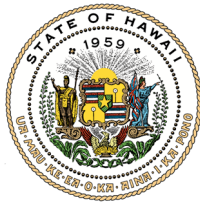


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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 308, SENATE DRAFT 2**  
**RELATING TO FIREARMS**  
Before the House Committee on  
**JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
Thursday, March 13, 2025, 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 325 & Videoconference  
Testifiers: Mike Lambert

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports Senate Bill 308, Senate Draft 2. This bill expands the current prohibition on high-capacity magazines by banning any firearm with a detachable magazine exceeding thirty rounds, while maintaining the existing ten-round limit for pistols. The legislation includes a reasonable grandfathering provision for existing high-capacity magazines obtained before January 1, 2026, when the law would take effect.

The DLE supports this measure as it addresses a significant public safety concern while respecting responsible firearm ownership. High-capacity magazines enable shooters to fire more rounds without reloading, which can increase casualties during mass shooting incidents. By limiting magazine capacity, this legislation may provide critical moments for potential victims to escape or for law enforcement to intervene during active shooter situations.

This bill strikes an appropriate balance between public safety interests and the rights of legal firearm owners by implementing reasonable restrictions on magazine capacity without a complete prohibition on firearm ownership. The grandfathering provision also demonstrates sensitivity to existing firearm owners by allowing them to retain legally obtained magazines.

The DLE believes that these restrictions will assist law enforcement in preventing and responding to violent crimes involving firearms, particularly mass shooting incidents where high-capacity magazines are often used.

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



Testimony of Deb Nehmad, Chapter Lead, Brady Hawaii  
Before the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military  
SUPPORT FOR **SB 308**

February 12, 2025

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and members,

**In furtherance of Brady'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 SB 308.**

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 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as of 2024 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 and an average of 30 of those deaths occur in Honolulu County.
- Every 7 days, someone in Hawaii is shot and killed.

Since the US Supreme Court has eased the way for more firearms to be carried in our public places, there has been an increase of gun-related violence in Hawaii. **SB 308** is an important step in the right direction to protect our citizens. Prohibiting firearms or rifles with the capacity to fire ammunition of 50-caliber or higher (with certain exclusions) is critical. These are military grade firearms that have no place in civilian life.

Brady Hawaii strongly supports passage of **SB 308** but hopes that some of the remaining loopholes can be remedied in further drafts.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 7:17:50 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
amy agbayani	Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**testimony in support of SB308 with amendments.**

**testimony submitted by Amy Agbayani, co-chair Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights**

**This bill should be amended to return to its original form in SB308, so that all large capacity magazines over 10 rounds would be prohibited for civilian firearms in Hawai'i. I respectfully urge banning large capacity magazines as they wreak mass violence against our residents.**

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:44:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jerry Yuen	Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I oppose SB308 SD2 as it violates the Second amendment of the US Constitution. This bill has no grandfather clause and there are examples of current firearms with original manufactured magazines in excess of 30 rounds. This is a useless bill that will not increase safety or protect the public. It will criminalize current owners.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:42:33 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kim Cordery	Aloha Freedom Coalition	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I appose SB308!

Another attempt to remove our

1st Amendment rights! Stop this unconstitutional Bill SB308

# HAWAII PATRIOT REPUBLICANS

Written Testimony in Opposition to S.B. No. 308, S.D. 2  
Submitted to the Senate Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs  
March 12, 2025

Aloha Members of the Committee,

I submit this testimony to strongly urge you to vote NO on S.B. No. 308, a bill that expands Hawaii's prohibition on detachable ammunition magazines exceeding ten rounds for pistols to include a thirty-round limit for all other firearms, with a grandfather clause for pre-existing magazines over thirty rounds for non-pistols. While the stated goal of enhancing public safety is noble, this legislation is an ill-conceived overreach that infringes on constitutional rights, lacks supporting evidence, and imposes undue burdens on law-abiding citizens. As a firm believer in liberty, accountability, and pragmatic governance—values that should resonate with both Republicans and Democrats—I present the following arguments for your careful consideration.

## **1. Erosion of Second Amendment Rights Harms Responsible Citizens**

The Second Amendment is not a suggestion—it's a bedrock guarantee of our right to self-defense and personal freedom. S.B. 308's ban on magazines over ten rounds for pistols and thirty rounds for other firearms directly restricts the tools law-abiding Hawaiians use for lawful purposes, from protecting their homes to engaging in shooting sports. Standard-capacity magazines—often exceeding these arbitrary limits—are integral to many firearms, and this bill punishes responsible owners without cause.

Democrats who value equity should see this as unjust. In Colorado, a 2013 [15-round magazine limit](#) sparked outrage, with law enforcement refusing to enforce it and citizens facing penalties for owning what was once legal. Hawaii risks a similar backlash, stripping rights from those who've done no wrong while criminals ignore the law entirely.

## **2. Lack of Evidence That Magazine Limits Enhance Safety**

Advocates may argue that capping magazine sizes reduces gun violence, but the facts don't back this up. A comprehensive [RAND Corporation study](#) found no clear evidence that magazine capacity restrictions lower crime rates or prevent mass shootings. Criminals adapt—reloading quickly or sourcing illegal magazines—as seen in the 2012 Aurora, Colorado, shooting, where the shooter used a 100-round drum magazine despite state laws.

New York's [SAFE Act](#), limiting magazines to seven rounds (later adjusted to ten), offers a cautionary tale. A [University at Albany analysis](#) showed no significant reduction in gun homicides, while compliance lagged. Democrats who champion data-driven policy should demand proof that S.B. 308 will work before endorsing it—Hawaii's already low gun violence rate (1.3 deaths per 100,000, per [CDC data](#)) suggests it's unnecessary.

## **3. Economic Penalties for Law-Abiding Owners and Small Businesses**

S.B. 308 devalues legally owned magazines by banning their sale, trade, or transfer, even with a grandfather clause. This hits the wallets of everyday citizens—hunters, sport shooters, and collectors—many of whom rely on standard-capacity magazines for their firearms. It also threatens local gun shops and ranges, which depend on selling these common items. In Maryland, the 2013 [10-round magazine ban](#) hurt small businesses, with some closing as customers took their money elsewhere, per industry accounts.



Democrats who fight for working families should oppose this economic injustice. Maryland’s experience shows that such laws burden the law-abiding while failing to curb violence—Baltimore’s homicide rate remains sky-high. Hawaii should not repeat this mistake.

#### **4. Practical Enforcement Nightmares and Community Division**

Magazine bans are a logistical mess, and S.B. 308’s dual limits (ten rounds for pistols, thirty for others) only worsen the confusion. Owners with interchangeable magazines risk accidental violations, turning good citizens into lawbreakers. In Connecticut, the 2013 [magazine restriction](#) saw over 80% noncompliance—hundreds of thousands refused to register or surrender their property, per state estimates. This fueled distrust and tied up law enforcement with trivial cases.

Democrats who prioritize community harmony should recoil at this prospect. S.B. 308 could fracture Hawaii’s social fabric, pitting residents against police over a law that’s hard to enforce and easy to resent. We need unity, not division.

#### **5. Distraction from Real Public Safety Solutions**

This bill squanders focus on what actually works: mental health support, community policing, and targeting illegal guns. California’s [10-round magazine limit](#) since 1994 didn’t stop the 2018 Thousand Oaks shooting, where the shooter reloaded multiple times. Contrast that with states like New Hampshire, where no magazine caps exist, yet gun violence is low due to strong social safety nets, per [FBI data](#).

Democrats who advocate for holistic safety should reject this Band-Aid approach. Hawaii’s resources are better spent on proven measures—education, outreach, enforcement—than on a feel-good law that misses the mark.

#### **Conclusion: Vote NO for Rights, Reason, and Results**

S.B. No. 308 is a misguided measure that tramples Second Amendment rights, lacks evidence of effectiveness, burdens citizens economically, sows enforcement chaos, and diverts attention from real solutions. I implore you—Republicans defending liberty and Democrats seeking fairness and impact—to vote NO. Let’s safeguard Hawaii with policies that respect our people, rest on facts, and tackle violence at its roots. Reject this bill and show that smart governance serves all of us.

Sincerely,

*Andrew Crossland*

Hawaii Patriot Republicans

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**To:** Members of the Hawaii House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs  
**From:** Agustin Cabrera, Giffords State Legislative Manager  
**Subject:** Support for SB308  
**Date:** March 13, 2025

*Submitted via email*

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My name is Agustin Cabrera and I am a State Legislative Manager with Giffords, the gun violence prevention organization founded by former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords. I write to you today in support of SB308, as originally drafted, which would expand Hawaii's existing ban on pistols with a detachable magazine with over a ten-round capacity to any firearm with a detachable magazine with over a ten-round capacity. **Giffords does not support the bill as amended to a 30-round magazine limit, and we urge the committee to restore this bill to its original version.**

Fourteen states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws that generally ban the sale, manufacture, and other commerce or conduct with large-capacity ammunition magazines. Those states are: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington. Four of these states (DE, RI, OR, and WA) enacted these laws in 2022 and Illinois did so in January 2023.

Large-capacity ammunition magazines are a common thread in many high-profile mass shootings in the United States. Because shooters with such magazines can fire at large numbers of people without taking the time to reload, those in the line of fire do not have a chance to escape, law enforcement does not have the chance to intervene, and the number of lives shattered by acts of gun violence increases dramatically. Banning such destructive magazines is an important and life-saving step towards a stronger gun violence prevention framework for Hawaii.

### **High capacity magazines are destructive and lead to a higher number of injuries and death**

Large-capacity magazines (LCMs or LCAMs) have been used to perpetrate devastation on a massive scale in many high-profile mass shootings. Large-capacity magazines significantly increase a shooter's ability to injure and kill large numbers of people quickly because they enable the individual to fire repeatedly without needing to reload. The shooter in the 2017 Las Vegas massacre was able to fire 100 rounds in just 10 seconds—without having to pause and reload—because he used a large-capacity magazine, bump stock, and an assault rifle in his attack which killed 50 and injured hundreds.<sup>1</sup>

### **A growing body of research shows that banning high-capacity magazines can help to prevent gun violence**

Studies have found that the, now expired, federal ban on large-capacity magazines helped to prevent violence and the use of high-capacity magazines in crime during the 10 years in which it was in effect. During the 10-year period the federal assault weapons and large-capacity magazine ban was in effect,

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<sup>1</sup> Martha Bellisle, "High-Capacity Magazines Get New Scrutiny as Congress Returns," ABC News, September 2, 2019, <https://abcn.ws/2lHd7uE>.

mass shooting fatalities were 70% less likely to occur compared to the periods before and after the ban.<sup>2</sup> At the state level, research has also shown that states with large-capacity magazine bans experience 48% fewer mass shootings—and 61% fewer domestic violence-related mass shootings—compared to states without such laws.<sup>3</sup>

Alarming, data suggests that the use of firearms with large-capacity magazines in crime has substantially increased since the expiration of the federal assault weapons and large-capacity magazine ban in 2004. Estimates also suggest that nearly 40% of crime guns used in serious violent crimes, including murders of law enforcement officers, are equipped with high-capacity magazines.<sup>4</sup> Similarly, since the end of the federal ban, the Los Angeles Police Department has recovered significantly greater numbers of large-capacity ammunition magazines, from 38 in 2003 to anywhere from 151 to 940 each year between 2004 and 2010.<sup>5</sup>

The evidence is clear: banning large capacity magazines can and will save lives in Hawaii. The devastation they are capable of, and their prevalence in mass shootings across the country demonstrate the urgency in which we must act. We urge the committee to support SB308, as it was originally drafted.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Agustin Cabrera**

State Legislative Manager | He/Him

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#### **ABOUT GIFFORDS**

*Giffords is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives from gun violence. Led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Giffords shifts culture, changes policies, and challenges injustice, inspiring Americans across the country to fight gun violence.*

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<sup>2</sup> Charles DiMaggio et al., “Changes in US Mass Shooting Deaths Associated with the 1994–2004 Federal Assault Weapons Ban: Analysis of Open–source Data,” *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery* 86, no. 1 (2019): 11–19.

<sup>3</sup> Daniel Webster, et al., “Evidence concerning the regulation of firearms design, sale, and carrying on fatal mass shootings in the United States,” *Criminology & Public Policy* 19, no. 1 (2020): 171-212.

<sup>4</sup> Christopher S. Koper et al., “Criminal Use of Assault Weapons and High–capacity Semiautomatic Firearms: an Updated Examination of Local and National Sources,” *Journal of Urban Health* 95, no. 3 (2018): 313–321.

<sup>5</sup> Press Release, Citizens Crime Commission of New York City, NYC & LA City Councils Introduce Rezo for Federal Ban on Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines 2 (Mar. 2, 2011), at <http://www.nycrimecommission.org/pdfs/CrimeCmsnNYCLACouncils.pdf>



## RE: SB 308 (Rhoads): Relating to Firearms - COMMENTS

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Honorable Members of the Committee:

Everytown for Gun Safety, and the Hawai'i Chapters of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America are writing with comments on SB 308.

**Hawaii *already* acknowledges that giving shooters the ability to unload dozens of rounds in seconds is an abhorrent danger.** This state currently has a 10 round magazine limit on magazines that are capable of being used with a pistol, but the law does not explicitly apply to magazines that can be used with a rifle or shotgun.

We enthusiastically supported the original version of SB 308, which explicitly applied the 10-round limit to magazines that can be used with a rifle or shotgun. **We urge the committee to restore this bill to its original version.** Unfortunately, changes made to this bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee in their SD2 version expressly allow high-capacity magazines up to 30 rounds for dangerous semiautomatic rifles, like the AR-15, going against the original intent of this legislation. **Moreover, the SD2 version jeopardizes the state's current magazine limit on pistols in that the changes allow 30-round magazines that are compatible with rifles and shotguns.** In truth, many kinds of magazines are compatible with *both* pistols and long guns.

