

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 125  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 125 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require retail sellers of firearms to provide purchasers with notice regarding the law on firearms storage;
- (2) Expand the requirements for the secure storage of firearms; and
- (3) Clarify the offense of criminally negligent storage of a firearm.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition; Hawai'i - American Nurses Association; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Giffords; Brady; Everytown for Gun Safety; Hawai'i Chapters of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America; Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Hawaii Rifle

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Association; Red Letter Industries; Self Defense Solutions Hawaii; Libertarian Party of Hawaii; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that unsecured or improperly stored firearms pose a significant risk to public safety, contributing to accidental injuries, deaths, suicides, theft, and increased lethality in violent situations. Your Committee further finds that access to unsecured firearms by unauthorized individuals, including minors and criminals, exacerbates these dangers and undermines responsible gun ownership. To address these risks, this measure establishes clear and enforceable requirements for the secure storage of firearms, ensuring they are properly stored to prevent unauthorized access and enhance public safety.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring a person engaged in the transfer of firearms to provide a written copy of the law related to storage of firearms with respect to minors; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 125, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 125, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 125	Committee Referral: JHA	Date: 2/6/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TODD, Chris	✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond				✓
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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