



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 995, RELATING TO FIREARMS REPORTING.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 **TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 225

**TESTIFIER(S):** Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, or  
Julie Ebato, Administrator, Crime Prevention and Justice  
Assistance Division of the Department of the Attorney General

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Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) strongly supports this bill and offers the following comments.

This bill amends section 134-9.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to amend the annual reporting requirements for the Department and the chief of police of each county concerning licenses to carry firearms.

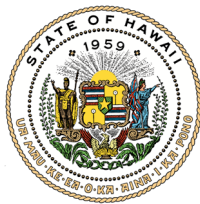
The bill removes the deadline of April 1 for the Department to publish its annual report, which will allow the Department time to complete the required aggregation of the data it receives from the county police departments. The report is still due annually.

The bill extends the date that the county police departments provide the data to the Department from February 1 to March 31 of each year for the prior calendar year, allowing the county police departments additional time to provide the data to the Department.

The amendments in the bill will give the county police departments more time to provide reportable data and will give the Department sufficient time to complete the annual report with its existing resources.

We respectfully ask your Committee to pass this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**JOSH GREEN, M.D.**  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



**MIKE LAMBERT**  
DIRECTOR

**SYLVIA LUKE**  
LT GOVERNOR  
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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 995**  
**RELATING TO FIREARMS REPORTING**  
Before the Senate Committee on  
**PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 3:00 PM  
State Capitol Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
Testifiers: Mike Lambert

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports House Bill 995, relating to firearms reporting requirements. This bill amends the annual reporting requirements imposed on the Department of the Attorney General and the county police chiefs regarding licenses to carry firearms. Specifically, the bill extends the data submission deadline from February 1 to March 31, removes the existing publication deadline, and maintains comprehensive reporting standards for firearms licensing data.

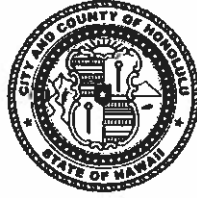
The DLE recognizes that the extended timeline for data submission will allow county police departments to compile more accurate and complete information regarding firearms licenses. This extended timeline ensures that the annual report will contain more comprehensive data categorized by age, gender, race, and county, including detailed information on license denials and revocations.

Accurate and timely reporting on firearms licensing is critical for public safety planning and policy development. The proposed changes maintain the necessary transparency and accountability in firearms licensing while providing a more realistic timeframe for data collection and reporting.

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

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March 19, 2025

The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety  
and Military Affairs  
State Senate  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Elefante and Members:

**SUBJECT: House Bill No. 995, Relating to Firearms Reporting**

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


The HPD supports House Bill No. 995, Relating to Firearms Reporting. The HPD recognizes the importance of promptly providing information regarding licenses to carry a firearm as part of its commitment to transparency and accountability.

The HPD continues to support and facilitate the effective reporting of statistics for the State of Hawaii's annual report on licenses to carry a firearm.

The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 995, Relating to Firearms Reporting, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

  
Arthur J. Logan  
Chief of Police

  
Carlene Lau, Major  
Records and Identification Division

# HAWAII PATRIOT REPUBLICANS

Written Testimony in Opposition to H.B. No. 995

Submitted to the Senate Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

March 16, 2025

Aloha Members of the Committee,

I strongly urge you to vote NO on H.B. No. 995, a bill amending annual reporting requirements for licenses to carry firearms under the Department of the Attorney General and county police departments. While it claims to streamline data collection, this legislation is a deceptive step toward overregulation, threatens the privacy of law-abiding gun owners, and risks alienating Hawaii from the Trump administration's agenda—potentially to the detriment of our people. As a concerned citizen rooted in limited government and personal freedom—values that can unite us across party lines—I present the following objections to demonstrate why this bill must be rejected.

## **1. Overreach That Burdens Law Enforcement and Taxpayers**

H.B. 995 expands an already intrusive reporting system, demanding detailed data on carry licenses by age, gender, race, and reasons for denials or revocations. This piles unnecessary administrative work onto county police and the Attorney General's office, diverting resources from real crime-fighting. Democrats value efficient government—why bog down our law enforcement with paperwork that serves no clear public safety purpose?

In [California, a similar firearms reporting mandate](#) under the Armed Prohibited Persons System ballooned costs and strained police budgets, with little evidence of reduced violence. Hawaii's taxpayers and officers deserve focus on actual threats, not bureaucratic busywork.