**Shootings involving high-capacity magazines have more fatalities and wounds than those that do not.** In mass shootings with four or more people killed between 2015 and 2022, [high-capacity magazines](#) led to more than twice as many people killed, and nearly 10 times as many people wounded per incident on average. A 2021 study found that the federal prohibition on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines was associated with a significant decrease in public mass shootings and related casualties, preventing at least 11 public mass shootings during the 10 years it was in effect. The researchers also estimated that had the law remained in effect from 2005 through 2019, it would have prevented 30 mass shootings that resulted in the death of 339 people and wounded 1,139 more.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Lori Post et al., "Impact of Firearm Surveillance on Gun Control Policy: Regression Discontinuity Analysis," JMIR Public Health and Surveillance 7, no. 4 (2021): e26042, <https://doi.org/10.2196/26042>. Study defined mass shooting as four or more victims killed with a firearm at a public location. Familicides and felony killings were excluded.

**A majority of voters in Hawai'i – including a majority of gun owners – support a ban on high-capacity magazines.** In a 2024 Ward Research survey of registered voters across O'ahu and the neighbor islands, **80%** said high-capacity magazines that exceed 10 rounds should be banned, including **65%** of gun owners.

For these reasons listed above, Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action, and Students Demand Action **urge this committee to restore the 10-round limit laid out in the original version of SB 308, ensuring uniformity between pistols, rifles and shotguns.**

Sincerely,

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**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:57:48 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ramya Swami	Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Brady enthusiastically supports the original version of SB 308, which explicitly applied the 10-round limit to magazines that can be used with a rifle or shotgun. We do not support a 30-round magazine limit, and urge the committee to restore this bill to its original version.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:11:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Austin Martin	Young Americans For Liberty (YAL)	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha!

I am Austin, the Musical Chair, and I am here today with Young Americans for Liberty to strongly oppose this bill, because human rights like the right to self defense should never be infringed by any good government. The people of Hawai'i have a right to defend themselves, and no one has the right to deprive them of this right. To even attempt to do so would be a criminal act.

In support of my position against this body's ongoing assault on Liberty and the Constitution, I would sincerely offer this remark from Lewis:

"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience... This very kindness stings with intolerable insult. To be 'cured' against one's will and cured of states which we may not regard as disease is to be put on a level of those who have not yet reached the age of reason or those who never will; to be classed with infants, imbeciles, and domestic animals."

- CS Lewis

Sincerely,

Austin Martin

Young Americans for Liberty



As the Libertarian Party of Hawaii, we firmly oppose HB125.

This bill violates the Second Amendment rights enshrined in the United States Constitution, which unequivocally guarantees the right to bear arms. Any regulations infringing upon firearm ownership and storage represent a direct assault on our fundamental freedoms.

The imposition of strict liability on individuals for damages resulting from the use of an "improperly stored" firearm blatantly tramples on these clearly defined rights, criminalizing constitutionally protected activities. Violent crimes caused by firearms are already illegal, and easily prosecuted.

Mandating that retail firearm sellers furnish purchasers with storage regulation notices needlessly encumbers businesses and severely impacts businesses.

The right to bear arms is the cornerstone of a free society, a sentinel against government intrusion, assuring personal autonomy, liberty, and individual accountability. These rights are essential for safeguarding oneself, one's kin, and one's property, while inherently upholding the bedrock principle of self-determination.

Overemphasizing "collective safety" at the expense of individual rights not only undermines liberty and personal sovereignty but also attacks the very foundation of our democratic values.

Our representatives must uphold individual rights, rather than chip away at them. Their goals should be to cultivate self-responsibility and self-reliance within Hawaii, not dictating what rights we get to keep.

In Freedom,  
The Libertarian Party of Hawaii



DATE: March 12, 2025

TO: Members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Christopher D. Thomas, Attorney at Law

RE: Comment and Testimony Regarding SUPPORT of SB308 SD2 With Proposed Amendments

My name is Christopher D. Thomas, a former Captain in the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps. During my active-duty service from 2001 to 2007, I served as a felony-level prosecuting attorney and defense counsel, providing legal services to members of the Pacific Air Forces in Hawai'i, Guam, Japan, and Korea. Following my military service my law practice concentrates, in part, on mental health law and treatment. I am also a parent to school-aged children, an avid hunter, and a registered State of Hawaii gun owner. I am a member of the Giffords Gun Owners for Safety advocacy organization.

I am writing to again express my strong support for SB308 SD2 and the common-sense effect of the law in advancing the safety of the citizens of Hawaii. As you know, Hawai'i is currently the only State in the Union with a magazine capacity-limiting law that is confined to handgun calibers, but does not extend to rifle calibers. It is counter-intuitive to gun safety and responsible gun laws to limit smaller calibers (less lethal), but to currently allow larger rifle calibers (which are much more lethal). Your proposed legislation would merely extend magazine capacity limits beyond those already enacted into Law. However, I firmly advocate for the original 10-round magazine limit to be included as an amendment.

As you likely know, large-capacity ammunition magazines are historically prevalent in many high-profile mass shootings in the United States. Because shooters with such magazines can fire at large numbers of people without taking the time to reload, those in the line of fire do not have a chance to escape, law enforcement does not have the chance to intervene, and the number of humans shot in a short interval of time increases dramatically. Hawaii's current law, if applied to these past incidences, would not have prevented the impact of **rifle-related** mass shootings involving large capacity magazines. SB308, in its original 10-round limit form, can fix this. There is statistical proof of the effect of common-sense gun safety legislation: during the 10-year period the federal assault weapons and large-capacity magazine safety law was in effect, mass shooting fatalities were **70% less likely to occur** compared to the periods before and after the ban. (Source: Charles DiMaggio et al., "Changes in US Mass Shooting Deaths Associated with the 1994–2004 Federal Assault Weapons Ban: Analysis of Open–source Data," *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery* 86, no. 1 (2019): 11–19).

As a sport-shooter and hunter, I have engaged in both activities with both high-capacity magazines and magazines limited to a few rounds. A high-capacity magazine is not necessary to enjoy responsible gun ownership and use; high-capacity magazines are best designed to kill as many humans as possible in a short period of time. A 30-round limitation, versus a 10 round limitation equates to the number of persons that can be harmed prior to an assailant pausing to reload. Ban magazines above 10 rounds, now, before they are used for their designed purpose, in Hawaii.

Gun safety in our communities is reliant upon commonsense regulations that are proven to reverse the current nation-wide epidemic of violence using firearms. SB308 is an overdue extension of already available and accepted protocols of safe gun ownership and use. I urge you to vote in favor of a 10-round limit.

Respectfully submitted, Christopher D. Thomas, goshawaii808@gmail.com

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 10:41:22 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Representatives of the committee,

My name is Bronson Teixeira and I'm born and raised on the island of Maui. I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion and I stand strongly opposing sb308 and sb401. In my written testimony I shall cover my opinions on why I oppose this bill, common available facts, the consequences of this bill does if it goes into effect, and some solutions.

I believe the issue we face in America today is not the so called "gun violence", but rather it is a mental health issue and a gang/crime violence issue as well as the lack of punishment in the judicial system. I don't understand how one can blame a mechanical device or a tool and let's keep in mind that it requires someone or individual to pull the trigger and because of these actions of some individuals us law abiding individuals are being punished by them wanting to take away an efficient an well made rifle that is in common use by millions of people.. It's kind of like blaming the automobile or automobile manufacturers instead of the drunk driver for killing an innocent family, it just doesn't make any sense.

As of 2022 firearm related deaths have been on a slow decline. At its 2021 peak, statistics show 48,830 firearm related deaths. 53% of that is suicide (26,328), 43% is homicide(20,958), and the remaining deaths were either accidental, self defense, or law enforcement involvement. ALL LONG GUNS that's including SEMIAUTOMATIC, BOLT ACTION, AND SHOTGUNS combined make up around ONLY 4% of that firearm homicides. I would also like to mention the fact that the Opioid and Fentanyl epidemic kills over double the amount of firearms, that's well over 100,000 people killed by these drugs. It is a fact that KNIVES, HAMMERS, and the HUMAN Hands kill more Americans per year than these types of firearms.

Now if we were to look and agree on the data and facts that are given above its safe to say we can clearly see that guns are not the issue, societal changes, economic landscape, suicide, crime/gang violence and with a soft slap on the wrist type of judicial system, and as well as Misinterpretation of terms and facts over the years by anti 2a groups have lead us to what we see today and trying to be used in a more so common legislation gun control based on the thought of what is in the best interest of the people but neglecting the fact that criminals can and will still be able to obtain firearms illegally. These are just some of the problems we face today. Banning firearms and making a magazine capacity limit is not the answer, and if just so happen firearms were to be banned and magazines are limited you will see no difference in crimes because

criminals don't follow the law. There has been studies proving that magazine capacity limits have no effect on crime. Please try to understand that firearms can be made at home, you can order replica kits and modify them to be fully operational but it is a fact that self made arms are protected by the constitution under the history and traditions of self made arms, they can be brought in from stateside or imported from out of country and sold on a black market just like the so called illegal fireworks we see every year. As we have seen in multiple shootings in Hawaii nearly all case involved are criminals or convicted felons that get ahold of and decided to do the unimaginable.

Now if you were able to ban these so called "large capacity magazines" (which are in fact standard size magazines, they have always come with 25-30 round magazine) from us law abiding citizens so that we can no longer own them but the criminals are still able to get these magazines illegally you would be making the civilian population more vulnerable to attacks by these types of criminals, it's a fact that more gun control laws leave more people defenseless, it stops good people from protecting themselves and their families and the lives of others. Gun laws do not prevent shootings!

These bills in its current form will decimate our constitutional right and neglects our entire 2nd amendment. This bill is a full overreach. SB308 and sb401 is very poorly written and deceptive. Keep in mind a thousands of law abiding citizens already own a lot of these magazines and firearms, there are firearms that come from the factory with 40+ round magazines and are currently owned by thousands of citizens.

Within the 50 caliber center fire rifle ban bill there are a lot of different types of modern firearms that are lever action, bolt action, revolver and semi-automatic. There are also a lot of different 50 caliber cartridge sizes that are great hunting options as the projectile travels at a slower velocity but still provide great energy upon impact. 50 caliber rifles can and do get used for hunting because there are a lot of different .50 caliber cartridges available and some of them do offer a much more fun and great challenge to hike and hunt with being they require more physical stamina to carry due to the weight and bulk. The bill in its current form does not state any grandfathering or inheritance if I would like to pass my firearms down to my children.

If sb308 were to go in effect you would instantly put thousands of law abiding citizens that would be labeled as a felon and could be arrested and put into jail, what you guys have to understand is these magazines are currently legal to own and completely legal to own under the constitution. There are currently thousands if not tens of thousands of these magazines owned by the people of Hawaii. There are thousands of currently owned .50 cal firearms from pistols/revolvers, bolt action, lever action and semi auto.

I firmly believe there are other areas that need to be focused on instead of attacking our constitutional rights and our god given rights and if we could agree on that I believe we could get much more done. Fixing the mental health care system to start and start handing out stiffer criminal penalty judgements and getting the drugs off the streets will in fact have the biggest impact on the outcome. The attack on firearms seems to be a lazy man's approach to finding the solution, there are better ways to solve the issues we see today and banning our god given right isn't one of them.

I appreciate your time in reading this and if this bill were to pass and become law I as well as the rest of the law abiding citizen firearms owners will not comply, we do not deserve this, we are not the enemy, we are simply fighting for our right. I as well as many others notice that the Democratic policies seem to protect criminals more than the rights or lives of the civilian population and we are ready to make a change because we are tired of this continuation every year of trying to make a law out of nothing it has to stop!

Mahalo for hearing me,

Bronson Teixeira

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 11:16:30 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael I Rice	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I stand in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to this bill. On its face it is a violation of the Second Amendment. Similar magazine bans have already been struck down in courts around the country, and current Hawaii law covering just pistol magazines is being challenged in court. There is also a case pending before SCOTUS dealing with the issue as well (**Ocean State Tactical LLC v. Rhode Island**), which given past rulings will likely be found unconstitutional.

This ban would (and currently is) a violation of the **Caetano decision** which helped to legalize tasers, stating that Arms that are in common use for lawful purposes are covered under the Second Amendment. At the time of the Caetano Decision it was stated that there were an estimated 200,000 tasers in use throughout the United States. I can guarantee you there are at least that many 10+ magazines in the State of Hawaii alone, and would be on the government to prove otherwise. The current ban on 10 round pistol magazines is already facing a lawsuit, and could easily be amended to cover all magazines should this bill go through.

Those calling for this bill say it will save lives or prevent criminals from acquiring them, this is at best a falsehood and at worse a fantasy. One of the deadliest school shootings in the United States (**Virginia Tech**) was done with the shooter using 10 round magazines, and one of the more notorious (**Parkland**) was done with the shooter using 10 round magazines, despite having legal access to higher capacity magazines.

Honolulu Police Department has even admitted in past testimony that such laws would only be used to punish offenders after the fact, and failed to provide information on how many were charged with violating the current pistol magazine laws or even how many unlawful magazines had been recovered. Such charges are usually one of the first ones tossed out by State Prosecutors as part of a plea deal to offenders, assuming they are even charged in the first place.

