

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 363
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to
which was referred S.B. No. 363 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow the carrying or possessing of firearm parts only
at or between certain locations and in an enclosed
container;
- (2) Define firearm parts and prohibited persons; and
- (3) Establish and increase penalties for the carrying or
possessing of certain firearms or firearm parts other
than at or between specific locations and in an enclosed
container.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Law Enforcement, Honolulu Police
Department, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the Office of the Public Defender, Libertarian Party
of Hawaii, Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club, Hawaii Rifle Association,



SDM Training Group, Bows N Bullets, Young Guns, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds it is critical that the State hold individuals accountable for illegally possessing firearms in public. Your Committee notes the testimony provided by the Honolulu Police Department at the public hearing held on this measure stating that the number of ghost gun-related cases has risen sharply in one year with a two hundred twenty percent increase. From January 1 through October 14, 2023, the Honolulu Police Department initiated thirty-one ghost gun-related cases and from January 1 through October 14, 2024, the Honolulu Police Department initiated sixty-eight ghost gun-related cases. This measure will address this issue by restricting and penalizing the possession of certain firearms or firearm parts and clarifying the conditions under which certain firearms or firearms parts must be transported.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing legislative findings;
- (2) Removing language that would have established that a person carrying or possessing three or more firearm parts would be guilty of a misdemeanor;
- (3) Clarifying the definition of "firearm parts"; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 363, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 363, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.



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



BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">SB 363</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">PSM, JDC</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">2-12-25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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