## **2. Threatening Privacy and Chilling Second Amendment Rights**

The bill's requirement to categorize and analyze license data by demographics risks profiling law-abiding gun owners, eroding their privacy and discouraging lawful carry. Democrats who champion individual rights should see the danger—why create a system that could intimidate citizens exercising a constitutional freedom?

[New York's SAFE Act reporting requirements](#), enacted in 2013, led to widespread backlash after personal data leaks exposed gun owners to harassment, chilling applications and trust in government. Hawaii's gun owners—hunters, sport shooters, and self-defenders—could face the same fate, undermining community confidence.

## **3. Defying Trump's Pro-Gun Agenda Harms Hawaii**

The Trump administration, led by figures like Attorney General nominee Pam Bondi and Vice President JD Vance, fiercely defends Second Amendment rights. Bondi has stated, "Law-abiding Americans shouldn't face government overreach on their constitutional freedoms," while Vance has argued, "Gun control schemes waste resources and punish the innocent" (paraphrased from campaign remarks). H.B. 995's expanded reporting clashes with this agenda, risking federal pushback—think reduced DOJ funding or legal challenges—that could hurt Hawaii's people. Democrats who value pragmatic governance should ask: why defy an administration poised to prioritize enforcement over regulation, potentially costing us vital support?

[Washington State's enhanced gun reporting](#) lost federal grants in 2021 under Trump's first term for clashing with DOJ priorities. With Bondi and Vance in power, Hawaii could face worse—why gamble with our state's resources?

#### **4. No Evidence of Public Safety Gains**

H.B. 995 justifies itself as a tool for policymakers and researchers, but it offers no proof that more reporting reduces gun violence. The bill's vague promise to "remedy disparities" in denials lacks data showing current disparities harm safety. Democrats demand evidence-based policy—where's the proof this works?

[Illinois' Firearm Owner's Identification reporting](#) expanded in 2021, yet a 2023 audit found no link to lower crime rates, just higher costs and delays in processing. Hawaii risks the same empty outcome—data for data's sake, not results.

#### **5. Eroding Trust Between Communities and Government**

Mandating detailed annual reports—especially with demographic breakdowns—could fuel perceptions of bias or targeting, fracturing trust between Hawaii's diverse communities and law enforcement. Democrats who prioritize equity and unity should see the red flag—why risk alienating residents over a report with no proven benefit?

[Philadelphia's gun permit reporting efforts](#), tied to broader violence initiatives, sparked community pushback in 2023 when residents feared profiling, undermining cooperation with police. Hawaii's harmony is too valuable to jeopardize with this divisive overreach.

#### **Conclusion: A Principled NO Vote Protects Hawaii's People**

Members of the Committee, H.B. 995 masquerades as a minor tweak but delivers overregulation, privacy risks, and defiance of Trump's agenda—hurting Hawaii's taxpayers, gun owners, and federal standing. It burdens police, lacks evidence of safety gains, and threatens community trust. From California to Illinois, similar measures have wasted resources and divided residents, not saved lives.

Vote NO on H.B. 995 to safeguard our finances, freedoms, and unity. Let's reject this unnecessary intrusion and align with practical, proven priorities—before defying Bondi and Vance costs us more than we can bear.

Sincerely,

*Andrew Crossland*

Hawaii Patriot Republicans

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**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 2:32:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcella Alohalani Boido	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for hearing this bill.

For one of my research positions for RCUH, I interviewed data keepers in all four county police departments. Their data flowed to the Office of the AG.

Based on that experience and the knowledge gained. I support the extension of the reporting deadline. I agree with the testimony of the AG.

Please amend this bill accordingly, and pass it. Thank you.

Marcella Alohalani Boido, M.A.

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**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 4:16:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Dedely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!



**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 4:18:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 4:21:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 8:10:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this measure. This is not needed.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:52:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Fukuzawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Honorable Legislative Representative,

I submit this testimony in opposition of HB995.

Sincerely,

David Fukuzawa

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 7:44:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah-Lyn Lokelani Jacobson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE GOES AGAINST MY 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHT

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:07:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robin D. Ganitano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB995 which tracks gun owners. This is totally unconstitutional and against our 2nd Amendment rights.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:20:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Char	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly Oppose this bill. This goes against our Constitutional Rights.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:40:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shani Hough	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill tracks gun owners, exposes private data, fuels anti-2A agenda!



**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 9:10:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Get out of our business and off our backs. We have constitutional rights.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 9:14:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank Barber Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protects the right of the people to keep and bear arms. It was ratified on December 15, 1791.