This bill would not stop anyone who wants to get a 10+ round magazine from getting one, just as the current law doesn't stop these magazines from coming in. I myself have received 'high capacity pistol magazines' in the mail after purchasing a pistol online, this was after specifically requesting they not ship the magazines. I surrendered those magazines to the gun store since they could not be modified to be 10 round magazines through means available to me. I have also legally purchased rifle magazines online from a reseller who I found out after the fact openly flaunts against magazine capacity restrictions and says he will ship anywhere without regard to laws and even taunts law enforcement to come after him. There are many such persons out there, while perhaps less brazen, who similarly view defiance of such laws as a moral obligation.

All such laws do is hinder the law abiding citizen, and make formerly law abiding citizens into criminals overnight, and put them at risk. With a recent killing spree involving a bulldozer, a man defending his family and home retrieved his own pistol and shot at the attacker. He had to retreat back into his home to fetch another magazine, giving the attacker more time to kill and hurt more innocent people. When the need to use a gun for self defense arises, many do not have the time to 'arm up' like some cheesy action movie from the 80s where one can put on a bandolier of magazines to meet the threat.

I ask why are the police and other law enforcement exempt from this bill? Given the perception of how 'trigger happy' they are when they do have to use their firearms. I've lost count of the number of incidents where people have shouted 'why'd they have to shoot him soo many times?!' Because sometimes one bullet isn't enough, sometimes 10 isn't enough. The difference between the police and the average citizen is that they don't have a button on my hip to call 10 of my friends and coworkers to come running with their guns to help me. If I have to respond to a 'bump in the night', and I may not have time to call the police, which will likely respond in 30 minuets once they're called, all I have are the 10 rounds in my pistol or 30 rounds in my rifle (if I can get to it) and the hope that someone else is calling the police for me.

Grandfathering will not work. Serialization will not work. The ban WILL NOT WORK. Kill this bill.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 11:19:43 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Whom It May Concern,

I oppose SB308 as it violates my constitutional rights for the 2nd Amendment: the right to keep and bear arms. As an Army Veteran, I swore to defend and protect the constitution of the United States and the American way of life. I rely on the 2nd Amendment to not only protect myself but my loved ones and property. Something that our forefathers have fought bravely and sacrificed themselves to protect these rights.

Mahalo for taking the time to hear my testimony.

Aloha,

Josh



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 11:23:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose any bill that limits my 2nd amendment right to bear arms.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 11:36:55 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308, the magazine ban expansion.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 11:54:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as a clear violation of 2nd Amendment rights. Criminals do not adhere to current and new laws and this serves only to punish law-abiding citizens.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 11:58:26 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I opposed SB308

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 12:06:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB308 does not make the people of Hawaii safer, it only strips away our rights! It clearly violates our Constitutional rights. Furthermore, it criminalizes responsible gun owners, expands government overreach into legal firearm ownership, fails to address violent crime, and makes criminals out of law-abiding citizens. Stop wasting time and energy on unconstitutional bills, and focus on better education and training of the people. This also criminalizes those that cannot afford all of the fees to acquire a firearms.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 12:09:15 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308. Our community is not plagued by problems relating to the capacity of firearms, so I see no purpose to this bill. I do not believe there will be any measurable or tangible improvement of our lifestyle if this bill passes. The only effect I see is to hinder lawful use of firearms by law-abiding citizens for sporting or defensive purposes.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 12:09:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

All gun laws are infringements on our second amendment

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 1:07:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill should be stopped. It violates the 2A and no reason for it is already being challenged elsewhere.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 1:15:31 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights as a law abiding citizen. If these gun laws are passed then truly the criminals will be happy. It seems like these bills are targeting law abiding citizens and not the criminals who are the ones breaking the laws. When someone is injured/killed by a drunk driver no laws are created to ban any alcohol or motor vehicles the driver is held responsible so why isn't it the same here. Laws should be specific to the criminals. Hawaii already has one of the strictest gun laws and if there are crimes committed with a firearm in Hawaii they are not with a firearm that are owned by a law abiding citizen.

Mahalo

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 1:30:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308

SB308's ban on firearm magazines over 10 rounds is unconstitutional and directly infringes on our Second Amendment rights. The right to bear arms is a fundamental individual right that should not be arbitrarily limited by the government. Restricting magazine capacity hinders law-abiding citizens from effectively defending themselves and their families, which goes against the core principles of the Second Amendment. This bill unfairly targets responsible gun owners and undermines their ability to exercise their constitutional rights. It is essential to uphold and protect the Second Amendment as a cornerstone of our democracy, and SB308 clearly violates this fundamental right.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 1:37:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it would be a direct violation upon my second amendment rights as a law abiding citizen. Bills like this is a clear example of taking away an everyday vehicle from sober drivers as a result of all the drunk drivers that ends up killing/hurting people.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 1:46:47 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 1:49:16 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 1:51:44 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This violates the 2nd amendment of the United States constitution. I oppose this bill.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 1:52:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I insist the representatives of the state of Hawaii to **OPPOSE** SB308 SD2 as it is an infringement of the 2nd amendment for Hawaii state citizens today and future generations. Compromises are not acceptable as it is also an infringement of the given right to bear arms.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 3:37:34 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I here by OPPOSE to this bill SB308 Magazine ban for pistols only allowing 10 rounds. Hawaii current law bans needs to be update to the progress of pistols with detachable magazines that are currently purchased and used by Law Abiding Gun Owers.

This ban reflects on your control to Infringing the rights of the amount of bullets allowed in a magazine for a pistol. Criminals don't care about your Laws. They are happy that you restrict Legal Gun Owners to only ten rounds. Where is the fair fight. We as Legal Gun Owers going up against a Criminal who could be carrying 15 17 20 magazines with the amount of rounds for that magazine. As a Law Abiding Gun Ower and Citizen this action creates an uneven advantage to the Criminals. Better yet. How about you restricting your Police Officers, the Shrieffs, Armor Security Guards, your Secuirty Detail to ten rounds ONLY. What is put upon Us shall reflect with all others carrying handguns. But reality is you want control. Yet pistols are continuing to develop and amount of rounds the magazine can hold today are in 15 rounds 17 rounds or more. Get with the times of constant changes made.

You are truly placing an Infringment to my Rights on how many rounds I should have. But not taking into consideration that I need more to battle against a home invasion, a threat to harm myself, family, personal property and others within my area.

So in closing, Stop this Nonsense of Restrictions of only 10 rounds for pistols. People have spoken and yet the panel did not listen and this bill got pushed forward. Get with the facts. Crime and the individual intent to do harm with other evil intentions will not care or stop at 10 rounds. They will carry as much as they want knowing that you slapped a limitation for Law Abiding Gun Owers.



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House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs  
Conference Room 325,  
Thursday, March 13, 2025, 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol

**Re: Strong Opposition to SB 308, SD2 Relating to Firearms**

Chair Tamas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Committee Members:

My name is John W. Roberts, MBA, CPA, CGMA, and I am a principal in a Maui-based certified public accounting firm. I am writing in strong opposition to SB 308, SD2.

**The growing geopolitical tensions in the Pacific Region together with the State of Hawaii's isolated and vulnerable location make it imperative that the citizens of the State of Hawaii maintain the ability to defend their homes, their islands, and their State.** Any additional restrictions on the right of Hawaii's citizens to keep and bear arms, including restrictions on the capacity of magazines and the caliber of their firearms, is contrary to the safety and security of Hawaii from rising external threats.

**The risk of an attack on the State of Hawaii by a foreign military is not just an abstract threat.** The attached article "*China Could Attack Pearl Harbor – and the West Coast*," just published by the U.S. Naval Institute, describes Hawaii's exposure, China's attack options, and the need for Hawaii to be constantly ready to defend itself. This includes the ability of the citizens of Hawaii to defend themselves.

European nations now recognize their own similar risk of attack. For example, Finland, which has a population of approximately 5.6 million, recently announced plans to build 300 new shooting ranges to better prepare its citizens and to bolster national defense.

Sweden recently distributed the attached copy of its updated national emergency preparedness brochure, "*In Case of Crisis or War*," published in November 2024, to every household in the country in an effort to better prepare its citizens. Many European and Asian countries, including Japan, have followed Sweden's example and are educating their citizens how to prepare for the growing geopolitical risks. In contrast, ironically, Hawaii seeks to reduce the ability of its citizens to defend themselves and their home Islands through SB 308, SD2

***The Federalist Papers***, a collection of 85 essays written in the late 1780s by founding fathers Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, argued the reasons why the then proposed U.S. Constitution should contain the specific rights of citizens ultimately adopted. The discussion of the right to keep and bear arms in the Federalist Papers for the purpose of hunting was not an issue. The founding fathers of the United States were concerned with the ability of citizens to defend the nation from external military threats and from an oppressive internal government. Magazine capacity and caliber limitation contained SB 308, SD2 would erode these citizen rights.

Hawaii's State Legislature appears to be increasingly disconnected from the growing vulnerabilities facing an island state. Outlined below are my recommendations for where the legislature should refocus policy rather than limiting citizens' right to keep and bear arms.

- 1) Each major island of Hawaii should be prepared to serve as a "Lifeboat" for the citizens of the other islands, and
- 2) The citizens of Hawaii must be self-reliant because the Cavalry (or the Federal government) may not come to their rescue for a very long time.

**Priority One:**

**Update the Legal Framework for the Hawaii Territorial Guard (such as HRS §122A, HRS §123, and HRS §124A) and Implement It:**

The Hawaii Territorial Guard (HTG) was created to serve as the State replacement for the National Guard during World War II. Until it was disbanded in 1947, it was the only military force available to the Governor of Hawaii in defense of the State. In contrast to the National Guard, the HTG was not subject to Federalization or deployment outside of Hawaii and answered only to the Office of the Governor. In other words, our HTG stays in Hawaii to protect our Hawaii no matter what.

Title 32, Section 109 of the United States Code permits state defense forces. It is our understanding that 23 states and the territory of Puerto Rico maintain active state defense forces. Similar defense forces have been established in a number of European countries and are tasked with guarding key buildings and infrastructure against sabotage plus support the conventional national military as needed. While under the command and control of the Office of the Governor, each County should have HTG units assigned and in place capable of operating semi-autonomously should communication be cutoff or severely limited in an emergency. This command and control structure should be established now before it is needed rather than wait until after another Pearl Harbor event occurs.

### **Implement a Candid Citizen Education Program:**

While keeping the people calm is often cited as the role of good governance, in the face of an emergency this is better achieved through knowledge rather than ignorance. Towards this end, a candid education program is needed to inform the public of the growing foreign military threat to Hawaii. The language of the educational program should be blunt and clear. No more abstract euphemisms about undefined man-made threats. The described threats to Hawaii must be transparent. To be effective, distribution of any educational materials must be "in the face" of the public through direct mailings to every household. No more passive distribution of emergency preparedness guidance primarily available in the front of phone books, as inserts to electric utility bills, or only published online in infrequently visited FEMA, State, and County websites. The educational message has to be that the primary responsibility for surviving a military attack or other disaster rests with the individual and their families. Hawaii's citizens must be self-reliant.

### **Priority Two:**

#### **Decentralize and Increase Emergency Food and Medical Supplies:**

Emergency supplies need to be disbursed and stored in every County so that each major island can serve as an immediate Lifeboat for all of Hawaii's citizens in time of disaster. Our understanding is that under the State's present disaster plan, a Coast Guard aircraft would be used to move existing Oahu-based supplies around the State as needed. While this centralized strategy offers obvious economies, it is based on false assumptions, starting with the assumption that the aircraft and the various airports will be operational in an emergency. After a first strike Electromagnetic Pulse Attack, what resources each County has prepositioned may be all that they will have for a very long time. The State needs to stop putting the majority of its emergency preparedness eggs in one island's basket because of the resulting concentration of risk.

### **Priority Three:**


#### **Restore Vigorous Physical Education as a Core Class in Public Schools:**

Too many of Hawaii's youth are physically unfit and unprepared for physical adversity. Too many are physically incapable of military service in defense of Hawaii and the United States. Whether the students and parents like it or not, hard physical education classes that emphasize running and body-weight resistance exercises (pullups, pushups, abdominal exercises, etc.) should be restored to the daily curriculum for all students, particularly at the high school level. Obviously, students have different physical abilities, so the grading of such classes should be based on an individual's improvement over time rather than just a fixed set of standards for all. Hawaii's youth must once again be disaster ready.

Please vote "NO" to SB 308, SD2 and any further proposed restrictions on firearm ownership and use. It is time to build up the self-reliance of Hawaii's citizens, not obstruct it.

