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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
HB995 RELATING TO FIREARMS REPORTING  
Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 10:40 AM, State Capitol Conference Room 016

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

First, we strongly oppose gun violence and any illegal activities involving firearms.

The Hawaiian Islands Republican Women stand in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to HB995, RELATING TO FIREARMS REPORTING 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.
2. While the imposition of strict liability on individuals for damages resulting from the use of an "improperly stored" firearm infringes on our second amendment rights, it essentially criminalizes constitutionally protected activities. Violent crimes caused by firearms are already illegal, and are prosecuted utilizing existing laws.
3. Requiring retail firearm sellers to provide purchasers with storage regulation notices places a burden on businesses and adds to the existing regulatory requirements.
4. Any restriction on legal gun ownership is considered an infringement on our right to keep and bear arms and therefore is a violation of our Constitutional Rights.

Remember, law-abiding citizens obtain firearms legally by taking the required training. They follow all legal requirements to purchase, register, and possess firearms.

This bill does nothing to curb crime. May I respectfully ask you to ponder this question: What legislation have you created to strengthen the penalties for criminals who are illegally obtaining firearms and committing violent crimes?

Please vote NO on HB995. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Detwiler