- 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”
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**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 9:16:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deven English	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this bill, no one needs to be tracked for any reason, stop with the complete government overreach.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 9:24:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lani Primacio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose!

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 9:30:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Stanwood	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Just stop it with ignoring the second amendment. These will all be challenged in court, found to be wrong and you will waste taxpayer money.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 10:42:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angela M Anderson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I am writing to respectfully submit my testimony and strong opposition to HB995, which seeks to track gun wonders and expose their private data. As a concerned resident of Hawaii, I believe this measure represents a significant overreach of government authority, violates fundamental privacy and second amendment rights, and threatens the freedoms of law-abiding citizens without providing a clear and effective solution to gun related issues. I urge you to reject this bill for the following reasons:

HB 995's proposal to track gun wonders and collect their private data raises serious concerns about the erosion of personal privacy. The creation of a database to monitor law abiding citizens who legally own firearms feels akin to a surveillance state, where the government assumes guilt rather than innocence. As an individual who values my right to privacy, I am deeply troubled by the potential for this data to be misused whether through government overreach, unauthorized access or data breaches. In an era where cybersecurity threats are increasingly common-evidenced by incidents like the 2023 breach of Hawaii DOH systems which exposed sensitive information. I am not confident that such data could or would be adequately protected.

Moreover, this bill fails to demonstrate a compelling need for such invasive measures, particularly considering the low rate of gun violence in the state. Law abiding gun owners should not be subjected to such unwarranted scrutiny for simply exercising their constitutional rights. The second amendment guarantees the right to bear arms, and the fourth amendment protects against unreasonable searches and seizures, which includes the right to privacy. By mandating the collection and potential exposure of private data, HN995 undermines both of these foundational principles.

The establishment of a gun owner database also creates significant potential for misuse. History has shown that government registries can be weaponized against specific groups, leading to discrimination or targeted enforcement. For example, during the 20th century, firearm registries in other jurisdictions were used to confiscate weapons from law abiding citizens, often during times of political unrest. While I do not suggest that this is the immediate intent of HB995, the precedent set by such a database opens the door to future abuses of power, particularly if political climates shift or if the data fell into the wrong hands.

Additionally the exposure of private data could disproportionately affect certain communities, such as those in rural Hawaii, where gun ownership is often a practical necessity for hunting, farming, and self defense. These individuals may already face systemic challenges and the added

burden of government tracking could exacerbate feelings of mistrust and alienation. I worry that this bill will create a chilling effect, discouraging responsible citizens from exercising their second amendment rights or failing to comply with such measures, for fear of being monitored and targeted.

Proponents of HB995 may argue that tracking gun owners enhances public safety, but I respectfully disagree. The root causes of gun violence, such as socioeconomic disparities, mental health challenges and illegal firearms - are not addressed by this bill. Instead it places an undue burden on law abiding citizens while doing little to deter criminals, who by definition, do not comply with legal requirements.

According to the FBI's 2022 uniform crime report, a significant portion of gun crimes involve weapons obtained through illegal means, such as theft or straw purchases. Targeting legal gun owners with invasive tracking measures diverts resources from more effective strategies such as cracking down on black market gun sales or investing in community based violence prevention programs

Rather than resorting to intrusive overreach, I urge the legislature to consider alternative approaches that respect both public safety and individual rights. For example, enhancing background checks, increasing mental health services, or supporting community outreach programs could address the underlying causes of violence without compromising privacy or individual liberties and constitutional freedoms. These measures would target actual threats while still preserving freedoms of law abiding citizens.

I respectfully urge you to reject HB995, in its current form. This bill's proposal to track gun owners and expose private data is an invasive and unnecessary measure that violates privacy rights, risks misuses and fails to address the root causes of gun violence.

As a resident of Hawaii, who values both safety and liberty, I am deeply concerned about the precedent this legislation sets.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 11:09:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryan Revell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

You seem to forget we are private citizens and you are public servants who swore to serve us and obey the constitution. You are violating that oath. STOP! YOU ARE COMMITTING CRIMES!



**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 11:14:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB995.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 11:32:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith Tajiri	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose to HB995.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 11:35:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 11:37:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shari saiki Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, it is unconstitutional.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 11:42:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon-Louis Siracusa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Intrusive over reach.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 12:02:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julie A Carter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed!

Infringes on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Amendments!

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 12:07:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Luke Reiss	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Luke Kazuhiro Reiss oppose bill HB995 its is unconstitutional and a direct attack on the 2nd amendment. 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!