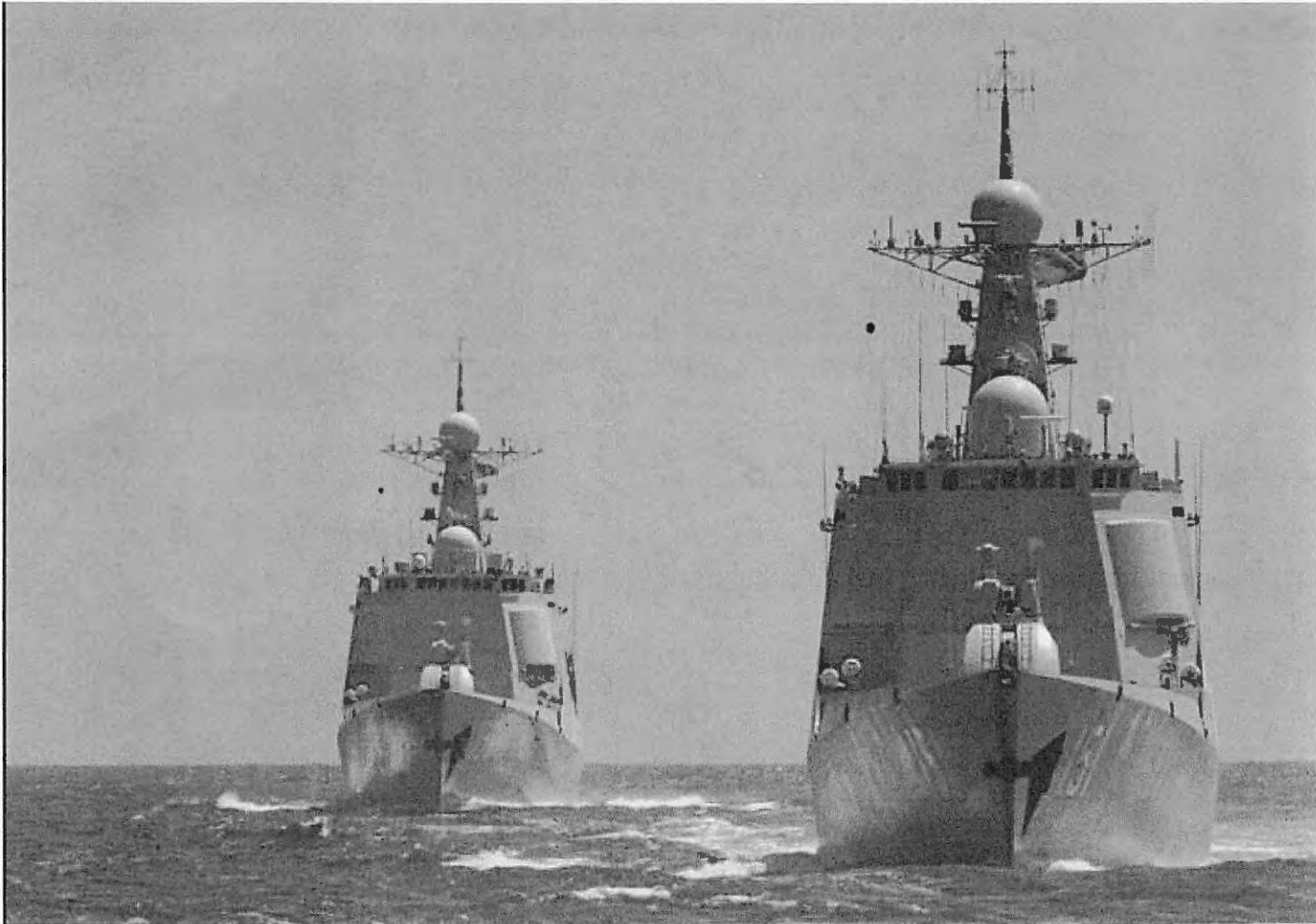
Thank you for considering the above.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: *"China Could Attack Pearl Harbor – and the West Coast,"*  
March 2025 U.S. Naval Institute  
*"In Case of Crisis or War,"* November 2024, The Swedish Civil  
Contingencies Agency



**The People's Liberation Army Navy has a clear capability to target U.S. bases in Hawaii.**  
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## **China Could Attack Pearl Harbor—and the West Coast**

**By Lieutenant Colonel Thomas McCabe, U.S. Air Force Reserve (Ret.)  
March 2025**

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Before 1940, Pearl Harbor had been something of a forward base. This started to change as events drifted toward war with Japan. The United States began to build up its forces in the Philippines, then a U.S. dependency, and it implicitly made two assumptions. The first assumption was that if war came, it would primarily be in the western Pacific. Second, Hawaii was now a rear area and therefore secure. On 7 December 1941, the Japanese Navy showed these assumptions were wrong.

Could the United States be making a similar miscalculation today?

### A Chinese Naval Strike

In a potential conflict with China, especially one fought over Taiwan, it is reasonable to expect the war would start after a period of increasing tensions, which would give U.S. forces the chance to prepare. China would expect rapid U.S. intervention to support Taiwan. U.S. bases in the western Pacific, especially on Okinawa and Guam, would be likely targets for Chinese attack, in particular by missiles. U.S. warships at sea or in port in the region would be under the same threat. While much of the U.S. fleet would presumably be at sea at the start of the war, significant portions would still be at Pearl Harbor and bases on the West Coast. China's priority would be to target forward-deployed forces, but it would also be prudent for them to eliminate as many potential reinforcements as possible.

How might China do that? They would have several options, none of which are mutually exclusive.

The least likely option would be an attack by missiles launched from People's Liberation Army Navy submarines and surface ships, especially using [YJ-18 antiship cruise missiles](#) with a maximum range of 290 nautical miles. While the salvo size of most PLAN submarines is limited by their number of torpedo tubes—[six tubes for Type 093 nuclear attack boats](#)—the latest Type 093s may also have 12 vertical launch system (VLS) tubes.

However, Chinese cruisers and destroyers have many VLS tubes. Type 055 guided-missile cruisers [have 112 tubes](#), and Type 052D [air-defense destroyers have 64](#). Surface ships would have the advantage of being able to routinely access China's extensive network of satellites for up-to-the-minute targeting information—the modern equivalent of Japan's "bomb plot" in 1941, which is described in the book [At Dawn We Slept](#) by Gordon Prange et al. These include the extensive [Yaogan military](#)

satellite constellation, as well as the nominally civilian Jilin constellation, with 300 satellites planned by 2025. Another constellation of more than 300 satellites, the Chutian system of optical, radar, hyperspectral, and infrared satellites, is planned for launch by 2030, along with a variety of other remote-sensing satellites.

Any Chinese ships or submarines near Hawaii would be tracked, closely watched, and probably immediately sunk after they launched missiles. The Chinese know this, but if they are cold-blooded enough to consider the loss an acceptable tradeoff for launching a barrage of missiles, it would be an option. As detailed in *At Dawn We Slept*, the Japanese were prepared to accept heavy losses to their forces attacking Pearl Harbor.

### **Container Wars and Beetle Bombs**

The next option would be an attack by cruise missiles launched from cargo containers on the decks of container ships or other vessels. The Chinese are developing such systems for launching YJ-18s, with the containers each evidently holding at least two missiles. China has one of the largest merchant fleets in the world (5,997 ships under Chinese registry as of 1 January 2023, along with several hundred other ships sailing under other registries), which means their ships can be spotted just about everywhere. If they want to obscure the potential threat from such ships, they could use Chinese ships sailing under registry of states other than China, or they could use the equivalent of the shadow fleet Russia uses for oil smuggling—a fleet of “...mostly aging ships that sail without the industry's standard Western insurance, [that have] opaque ownership, frequently change their names and flag registrations, and generally operate outside maritime regulations.”

Another threat would see China take a page from the war in Ukraine: drones, most likely launched from the decks of container ships. While usually slower than cruise missiles, depending on the drone they have the advantage of being much cheaper, with longer range—the Sunflower 200 has a reported range up to 2,000 kilometers—and they can be used in swarms. Their warheads may be smaller than those of cruise missiles. For example, the Sunflower 200's warhead is no heavier than 40 kilograms, while the warhead of the YJ-18 weighs up to 300 kg. But if one detonates near or on the VLS section of a warship, or near another magazine, the results would likely be catastrophic.

A variation on the drone theme is what this author has nicknamed the “beetle bomb” threat that makes use of low, slow, and small (LSS) unmanned aerial vehicles. China is the world's leading producer of LSSs and has worked for years to exploit them. While the danger posed by small, cheap drones was recognized even before the war in Ukraine, both sides in that war have emphasized use of LSSs. These drones are generally small and short-ranged, but they offer opportunities for fiendish creativity.

Beetle bombs can be launched in a variety of ways, including from ships in port or close offshore, from containers prepositioned near targets, or from individual people. They are likely to be especially effective against aircraft, air bases, and personnel. They can collide with aircraft to deliver undetonated explosives that would need to be disarmed. They can also crash or scatter scrap on runways to disrupt

operations. They can be used against ships even unarmed, but if armed, depending on the amount and type of explosives they carry, these attacks could devastate. If the munitions they carry can penetrate the top armor of a tank, they may also be able to penetrate a VLS hatch cover. Chinese forces could release bombs, individually or in swarms, at intervals to extend the disruption. Finally, if the drones have significant flight time and range, they could be released from one or multiple points and programmed with a variety of courses to pose a multidirectional threat.

### **Prepare for the Worst**

The Chinese have a clear capability to target U.S. bases in Hawaii. They could also threaten bases on the West Coast of the continental United States. The U.S. military must confront the grim fact that, at least at the start of a war, there may be no reliably secure rear areas in the Pacific.

The impact of such a threat would be dramatic. To prepare for it, all U.S. bases in the Pacific and on the West Coast—not just forward bases—need integrated air and missile defenses, including defenses against drones. These should be ready for rapid activation in case of crisis, if not constantly ready even in peacetime. Considering the number of bases that need protection, building adequate defenses is liable to be extremely expensive at a time when the military budget is already stretched.

In March 1941, U.S. Army Air Forces Major General F.L. Martin, the commander of the Hawaiian Air Force, and Rear Admiral P.N.L. Bellinger, commander of the Hawaiian Naval Base Defense Air Force, warned about the danger of a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. An additional warning came from the August 1941 report written for the War Department by Colonel William Farthing, which warned a possible Japanese attack could use up to six aircraft carriers. Tragically, the commanders they advised (Navy Admiral Husband Kimmel and Army General Walter Short) ignored the warnings. As threats increase and potential adversaries grow stronger, the United States cannot afford to be surprised again, in the Pacific or farther east.





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## To all residents of Sweden

We live in uncertain times. Armed conflicts are currently being waged in our corner of the world. Terrorism, cyber attacks, and disinformation campaigns are being used to undermine and influence us.

To resist these threats, we must stand united. If Sweden is attacked, everyone must do their part to defend Sweden's independence – and our democracy.

We build resilience every day, together with our loved ones, colleagues, friends, and neighbours.

In this brochure, you learn how to prepare for, and act, in case of crisis or war.

You are part of Sweden's overall emergency preparedness.

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# In uncertain times, it is important to be prepared

Military threat levels are increasing. We must be prepared for the worst-case scenario – an armed attack on Sweden.

## War – the ultimate threat to our freedom

When military violence is used to assume authority over us, our right to live a free and independent life is threatened.

However, there are other ways, besides armed conflict, to influence and undermine our society; for example, cyber attacks, disinformation campaigns, terrorism, and sabotage. These types of attacks may occur at any time. Some are happening here and now.

We can never take our freedom for granted. Our courage and will to defend our open society are vital, even though it may require us to make certain sacrifices.

If Sweden is attacked, we will never surrender.  
Any suggestion to the contrary is false.

## Other serious threats

We also need to strengthen our resilience against other serious risks and threats, including:

- Extreme weather events.
- Dangerous pathogens.
- Outages across important IT systems.
- Organised crime.



## Together we make Sweden stronger

During times of crisis or war, we all need to contribute to Sweden's resilience.

Government agencies, regional authorities and municipalities assume major responsibilities when our security is threatened. Municipalities, for example, care for the sick and elderly, and ensure that childcare and rescue services remain uninterrupted as far as possible. The private sector also contributes to our preparedness.

If a serious incident does occur, aid must be primarily focused on those who need it the most. This means that most of us must be able to manage on our own for at least a week.

Here are some examples of how you can get involved in our collective preparedness:

- Join a voluntary defence organisation that has specific duties within the framework of Sweden's total defence system. There are also other non-profit organisations and faith communities that play important roles.
- Complete a course in emergency CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).
- Donate blood if you can.
- Talk to other people in your local community about how to strengthen your collective preparedness – for example, with neighbours in your block of flats or residential area.

# Swedish defence

Sweden's total defence system comprises military and civil defence. Sweden is also part of NATO's collective defence.

## Military defence

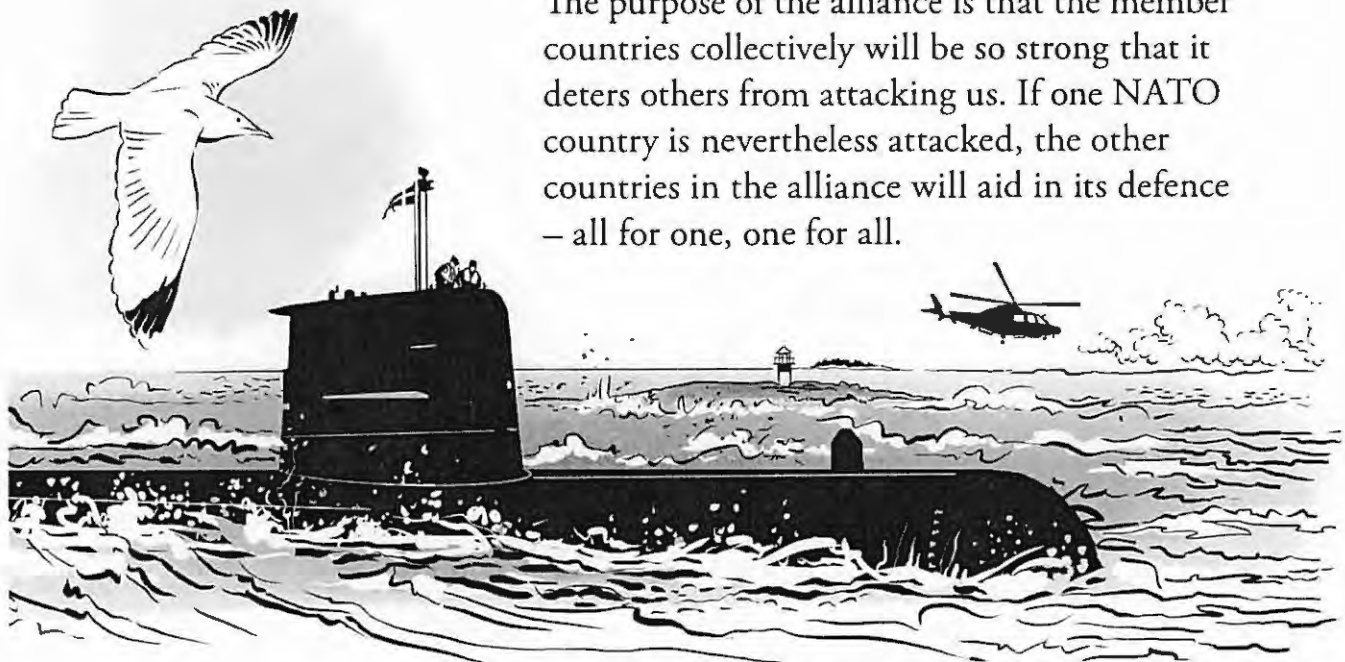
Sweden's military defence protects Sweden and its NATO allies from armed attacks, defends our national borders, and aids in conflict resolution. It comprises The Swedish Armed Forces and government agencies whose core duty is to support Sweden's military defence.

