough for this bollocks).

1. Sit there and ask myself if the cupboards under the sink would be bullet proof enough to save some children and how many kids could I fit under there?

2. How many doors do I have to watch out for and what in the room could I use to stack against it to protect the kids?

3. Windows. What can I do with the windows to stop a bullet or protect them from the glass

4. Is that cupboard over there safe enough do I think? How many kids can I stash in there?

5. What can I pick out of this classroom that I could use as a weapon against someone if I had to. A pencil?

6. How could I use a pencil as a weapon. Would I just walk up to him and stab him in the eye?

7. Maybe I could throw an eraser at his balls.

And so on and so on thought after thought.

8. What do I do if one of them gets shot?

Do I even know what to do?

How would I react ?

And the best one.....

What ever it is you DO, make sure it's by the book, cross all the T's and dot all of the I's, because if you don't; you'll go through all that trauma and then they'll throw you in jail because they said you made a mistake.

Then I thought.

No matter what I do. I'm screwed.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rachel Robertson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to continue to have strong gun laws and make our state safer.

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Hawaii and Honolulu already have some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. But violent crime has still been on the rise by criminals who do not follow the law. Almost all of the firearm crimes are committed by prohibited possessors. So new legislation would do nothing but hurt law abiding citizens.

Most of this law is overly burdensome and will likely be challenged and lose in higher courts when the guidance from the SCOTUS Bruen decision is applied.

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

We do not need any more restrictions on our right to carry guns in Hawaii. Please vote against HB 984. Defend our constitutional right to defend ourselves.

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Testimony for JDC on 3/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill 984 related to firearms.