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 12:19:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sean Pepper Shiramizu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

I oppose this bill as it is giving private information of law abiding citizens. Law abiding citizens already go through many background checks to get a CCW license and license to acquire. I beleive it is a bit of an overreach of data, for un known reasons. Where I feel efforts can be directed else where to help stop actual crime. Like the most recent shooting in waikiki.

Thanks



**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 1:03:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bart Burford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i VEHEMNTLY OPPODE ANY BILL THAT ERODES OUR GOD GIVEN 2ND  
AMMENDMENT RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS -

PLEASE FOCUS YOUR EFFORTS (AND OUR TAX DOLLARS,) ON SOMETING OTHER  
THAN REWRITING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

SINCERELY, PP

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 1:23:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Aguigui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Representatives of the State Legislature,

I oppose the passing of this bill which is a clear over-reach of state government and an attack on law-abiding citizens by exposing their personal data to the public and infringing on their Second Amendment right to bear arms. This bill is a blatant attack against the rights of Hawaii's citizens, and it is absurd that this was ever drafted and presented in the first place.

This bill does nothing to effectively reduce gun violence or violent crime activity here in Hawaii but will embolden malicious individuals who aren't going to heed the provision of this bill in the first place. Hawaii already has some of if not the strictest gun laws in the country, yet we still experience negligent and maliciously placed gun violence.

I would think that the leaders of this state would develop a different approach to this problem outside of the typical anti-gun legislation especially since they want to give themselves a pay raise. This legislation is absurd and in poor taste. Simply put, I strongly oppose the passing of this bill.

Sincerely,

Brian Aguigui

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 2:00:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dorinda Ohelo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 2:05:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reina Loughlin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm in opposition of HB995. This bill goes against the security and privacy of people's personal information when it is unwarranted. There is already a required background check upon gun ownership and tracking is therefore intrusive of privacy and leaves people at risk and vulnerable to hacking or information being stored and used against them.

HB995 is another bill from a list of bills that are anti-2nd ammendment. The bill doesn't respect or support gun owners, but makes them subject to undesirable loopholes for practicing their 2nd ammendment rights. Gun owners are not criminals and shouldn't be monitored as such. There are actual criminals who repeatedly commit crimes and are not being tracked for more valid concerns. Please do not pass this bill that treats law abiding gun owners as criminals.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 2:26:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aukai Ng	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Absolutley now! You have no right to know what we purchase when it comes to firearms. The information that you release to the puplic could be dangerous to responsible gun owner, giving CRIMINALS opportunity to engage.

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 2:44:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ka'eo Ortiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a violation to our 2nd ammendment rights

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 3:23:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Duke malczon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Exposes private data. Strongly oppose

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 3:39:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cindy R Ajimine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE - tracking legal gun owners & targets responsible owners vs. bill to address criminals.  
Exposes private data.



**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 3:48:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose HB995. This bill is intrusive and overreaching.  
Thank You.

Noela von Wiegandt

**HB-995**

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 7:56:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tiare Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**\*\*Written Testimony in Opposition to HB 995\*\***

To the Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

I am Tiare Smith, a Native Hawaiian resident of Kahalu‘u, O‘ahu, where I have lived for 45 years. As a kama‘āina deeply rooted in this community, I write to express my resolute opposition to HB 995, a bill that ostensibly amends firearms reporting requirements under Section 134-9.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, but in practice precipitates an alarming overreach into the privacy and rights of law-abiding citizens. While I acknowledge the bill’s intent to refine administrative processes, its implications are antithetical to the principles of equity, personal liberty, and fiscal responsibility that should guide legislative action in our state. Below, I outline the pros and cons of HB 995, followed by detailed solutions to address its deficiencies without compromising the rights of Hawaii’s people.

**### Pros of HB 995**

The bill presents a veneer of administrative efficiency that warrants consideration:

1. **\*\*Extended Data Collection Timeline\*\***: By shifting the deadline for county police chiefs to submit data from February 1 to March 31, the bill ostensibly affords law enforcement additional time to compile accurate statistics on licenses to carry.
2. **\*\*Removal of Fixed Reporting Deadline\*\***: Eliminating the April 1 publication deadline for the Department of the Attorney General’s annual report could, in theory, allow for more thorough data aggregation and vetting.
3. **\*\*Public Policy Insight\*\***: The justification sheet claims the report may benefit policymakers and researchers by providing data on firearm ownership trends, potentially informing future legislation.