## Civil defence

Civil defence involves everyone who lives in Sweden, alongside government agencies, regional authorities, municipalities, private sector and non-profit organisations. One of the most important tasks of the civil defence is to support the military defence. Another core task is to protect the population and ensure that essential public services are uninterrupted as far as possible – even during times of war. Essential public services include energy, healthcare and transport.

## Sweden in NATO

Sweden is part of the military alliance NATO. The purpose of the alliance is that the member countries collectively will be so strong that it deters others from attacking us. If one NATO country is nevertheless attacked, the other countries in the alliance will aid in its defence – all for one, one for all.





## Heightened state of alert

In the event of war or the threat of war, the Swedish government may announce a heightened state of alert to improve the country's ability to defend itself.

A heightened state of alert requires that we unite against an aggressor, while ensuring that essential services and functions remain uninterrupted. If such an event arises, you may also be called upon to serve in various capacities.

Announcements regarding a heightened state of alert will be broadcast through various channels, including radio, TV, and teletext. The emergency alarm may also be used to signal the highest state of alert.

The emergency alarm signals that Sweden is in a state of war or imminently threatened with armed conflict. The entire total defence must be mobilised immediately, and everyone must prepare for war. The entire country has entered the highest state of alert.



# Total defence duty

From the year you turn 16 until the end of the year you turn 70, you are part of Sweden's total defence and required to serve in the event of war or the threat of war.

Total defence duty applies to all Swedish citizens living in Sweden or abroad. Total defence duty also applies to foreign nationals residing in Sweden. Total defence duty consists of:

- Military or civil defence service. During a heightened state of alert, you are to proceed immediately to the place you have been designated in your wartime posting.
- General national service. If the Swedish government activates general national service, you are to remain at work or carry out other tasks in support of Sweden's total defence system.

During a heightened state of alert, go to work as usual unless you are assigned a specific wartime posting.



# Warning systems

In the event of serious accidents, crises, threats of war, or war, warnings may be issued in various ways. Learn what the different sirens mean.

## Outdoor warning

The outdoor warning system, which uses loud sirens, is operational in most municipalities and around Sweden's nuclear power plants.

The system is tested at 3:00 pm (15:00) on the first non-public-holiday Monday in March, June, September and December.

## Public Service Announcement (PSA)



This siren sounds for 7 seconds, followed by 14 seconds of silence. The pattern repeats for 2 minutes.

Go indoors, close all windows and doors and, if possible, switch off the ventilation. Listen to Swedish public broadcaster Sveriges Radio, channel P4 for more information.

The emergency warning and information system, PSA (Public Service Announcement), is used in emergency situations; for example, in case of hazardous air-quality events or fires that may emit toxic fumes or cause explosions. Public Service Announcements are broadcast primarily through:

- Sveriges Radio, SVT (Swedish public service television), SVT teletext, as well as commercial radio and TV channels.
- Apps that include krisinformation.se, SOS Alarm emergency services, Sveriges Radio, and SVT.
- Text messages sent to mobile phones in the affected area.

## Emergency alarm



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The siren sounds for 30 seconds, followed by 15 seconds of silence. The pattern is repeated for 5 minutes.

Go indoors. Listen to channel P4 on the Swedish public broadcaster Sveriges Radio. An emergency alarm means that the entire country is in the highest state of alert. If you are a member of the armed forces or serve in the civil defence, proceed immediately to your designated wartime posting. If your wartime posting is your current workplace, follow your employer's instructions.

## Air raid warning



This siren consists of short bursts, which sound for 1 minute.

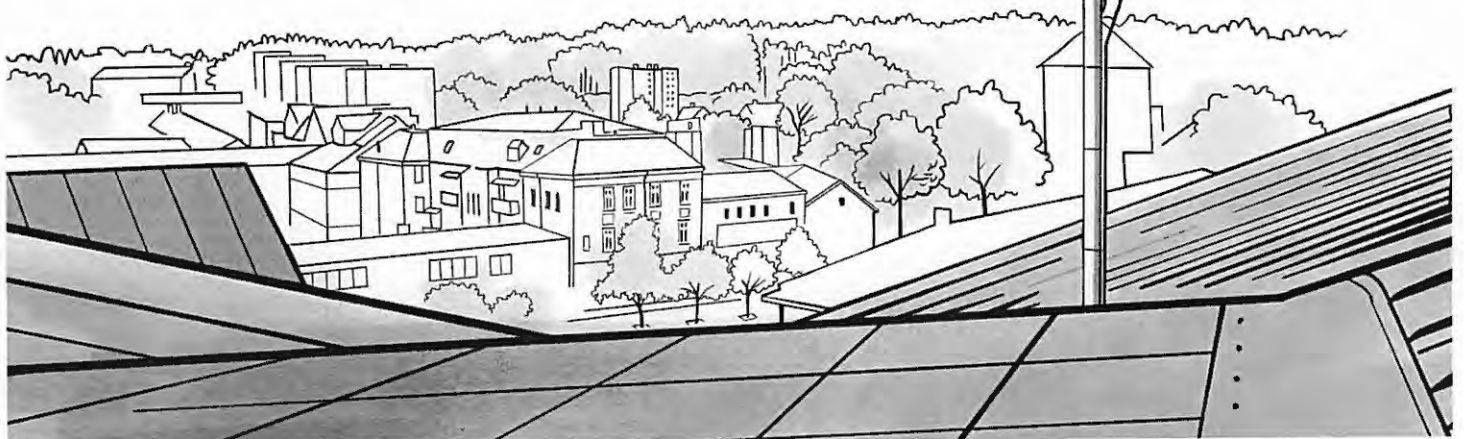
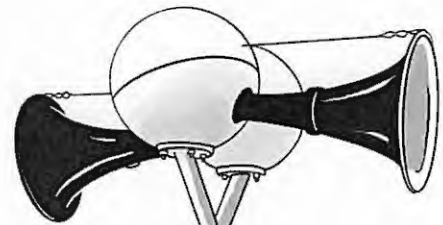
Take cover immediately – for example, in a civil defence shelter, cellar or other protective structure. You will have better protection indoors than outdoors, preferably in a room without windows.

## All clear



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A long, uninterrupted siren lasting 30 seconds.



# Seeking shelter during an air raid

If there is an air raid, you must immediately take cover in a shelter or other protective place. Choose the nearest one. You may also need to evacuate an area in the event of a possible military offensive.

Warnings are broadcast through a variety of channels, including air raid warning and the Swedish public broadcaster Sveriges Radio, channel P4.

Civil defence shelters provide protection against shockwaves and bomb fragments. They also protect against the blast and heat waves from a nuclear weapon. Shelters provide better protection than other spaces when it comes to radioactive fallout, gas from chemical weapons, and biological weapons.

## Other places in which to seek shelter

Cellars, garages and below-ground metro stations also provide cover during an air raid. Tunnels and walls can also offer some protection. Being indoors is better than outdoors, preferably in a room without windows.

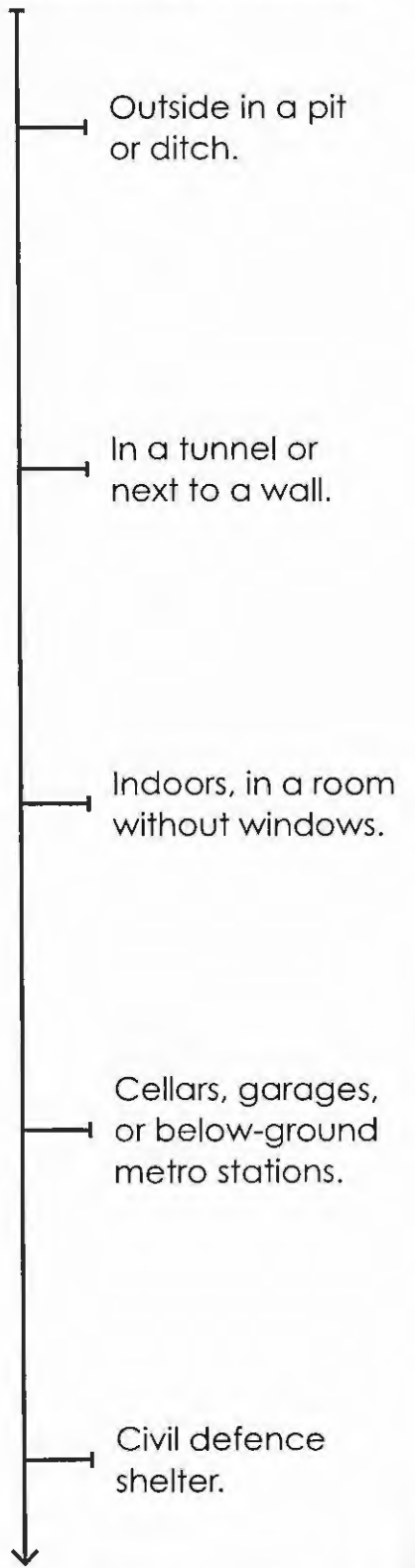
If you are outside and don't have time to take cover, you must lie down on the ground. Preferably in a small pit or ditch.

When you hear the "All clear" siren, you may leave your shelter. Help people who are injured or trapped.

## Nuclear weapons

The elevated global threat level increases the risk that nuclear weapons may be used. During attacks in which nuclear, chemical or biological weapons are used, take cover as you would during an air raid. Civil defence shelters provide the best protection. Radiation levels will lower drastically after a couple of days.

**Rudimentary protection**



Outside in a pit or ditch.

In a tunnel or next to a wall.

Indoors, in a room without windows.

Cellars, garages, or below-ground metro stations.

Civil defence shelter.

**Most effective protection**





# Home preparedness

You contribute to our collective preparedness if you can manage on your own for at least one week.

Adapt the advice in the checklists to your specific needs and situation. You may be able to share some things with others – for example, with your neighbours. In times of crisis or war, we all must help one another.

Prepare ahead of time, so you don't have to rush out when something serious happens.

## Water

You require at least three litres of water a day, mainly for drinking and cooking. In case of a drinking-water shortage, your municipality can provide public water tanks. However, you still need to keep some water at home for emergencies.

- Get water storage containers or buckets with lids for collecting water.
- Buy bottled water or fill up storage containers.
- Store water in a dark and cool place. Check if the water tastes or smells unusual once or twice a year. Change the water when necessary.
- If you are unsure if water is safe to drink, boil it until it comes to a roiling boil.



Store water in plastic bottles and put them in your freezer. The bottles can be used as ice packs if the electricity cuts out. When the ice has melted, you can drink the water. Don't fill the bottles all the way to the top – they may crack when frozen.

## Heat

Your home's indoor temperature will drop quickly if the electricity cuts out during winter. Gather in one room, drape blankets over the windows, and cover the floor with rugs. Good things to keep at home:

- Warm, all-weather outdoor clothing, clothes made of wool, thick socks, beanies, gloves, and scarves.
- Blankets, sleeping mats, and sleeping bags.
- Alternative heat sources that don't require electricity – for example, a gas or paraffin heater.
- Candles, tea lights, and fuel for heat sources.
- Matches, fire-starters, and a fire extinguisher.



If you are using alternative heat sources, please take the necessary precautions. Open a window to let in breathable air, and make sure to switch off heat sources before going to sleep.

## Communication

You must be able to receive news and important information from government authorities. You must also be able to stay in contact with family and friends. Good things to keep at home:

- Radio powered by batteries, solar panels or a winding mechanism.
- Extra batteries.
- Mobile phone and a charged power bank.
- Phone charger for a car.
- Important phone numbers written down on paper.



The Swedish public broadcaster Sveriges Radio, channel P4, is the official channel for emergency information. It will continue to broadcast in the event of crisis or war. Find the frequency for your local P4 channel at [krisinformation.se](http://krisinformation.se).



## Food

You need food that is filling, energy-rich and that can be stored safely at room temperature. Get food that can be prepared quickly, requires very little water, or that can be eaten immediately. Start building up your emergency storage by simply buying one or two additional items when doing your regular shopping. Good things to keep at home:

- Non-perishables:** Grains, cereal, pasta, rice, couscous, instant mashed potatoes, milk powder, tortillas, crispbread, crackers, salt, and spices.
- Tinned goods:** Tomatoes, vegetables, fruit, and ready-to-eat meals.
- High-protein:** Dried or tinned meat and fish, chickpeas, beans, lentils, and cheese in a tube.
- High-fat:** Cooking oil, pesto, sun-dried tomatoes in oil, tapenade, peanut butter, nuts and seeds.
- Energy boosts:** Fruit custard, jam, chocolate, honey, protein bars, and dried fruit.
- Drinks:** Coffee, tea, hot chocolate mix, blueberry and rosehip soup, juice, or milk.
- Food for children:** Gruel, infant formula, oatmeal, and baby food.



Make use of available fruits and berries. Grow edible food in your garden, on your balcony, or on a windowsill.