These points, however, are overshadowed by the bill’s profound shortcomings, which I address next.

**### Cons of HB 995**

HB 995 constitutes an intrusive overreach that threatens privacy, equity, and constitutional rights:

1. **\*\*Tracking Gun Owners and Exposing Private Data\*\***: The bill mandates the collection and public dissemination of detailed personal information—age, gender, race, and county of residence—for every applicant or licensee. This granular tracking not only risks exposing private data to misuse but also disproportionately burdens Native Hawaiians and rural residents like myself, who may face stigmatization or retaliation in tight-knit communities.
2. **\*\*Fuels an Anti-Second Amendment Agenda\*\***: By cataloging denials, revocations, and appeals with an eye toward “remedying disparities,” HB 995 lays the groundwork for policies that could disenfranchise law-abiding gun owners, particularly those exercising their constitutional rights under the Second Amendment. This veiled agenda undermines the sovereignty of individuals to protect themselves—a right acutely felt in areas like Kahalu‘u, where self-reliance is often a necessity.
3. **\*\*Inequitable Application and Cost Inefficiency\*\***: The bill’s broad data requirements impose an unfunded mandate on county police departments, diverting resources from public safety to bureaucratic compliance. Smaller counties, such as Hawaii or Kauai, may struggle to meet these demands, exacerbating disparities in enforcement and eroding equity across the state.

#### ### Detailed Solutions to Address the Cons

Rather than acquiesce to this ill-conceived measure, I propose the following solutions, which prioritize safety, efficacy, cost-effectiveness, and equity while rejecting the bill’s intrusive framework:

1. **\*\*Protect Privacy with Aggregate Reporting\*\***:
  - **\*\*Solution\*\***: Replace individual-level data collection with anonymized, aggregate statistics (e.g., total licenses issued or denied per county). This preserves public insight into firearm trends without compromising personal privacy.
  - **\*\*Cost Savings\*\***: Eliminates the need for extensive data security measures to protect sensitive records, reducing annual compliance costs by an estimated 20-30% (based on national averages for similar reporting systems).
  - **\*\*Equity\*\***: Prevents disproportionate exposure of Native Hawaiian or rural populations, fostering trust in governance.
2. **\*\*Enhance Safety Without Tracking\*\***:
  - **\*\*Solution\*\***: Redirect resources to community-based safety initiatives, such as free firearm training and storage education programs offered through local organizations like the Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

- **\*\*Efficacy\*\***: Studies (e.g., RAND Corporation, 2022) show training reduces accidental discharges by up to 40%, a more direct safety benefit than passive data collection.

- **\*\*Cost-Effectiveness\*\***: At \$50 per participant, a statewide program for 5,000 gun owners costs \$250,000 annually—far less than the millions spent on administrative tracking (e.g., California’s \$24 million firearm database budget in 2023).

### 3. **\*\*Counter Anti-2A Bias with Transparency\*\***:

- **\*\*Solution\*\***: Require the Attorney General to publish a biennial audit of its reporting methodology, ensuring data is not manipulated to justify restrictive firearm policies.

- **\*\*Efficacy\*\***: Deters agenda-driven interpretations, safeguarding Second Amendment rights.

- **\*\*Cost Savings\*\***: A biennial audit, costing approximately \$100,000 every two years, is more economical than annual overhauls of a flawed reporting system.

### 4. **\*\*Fund Equity Through Reallocation\*\***:

- **\*\*Solution\*\***: Reallocate funds from HB 995’s bureaucratic expansion to bolster under-resourced police departments in rural counties, ensuring uniform safety standards without punitive oversight.

- **\*\*Equity\*\***: Levels the playing field for smaller jurisdictions, preventing urban-centric policy bias.

- **\*\*Cost-Effectiveness\*\***: A one-time \$500,000 investment in staffing and technology yields long-term savings by reducing reliance on redundant reporting.

### ### Conclusion

HB 995 represents a precipitous step toward governmental overreach, cloaked as administrative reform. As a Native Hawaiian who has called Kahalu‘u home for nearly half a century, I implore you to reject this bill and its insidious implications. The right to privacy, the sanctity of self-defense, and the equitable distribution of resources are not negotiable. Adopt instead the solutions I have outlined—practical, cost-effective measures that uphold safety and liberty without disenfranchising Hawaii’s people. Let us not trade our aloha for surveillance.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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## Comments:

Aloha, I strongly oppose this bill it does nothing to prevent crime and only effects law abiding citizens. Mahalo