## Currency

The ability to make payments in various ways increases your emergency preparedness. You should use cash occasionally. Good to have:

- Enough cash for at least one week, preferably in different denominations.
- Other payment options – for example, debit or credit cards and digital services.

## Toilet

If there's no water – for example, as the result of a power cut – you will not be able to flush your toilet. Prepare to dispose of waste in other ways and maintain good hygiene.

You may urinate in the toilet even if you can't flush it. Discard toilet paper in a garbage can or bucket with a lid.

To dispose of excrement, fit a plastic bag or garbage bag in your toilet bowl or use a portable toilet or a bucket with a lid. Cover the excrement with compost litter or sawdust. Your municipality will provide information on where to discard waste.

Good to keep at home:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper.              | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bags or garbage bags. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wet wipes, hand sanitiser. | <input type="checkbox"/> Compost litter or sawdust.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diapers, menstrual pads.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bucket with a lid.            |



To reduce odour buildup, avoid mixing urine and excrement.

## Other

Good to keep at home:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping stove, gas burner, fuel. | <input type="checkbox"/> Torch, headlamp.                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home pharmacy, first aid kit.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tin opener.                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matches, fire striker.           | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel in the car tank or a charged battery. |



If you require prescription medicines or disposable products – for example, if you have diabetes – make sure to keep a month's supply at home.

# Evacuation

You may have to quickly evacuate an area in the event of an impending military attack, natural disaster, or hazardous emissions.

Evacuation instructions will be announced through a variety of channels, including the Public Service Announcement (PSA) system. Switch on the Swedish public broadcaster Sveriges Radio, channel P4, and follow instructions from government authorities.

If you are unable to evacuate on your own, assistance will be provided as well as emergency living quarters and food when you arrive at a secure location.

## Things to bring

Make a list of essential belongings if you are required to quickly evacuate and unable to return home for a while. Here are some tips for what to bring:

- Food and water to last a few days.
- Photo ID, debit or credit card, and cash.
- Medicines and aids; for example, hearing aids.
- Radio powered by batteries, solar panels or winding mechanism.
- Warm clothing, water-resistant outerwear and extra sets of clothing.
- Toiletries and hygiene products.
- Mobile phone and charger.
- Map, compass.
- Important information written on paper; for example, phone numbers and insurance information.





## Civil defence shelter

You are not designated a specific civil defence shelter – evacuate to the nearest one. At [msb.se](http://msb.se), you'll find a map pinpointing all shelters in Sweden.

A shelter should have water and basic toilet facilities. If you have time, bring something to eat, warm clothes and toiletries. Be prepared to stay in the shelter for a few days.

During peace time, shelters may be used for other activities. However, they are required to be reset and available within 48 hours should the need arise. During a heightened state of alert, the property owner is obligated to ensure that the shelter is properly prepared.

Shelters are marked with a sign – a blue triangle inside an orange rectangle. This symbol means the premises are protected under the laws of war.

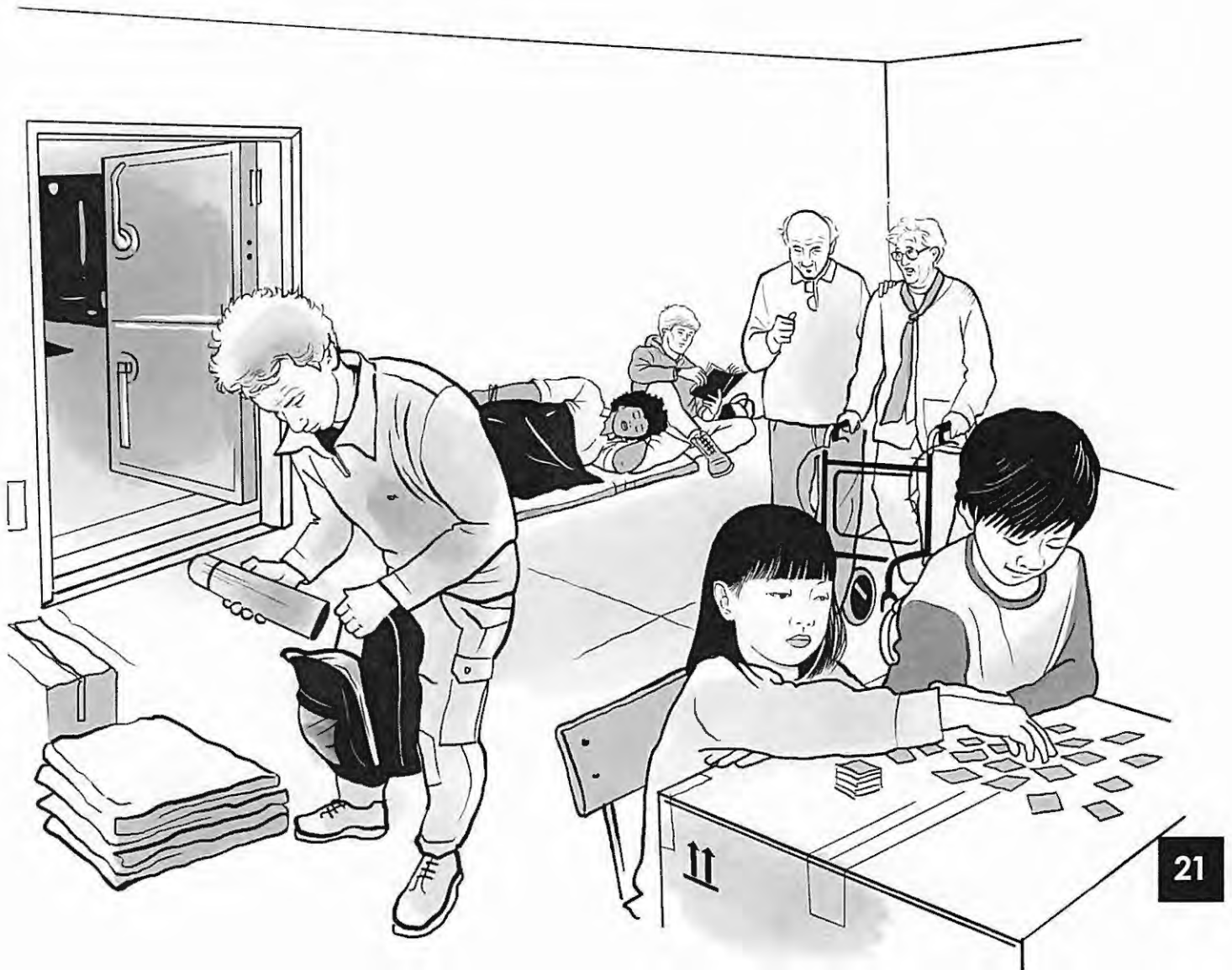


## Nearest civil defence shelter

If you require shelter in case of a heightened state of alert, you have the right to enter the shelter that is nearest to your location.



Locate shelters or other protective structures close to your home, school and workplace.



# Psychological defence

Foreign powers and others outside Sweden use disinformation, misinformation and propaganda to influence us.

Attempts to influence us, primarily through online platforms and social media, occur on a daily basis. The goal of these actions is to sow mistrust and erode our will to defend ourselves.

Those seeking to influence us may do so in the following ways:

- Spreading lies, false narratives, or stories that are partially true, but taken out of context.
- Manufacturing fake images, videos or voice recordings.
- Attempts to elicit strong emotions related to certain issues or events to heighten a sense of worry or suspicion towards each other.

How you can contribute to our collective resilience:

- Be mindful of content that elicits a strong reaction.
- Only share information you know comes from reliable sources.
- Try to verify information from several different sources.
- Get verification from official government sources when something serious has happened.



# Digital security

Digitalisation can make us vulnerable to cyber attacks that knock out critical IT systems.

You play a part in strengthening Sweden's resilience by handling information in a safe and secure way, both at home and at work.

Tips to get started:

- Create strong passwords that use a combination of letters, numbers and symbols.
- Don't click on links in emails, or open attachments from unknown senders.
- Install security updates immediately.
- Perform regular backups of important information to an external hard drive, USB drive or cloud service.



# Terror attacks

Terror attacks and armed aggression can be directed at people or vital infrastructure, such as transport systems or the electrical grid. If you are affected, act immediately.



## Run

Get far away from the location.

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## Hide

Lock yourself in a room or hide if you can't run away. Put your phone on silent mode.

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## Tell

Call 112 and report what has happened.

### Things to consider:

- Only call if you need to request help, so as not to overload the network.
- Follow instructions from the police, rescue services and government agencies.
- Do not spread rumours or unverified information about what is happening.
- Do not call anyone who may be in danger. You might reveal their hiding place.



# How to stop bleeding

Make sure you and the injured person are safe before assisting them. This is how you stop severe bleeding:



Phone emergency services at 112 or ask someone else to phone them.

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Apply direct, firm pressure on the wound with your arms extended in an outstretched position, preferably using a bunched-up t-shirt, scarf or similar item.

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If you become fatigued or require assistance, ask someone to apply pressure on top of your hands.

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Maintain pressure until an ambulance arrives, and the paramedics say that you can release pressure.

# Extreme weather events

Extreme weather events, including heavy rain, floods and heatwaves, are becoming increasingly common. The risk of natural disasters, such as landslides or forest fires, is also on the rise.

Take the following steps to increase your preparedness in support of government authorities:

- Find information through your municipality's website or [msb.se](https://www.msb.se) about the risk of, and preparedness for, landslides, erosion and flooding where you live.
- Visit [msb.se](https://www.msb.se) or [krisinformation.se](https://www.krisinformation.se) to get advice on how to prepare for extreme weather.
- Find out if there is a fire ban in your area before you ignite a fire or grill. Information is available at [krisinformation.se](https://www.krisinformation.se) and other websites.
- Pay attention to the weather forecast and download apps that provide weather warnings; for example, [krisinformation.se](https://www.krisinformation.se), the Swedish public broadcaster Sveriges Radio, and SMHI Väder. All issued warnings should be taken seriously.

In case of extreme weather events or natural disasters, switch on the Swedish public broadcaster Sveriges Radio, channel P4, to get information and further instructions; for example, if you need to boil your tap water or if your area needs to be evacuated.



# Pathogens

Infectious diseases can spread quickly and cause major outbreaks.

If an infectious disease has begun to spread, government agencies will provide recommendations on how to protect yourself and others.

- Stay up to date on information from your municipality, your regional infectious disease specialist, and government agencies.
- Help reduce the spread of the disease by following the recommendations from government agencies.



# If you require special assistance

Individuals who currently receive special assistance from their municipality will continue to receive assistance in the event of crisis or war. However, you must still observe emergency preparedness practices in accordance with your specific needs.

- Talk to your family, friends, neighbours, assistants or care administrator about what help you may require.
- Make a crisis emergency plan that also includes important information about things like prescription medicines and other medical aids.
- Prepare for transport to a shelter or other protected areas.
- Use your phone's accessibility features to receive the most important information.
- If you are hearing impaired, use the app from [krisinformation.se](https://www.krisinformation.se) and switch on notifications to receive Public Service Announcements (PSAs).
- If you are visually impaired, use text-to-speech tools or screen readers to receive information from government authorities.
- Guide dogs or service dogs are allowed in civil defence shelters.



Get more information at [msb.se](https://www.msb.se) or [krisinformation.se](https://www.krisinformation.se).

# If you have pets

You are responsible for the care and wellbeing of your pet in the event of crisis or war. Make sure you have supplies at home to last at least a week.

In the event of an air raid, you may bring your pet to protective structures like cellars, garages and metro stations. If you must leave your pet at home – and it can manage free access to food – leave additional food and water.



Good to keep at home:

- Dry food and water in storage containers.
- Medicines for the animal.
- A cage or other way to transport the animal.
- Handwritten phone number to your veterinarian, insurance information and ID number.



If you own horses or livestock, more information about emergency preparedness is available at [jordbruksverket.se](http://jordbruksverket.se).

# If you are worried

Uncertain times can make people feel worried and anxious. Here are some tips on how to manage your anxiety:

- Talk to family, friends, neighbours or a mental health organisation about your feelings. It can help you feel less alone.
- Get involved – for example, by helping others improve their emergency preparedness. This can give you a sense of purpose.
- Take care of your personal health. Good food, sleep and physical exercise relieve stress and improve wellbeing.
- Restrict your news intake. Find a level that works for you and spend more time doing things that make you feel good.
- Seek professional help if you have severe anxiety.

## Talking to children about crises and war

Children of various ages express worry in different ways. Be present and pay attention to signs of stress or concern.

- Explain the situation to the child.
- Listen and invite to a conversation.
- Only talk about verified information. Avoid unnecessary details.
- If you don't have all the answers, be honest and admit it.
- Plan activities with the child to help shift their focus.



## Important phone numbers

### 112

For acute emergencies – ambulance, rescue services, and police.

### 114 14

For non-emergency contact with the police.

### 113 13

To receive or provide information about serious accidents and crises.

### 1177

Medical assistance if you are injured or sick.

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## More information

### [MSB.se](#)

More information about emergency preparedness in the event of crisis or war, including videos, exercises and courses offered by The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency.

### [Forsvarsmakten.se](#)

About the military defence of Sweden and its allies.

### [Krisinformation.se](#)

Emergency information from Swedish government authorities.

### [Lilla.krisinformation.se](#)

Information about crisis and war suitable for children and younger audiences.

## Public Service Announcement (PSA)



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Go indoors, close all windows and doors and, if possible, switch off the ventilation. Listen to the Swedish public broadcaster Sveriges Radio, channel P4.

## Emergency alarm



The siren sounds for 30 seconds, followed by 15 seconds of silence. The pattern is repeated for 5 minutes.

Listen to the Swedish public broadcaster Sveriges Radio, channel P4. If you are in the military service or civil service, proceed immediately to the place you have been designated.

## Air raid warning



The siren consists of short bursts, which sound for 1 minute.

Immediately seek a civil defence shelter or another protective place. Choose the nearest one.

## All clear



A long, uninterrupted siren lasting 30 seconds.



**SB-308-SD-2**

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Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Frank Barber Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

2nd amendment

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 3:55:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha State Legislators,

Aloha. Good morning/or afternoon. I'm reaching out as a law abiding, U.S. citizen. I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Allan Sebastian

Pahala, HI 96777

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 4:04:34 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

ChatGPT said:

I strongly oppose Hawaii Senate Bill 308, which seeks to impose restrictions on magazines with a capacity greater than 30 rounds. This arbitrary limit fails to address the real issues surrounding gun violence and responsible firearm ownership. There are a multitude of firearms on the market, both for self-defense and sporting purposes, that are designed to hold more than 30 rounds as a standard feature. These firearms are commonly used by law-abiding citizens for various legal purposes, including target shooting and hunting, and imposing such a limit would unfairly penalize responsible gun owners.

Furthermore, the 30-round capacity limit is entirely arbitrary, as there is no clear evidence to suggest that limiting magazine capacity directly impacts public safety or reduces crime. Restricting law-abiding citizens' access to magazines with greater capacities will not address the root causes of violence and will only serve to infringe on their Second Amendment rights. We should focus on policies that target criminal behavior rather than imposing blanket restrictions that disproportionately affect responsible firearm owners.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 4:13:50 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Unconstitutional waste of money. The courts have protected the 2nd ammendment rights for magazine capacity.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 4:40:50 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 4:44:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose!

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 5:00:32 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DAVE SMITH	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

As a member of the Big Island Community I implore you to vote no on these bills.

Gun magazine bans, which limit the number of rounds a firearm can hold, are often proposed as a way to reduce gun violence, particularly in mass shootings. However, there's a case to be made that they don't work as intended, and here's why.

First, the practical impact on shooters is minimal. Reloading a firearm takes seconds—experienced shooters can swap magazines in under two seconds, and even novices can do it quickly with minimal practice. In a mass shooting scenario, where victims are often unarmed and chaos reigns, this brief pause doesn't meaningfully hinder the attacker or provide a window for intervention. Look at the 2012 Aurora theater shooting: the shooter used a 100-round drum magazine, which notoriously jammed, yet he still fired 76 rounds by switching to other weapons. A ban on high-capacity magazines wouldn't have stopped him—he adapted on the spot.

Second, enforcement is a nightmare. Millions of standard-capacity magazines (typically 10-30 rounds) are already in circulation, legally owned by civilians. The ATF estimated in 1994, during the federal assault weapons ban, that there were tens of millions of these magazines out there. No buyback or confiscation program could realistically collect them all, especially since many owners wouldn't comply. Criminals, who don't follow laws by definition, would keep or source them illegally anyway. The 1994-2004 federal ban saw no measurable drop in gun homicides, per studies like the 2004 DOJ report, partly because pre-ban magazines stayed widely available.

Third, the focus on magazine size ignores the bigger picture of gun violence. Most gun deaths—over 60% in the U.S., according to CDC data—are suicides, where magazine capacity is irrelevant. Homicides, often tied to gang activity or domestic disputes, typically involve far fewer rounds than any magazine limit would restrict. A 2013 study from the FBI found that the average number of shots fired in criminal assaults is under 4. Mass shootings, while horrific, are statistically rare, making up less than 1% of gun deaths annually. Targeting magazines feels like a solution mismatched to the problem.

Lastly, bans spark workarounds. Shooters can carry multiple guns or magazines—Virginia Tech (2007) saw 174 rounds fired with 10- and 15-round magazines, legally compliant at the time. 3D printing now lets anyone make high-capacity magazines at home, bypassing laws entirely.

Tech's only gotten better since then.

The argument isn't that magazine bans are inherently bad policy—just that they don't deliver the promised results. They're a feel-good measure that doesn't address root causes or adapt to real-world behavior. Data and history suggest the juice isn't worth the squeeze.

Thank you for your review and no vote.

Mahalo,

Dave Smith



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 5:06:24 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose. There is already a lawsuit here about this. Wait till that plays out. Also, in the last hearings, the AG's office was absent and so was HPD. We call this a clue.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 5:08:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose this bill. This will only cost the state more money to defend in a lawsuit. Add in that this is not a true grandfather clause which was agreed upon in the prior committee.

## TESTIMONY OF ELLEN GODBEY CARSON IN SUPPORT OF SB 308

I practiced law in Hawaii for 30 years, serving as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association and Hawaii Women Lawyers. I became an attorney to protect the constitutional rights of vulnerable persons in our country, including persons victimized by gun violence. While now retired, I still believe this is a critical goal in our state.

**I support SB 308’s ban on large capacity magazines (LCMs), but request amendment back to the original SB308 language, to (1) prohibit magazines over 10 rounds for any civilian firearms (including rifles); and (2) remove the new exemption for magazines obtained before 1/1/2026.**

Hawai’i is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns and LCMs for those weapons, as shown below:

**U.S. assault weapons bans by jurisdiction**

Jurisdiction	Status	By make or model	Semiauto rifles	Semiauto pistols	Shotguns	Features test	Magazine capacity
California <sup>[34]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Connecticut <sup>[35]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Delaware <sup>[36]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	17
District of Columbia <sup>[37]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Hawaii <sup>[38]</sup>	In force			X		X	10 (pistols)
Illinois <sup>[39]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10 (15 for handguns)
Maryland <sup>[40]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Massachusetts <sup>[41]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
New Jersey <sup>[42]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
New York <sup>[43]</sup>	In force		X	X	X	X	10
Washington <sup>[44]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10

Source: [Assault weapons legislation in the United States - Wikipedia](#)

Hawaii long ago banned assault pistols/revolvers and detachable LCMs for those weapons, but in a dangerous political compromise, allowed the proliferation of assault rifles and LCMs for rifles. **The current version fo SB308 is a step in the right direction but again is a dangerous political compromise, by allowing magazines holding up to 30 rounds for rifles, including assault rifles.** This invites mass shootings and violence within our shores.

The NRA and gun clubs are vocal, but they are a small minority and do not reflect the great majority in our community on this issue. The vast majority of Americans SUPPORT banning assault rifles and high-capacity magazines.

The NRA and gun groups argue that their Second Amendment rights are violated whenever limits are placed on guns and ammunition. That is untrue. The U.S. Supreme Court has clearly held that the Second Amendment right “is not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose.” *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 626 (2008).

State Assault Weapons Bans have been upheld by multiple federal courts of appeal and the Supreme Court has declined to overturn the many challenges to those bans. So every other state banning assault weapons includes assault rifles, assault shotguns and large capacity magazines, while Hawaii fails to fill those gaping holes in our laws. We need this bill to ban large capacity magazines for ALL weapons.

The 1994 federal Assault Weapons Ban prohibited assault rifles, assault pistols and LCMs (over 10 rounds) for them, until it expired by its own terms in 2004. Sadly, the national political climate has not allowed the re-enactment of that ban on a federal level, despite studies showing its effectiveness. The Giffords Law Cent reports that:

Studies have found that the federal ban on large capacity magazines helped to prevent violence and the use of high-capacity magazines in crime during the 10 years in which it was in effect. During the 10-year period the federal assault weapons and large capacity magazine ban was in effect, mass shooting fatalities were 70% less likely to occur compared to the periods before and after the ban. While the federal assault weapons and large capacity ammunition ban was in effect, the number of high-fatality mass shootings fell by 37%, and the number of people dying in such shootings fell by 43%. When the ban lapsed in 2004, there was a 183% increase in high-fatality mass shootings and a 239% increase in deaths from such shootings.

<https://lawcenter.giffords.org/gun-laws/policy-areas/hardware-ammunition/large-capacity-magazines/>

Banning assault rifles and LCMs over 10 rounds for all civilian firearms in Hawai'i, is important because they are designed to be capable of mass violence; their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and LCMs in Hawai'i.

Ellen Godbey Carson,

Honolulu, Hawaii

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 5:35:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 5:40:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wayne Asam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**To the Members of the Hawaii State Legislature**

Senate Chambers

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

**Subject: Strong Opposition to S.B. 308 – Relating to Firearms**

Dear Honorable Senators,

I am writing to express my firm opposition to Senate Bill 308 (S.B. 308, S.D. 2), which seeks to expand prohibitions on detachable ammunition magazines by banning those with a capacity exceeding ten rounds for pistols and thirty rounds for all other firearms. While I understand the intent to enhance public safety, this legislation is deeply flawed, infringes upon constitutional rights, lacks evidence-based justification, and imposes undue burdens on law-abiding citizens. I urge you to reject this bill and consider more effective, less restrictive alternatives.

**1. Violation of Constitutional Rights**

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms, a right affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) and extended to the states in *McDonald v. City of Chicago* (2010). Furthermore, the recent *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* (2022) decision clarified that firearm regulations must be consistent with the nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation. S.B. 308’s arbitrary magazine capacity limits fail this test, as no historical precedent exists for banning standard-capacity magazines commonly used for self-defense and sporting purposes. Hawaii’s citizens, like all Americans, have a constitutionally protected right to possess firearms and their standard components—magazines included—without excessive government overreach.

**2. Lack of Evidence Supporting Effectiveness**

Proponents of magazine capacity restrictions often argue they reduce gun violence, yet there is no conclusive evidence to support this claim. The 1994-2004 Federal Assault Weapons Ban, which included a magazine capacity limit, was extensively studied, and the U.S. Department of Justice found no clear reduction in crime attributable to the ban (Koper et al., 2004). Criminals,

by definition, do not comply with laws, and those intent on harm can easily circumvent magazine restrictions by carrying multiple magazines or using illegal means to acquire them. Meanwhile, law-abiding citizens are left disadvantaged, unable to rely on standard-capacity magazines for self-defense in critical situations where reloading may not be feasible.

### **3. Arbitrary and Impractical Restrictions**

The distinction between a ten-round limit for pistols and a thirty-round limit for other firearms is arbitrary and ignores the practical realities of firearm use. Many modern firearms—whether pistols, rifles, or shotguns—are designed with magazines exceeding these thresholds as standard equipment. For example, popular self-defense handguns like the Glock 17 come with 17-round magazines, and rifles like the AR-15 typically use 30-round magazines. These are not “high-capacity” outliers; they are industry standards. By criminalizing possession of such magazines (with a limited grandfather clause), S.B. 308 effectively penalizes law-abiding gun owners for owning equipment that is widely accepted and legally purchased today.

Moreover, the bill’s exemption for magazines legally obtained before January 1, 2026, creates a confusing and unenforceable patchwork. How will law enforcement distinguish between “pre-ban” and “post-ban” magazines, especially when many lack serial numbers or date markings? This provision invites arbitrary enforcement and risks turning honest citizens into felons over technicalities.

### **4. Impact on Self-Defense and Law-Abiding Citizens**

In a self-defense scenario, every round counts. A homeowner facing multiple intruders or a citizen defending their family in a remote area of Hawaii—where police response times can be delayed—may need more than ten or thirty rounds to neutralize a threat. Restricting magazine capacity places an undue burden on individuals exercising their natural right to self-preservation, a right recognized under both the U.S. and Hawaii Constitutions. Criminals, meanwhile, will not hesitate to ignore these restrictions, leaving law-abiding citizens at a dangerous disadvantage.

### **5. Economic and Cultural Consequences**

Hawaii’s vibrant shooting sports community, including hunters, competitive shooters, and recreational enthusiasts, will suffer under S.B. 308. Many popular firearms used in these activities rely on magazines exceeding the proposed limits. Forcing residents to discard or modify their legally acquired property—or face felony charges—imposes a financial burden and erodes a lawful cultural tradition. Small businesses, such as gun shops and ranges, will also lose revenue as customers shy away from purchasing restricted firearms and accessories.

### **A Call for Reasoned Alternatives**

If the goal is to enhance public safety, the Legislature should focus on measures that target actual criminal behavior rather than symbolic restrictions on inanimate objects. Strengthening mental health resources, enforcing existing firearm laws, and investing in community-based violence



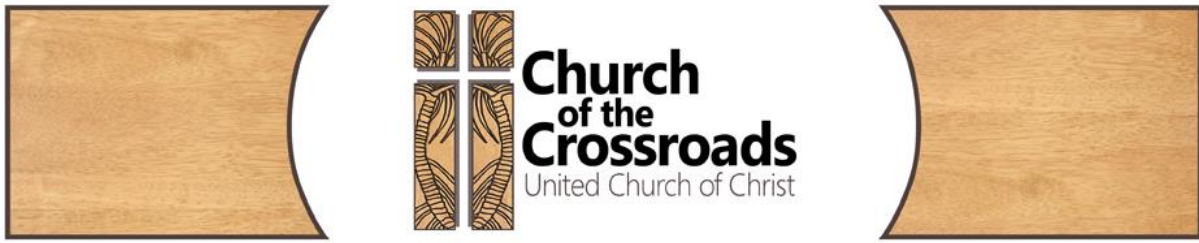
prevention programs have proven more effective than magazine bans. These approaches address root causes without punishing law-abiding citizens or infringing on their rights.

## **Conclusion**

S.B. 308 is an ill-conceived overreach that undermines constitutional protections, lacks empirical support, and disproportionately harms law-abiding Hawaii residents. I implore you to vote against this bill and protect the rights and freedoms of your constituents. Let us work together toward solutions that address crime without sacrificing liberty.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am available to discuss this matter further and would welcome the opportunity to provide additional input.

Sincerely,  
Wayne Asam  
President/Mid-Pacific Pistol League



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

**Testimony of the Church of the Crossroads IN SUPPORT OF SB 308**

The Church of the Crossroads was founded in 1922 as Hawaii’s first intentionally multiracial church. We are a Just Peace Church of approximately 180 members. We have voted unanimously to support a ban on all assault weapons and large capacity magazines, and ask for your support in accomplishing this ban.

**We support SB 308’s ban on large capacity magazines (LCMs), but request amendment back to the original SB 308 language, to (1) prohibit magazines over 10 rounds for any civilian firearms (including rifles); and (2) remove the new exemption for magazines of up to 30 rounds, obtained before 1/1/2026.**

Hawai’i is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that **fails** to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns and large capacity magazines for those weapons. Our current law only applies to assault pistols/revolvers, and large detachable ammunition magazines (more than 10 rounds) for pistols.

**U.S. assault weapons bans by jurisdiction**

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Source: [Assault weapons legislation in the United States - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assault_weapons_legislation_in_the_United_States)

These gaping holes in our assault weapons ban make no sense and endanger us all. Every year that we fail to pass a comprehensive assault weapons and LCM ban, we allow more and more assault rifles and large capacity magazines to be bought, amassed and used in this state. This bill would finally ban large capacity magazines for all civilian firearms.

Hawaii long ago banned assault pistols/revolvers and detachable LCMs for those weapons, but in a dangerous political compromise, allowed the proliferation of assault rifles and LCMs for rifles. **The current version for SB308 is a step in the right direction but again is a dangerous political compromise, by allowing magazines holding up to 30 rounds for rifles, including assault rifles.** This invites mass shootings and violence within our shores. **Please amend this bill to put a limit of 10 rounds on all civilian firearm magazines.**

Hawai'i is not immune to mass shootings, as we know from our tragic history in that regard. Our schools drill our students each year on how to try to survive an active shooter situation. Yet our laws have gaping loopholes that facilitate gun violence.

Thoughts and prayers are not enough to combat gun violence. Action is needed. The legislature must do its part by enacting safer gun laws that can reduce future risks of gun violence.

The 1994 federal Assault Weapons Ban prohibited a wide range of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. It resulted in fewer mass shootings. Sadly, it was allowed to expire in 2004 and Congress has failed to re-enact it. Hawai'i can and should expand our own assault weapons law to fill this void.

Banning assault weapons and large capacity magazines is important because these weapons are uniquely designed to be capable of mass violence. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The rate of public mass shootings has tripled since 2011. The US now has more mass shootings each year than there are days in the year. We should do our best to prevent another mass shooting here. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and large capacity magazines in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Godbey Carson, for the Church of the Crossroads

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 6:00:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 6:26:31 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom this may concern,

I strongly oppose this bill, it's an overreach from government and infringes on our second amendment rights. This bill will turn law abiding citizens like me and so many others in to criminals overnight. Hawaii already has one of the strictest gun laws in the nation. It also has one of the lowest gun crime rates in the nation. Please take all this in to consideration and vote no on this bill and protect our constitution.

Mahalo

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 6:30:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it does not protect citizens but rather protects criminals from citizens by giving us a disadvantage in force.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 6:32:44 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is an attack on the 2nd amendment with no real affect on the world around us. When was the last time a crime was committed with a 50 caliber weapon in Hawaii? How does this have positive effects on our community?

this is a violation of multiple Supreme Court precisent such as Bruen, Heller, and Caetano. I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 6:33:52 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha!

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB308, which aims to ban high capacity magazines. I believe that this legislation is misguided and will not effectively address the issue of violent crimes in our communities.

First and foremost, banning high capacity magazines will not prevent criminals from obtaining and using them in the commission of violent crimes. Criminals do not abide by gun laws and will continue to find ways to illegally obtain these magazines, regardless of any bans put in place, rendering a ban on high capacity magazines ineffective in stopping violent crimes.

Furthermore, there is no reasonably efficient way to register magazines that are grandfathered under this legislation. The logistics of implementing a registration system for millions of magazines across the state would be incredibly burdensome and costly. This would place an undue burden on law-abiding gun owners and divert resources away from more effective crime prevention measures.

Instead of focusing on ineffective bans and restrictions, we should be looking for comprehensive solutions to address the root causes of violent crime. This includes improving mental health services, addressing poverty and inequality, and investing in community policing initiatives.

SB308 is not the answer to addressing violent crimes in our communities. I urge you to reject this legislation and instead focus on evidence-based solutions that will make our communities safer for all residents.

Sincerely,

Josh Stueber



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 6:44:15 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello and thank you for your time I highly oppose of Bill SB 308. It does nothing but strongly violates our second amendment rights. The rights for our freedoms and the rights to protect ourselves and families. We are law abiding citizens not criminals. Thank you very much for your time aloha

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 6:45:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please support this important bill. Mahalo.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 7:23:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Christopher Rafael	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it goes against my 2nd amendment right to keep and bear arms which is guaranteed to me by the Constitution of the United States. The Supreme Law of the Land. The framer of the Constitution are not fools like the ones that created this bill.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 7:32:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing today in strong opposition to SB308. This bill is a direct infringement of all American citizens 2nd amendment rights. I understand the amendments made to this bill but I also see how this bill is not enforceable and is unnecessary to make Hawaiian residents safer. This bill is unconstitutional, is ordinating law abiding citizens and most importantly, would not prevent a crime but could be used against someone defending their life as the result.

A magazine has been determined by courts to be an integral piece of equipment necessary for the functioning of a firearm and is a protected piece of "arms." This would make it necessary for the item to be protected under the 2nd amendment of the United States of Americas Constitution and the Hawai'i State Constitution. The ability for the free people to keep and bear arms is an inalienable right. This is not a privilege and cannot be taken away by a government for the law abiding citizens of this nation.

Court cases that can be used to analyze alongside this would be Bruen, Heller and Caetano decisions. Bruen requires to show historical intentions and find bases for scrutiny under the foundation of this nations laws as well as if something is dangerous and unusual. Standard capacity magazines are commonly used as well as magazines with higher capacities for firearms and this is not something limited by historical precedent. This is not usually dangerous and is in fact ordinary and numbers range likely in the millions of magazines owned by legal firearm owning American citizens. The Heller decision makes claims that the 2nd amendment is in fact an individual right and protected for citizens outside of their home. The ability to defend one's self is an inalienable right and placing magazine capacity limits actually makes law abiding citizens less safe. A criminal can simply obtain one of these non federally regulated parts (larger than standard capacity magazines) and use it against a law abiding citizen. The Caetano case allowed for the possession of a stun gun; referencing that it was something in common use and is a protected arm due to 200,000 being in possession of American citizens. The magazines looking to be banned are in much larger numbers within just this state alone, not considering the massive amount owned throughout the country. This will not prevent people from obtaining them and is arguably hardly enforceable. Will the police come door to door to collect magazines with higher than 30 round capacity? If not then the best this bill would do is cause for more charges after the fact of crime being committed and not prevent the crime and harm done by a criminal. So it wouldn't prevent a crime and that person committing the crime who gets caught could simply be

charged for whatever they did illegally with a firearm. It is unnecessary and redundant and only really harms law abiding citizens.

I will also encourage you to educate yourselves of the harm you will be placing law abiding firearms owners in by passing such a bill. First of all a firearm is not something purchased to simply hunt. They can be used for hunting and that's a great purpose for one but the founding of this nation proves that they are useful to protect and prevent harm to those looking to do good. Just like the men in my family who fought in the revolutionary war to defend their homes and their families. This is the same reason our police officers carry firearms, as does our military forces. Citizens have the same rights to protect their lives and firearms have been used millions of times to prevent deadly force against law abiding citizens, including in Hawai'i this past few years. Just recently a young man in the mainland brought a firearm to a small airport and attempted to hijack a small plane but was met by a civilian pilot who had a firearm and was able to disarm him and hold him until police intervened. No shots were fired and a good guy with a gun prevented something worse from taking place. No magazine capacity limit would have prevented that criminal from obtaining or owning a magazine that has capacity for more than 30 rounds. But the law abiding citizen, who is a pilot, very likely would choose adhere to the laws. A law like this would have given the upper hand to the criminal and not the good civilian pilot by limiting the law abiding citizens capacity for ammunition. I would argue the same reasoning against current laws that prohibit standard capacity magazines for handguns in our state. I am positive I will win in the Supreme Court if I bring this case to them to review. Something Hawaii lawmakers and politicians would likely disagree with but would be another stain on their record as they lose historic cases and waste tax dollars to do so. A woman alone in her home with just her children being attacked by multiple home invaders is better off with a higher capacity of ammunition if, God forbid, she were fighting for her life and safety. One would hope she had a phone in the room and was able to contact law enforcement but that simply may not be the case in a real life scenario. These parts are designed for use in a firearm. A firearm in it of itself is an inanimate object that has No ability to cause harm to anyone on its own. The firearm does not decide to be violent or assault someone. The person holding the tool is solely responsible for any action taken with it. The magazine is an easily obtained, non federally regulated part that can easily be mailed or flown into the state without anyone noticing. It's currently illegal to have pistol magazines with a higher capacity than 10 rounds. I would bet that law enforcement in the state has seen multitudes of incidents with criminals using higher capacity magazines in crimes with handguns. The reason being is because they are easy to get and hide and laws are not followed by criminals. These laws ONLY put law abiding citizens in danger and only limit capacity for law abiding individuals.

I personally own many magazines that are higher than 30 round capacity. The financial burden this state will put on my family to make us all less safe is unwarranted and not fair and makes me truly worried and causes duress and infringes on my daily pursuit of happiness. Every year my wife and I consider moving when these bills are submitted because they make us feel less safe, at risk for legal action if we make a mistake following the confusing bills. Bills like this literally take money from our pockets in order to jump through the legal hoops we as law abiding citizens are forced to adhere to in order to appease those in power. The possession of a magazine of any

capacity is my right to own as an American citizen and is protected by the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution. I can have a belt fed firearm and that doesn't make it more lethal. Arguably it makes it harder to transport and costs much more but it is still my right to own it. I have never caused harm or committed a crime with a firearm and should not be treated as a criminal. This bill will only make the ownership of my legally possessed magazines a crime and will not make anyone safer.

I teach firearm safety, am a competition shooter, a hunter and a rancher. I use firearms for work, recreationally, to feed and to protect my family. I am an educated gun owner and feel like I am under attack by a politically driven arm of the government. Anti gun activist groups spend millions of dollars and speak with Hawai'i politicians and those from other states, donate money and help create bills like this. The author of this bill has proven a grave lack of knowledge of firearms in the past and is working alongside some of these organizations and is actively looking to infringe on the 2nd amendment. This is conspiracy, this is wrong and investigations into political donations should be done to all Hawai'i politicians working with organizations to infringe upon the constitutional rights of American Citizens.

I would like to encourage you to take a deeper look at this and think critically for a moment. A factor to consider is that I and anyone who practices can change a magazine out in less than one second. Think about that for a minute. One second to have another 30 rounds. So it takes me longer to fire 30 rounds than it does to change to another magazine. What does this prevent? This bill is for feelings and based on fear but isn't logic based. Is there any proof in any single study showing that limiting magazine capacity causes less injury by firearms? Will limiting capacity reduce suicide? Will limiting capacity stop an active shooter from attempting an evil act of violence? I'd argue that an evil criminal would simply just keep their higher capacity magazines and choose to use them because they obviously do not care about laws. Another point to consider beyond concealment of the magazines is the fact that a larger capacity magazine sticks out further down on the AR15 making a shooters profile smaller when laying down. This makes the shooter safer, literally making it harder to stop them. If a target is smaller, would it then be logical to say it would be harder to aim and hit that target? Let me help you with the answer. As an experienced trained shooter, the answer is yes; it would be harder to stop someone with a smaller profile than someone who would be forced to stick out more when shooting from a position laying down.

The idea of this bill is that it makes firearms less dangerous for the community. I would argue that facts and reason proves that is factually incorrect and as shown above, in some cases would do the exact opposite. I would encourage the senate to look to data. Has any state with magazine capacity limits prevented harm by enacting such bills into law? The answer is No. There are arguably millions of higher than 30 round capacity magazines in the US currently as most firearms owners choose to have many for just a single registered firearm. Most, nearly all are used safely and have not caused a public health crisis. This state is extremely safe and law abiding firearm owners only add to that and are not the problem. Our government should convict and punish criminals who cause harm or attempt to cause harm. If they use a firearm in a crime then use the law to punish The Criminals and not punish law abiding citizens for others actions.

These parts are not the problem. The problem is within society and not those who function as good people amongst our communities. This is a waste of resources and will not make anyone safer. This will make criminals out of law abiding citizens and I believe that is the true intention of this bill and the many firearms bills being heard in Hawai'i year after year. There are several cases pending across the nation and will reach the desk of the Supreme Court soon. In order to not waste millions of Hawai'i tax dollars, this state should wait to find the results of those hearings before enacting bills like this into law. This is unconstitutional and will not stand. I will participate in lawsuits against this state in regards to the passing of this bill to prevent it from harming our people and my family. This is my right and it shall not be infringed.

I encourage you to not criminalize me for owning something that I have never done anything wrong with and will continue to safely possess without intervention of the Hawai'i government. Please consider your oath of office and closely read the Constitution. Please vote NO on SB308.

Mahalo,

Chase Cavitt

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 7:40:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308.

Hawaii legislators are trying to take away our constitutional rights.

Start enforcing existing laws against criminals. More regulations are not the answer.

vote no.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 7:51:44 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 7:53:47 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing today in strong opposition to SB308. This bill is unnecessary, places my family in harms way and will not prevent any crimes. This could only be used against someone who commits a crime and wouldn't prevent anyone from obtaining or using a higher capacity magazine except those who are following laws.

This bill is a direct infringement of all Hawaii citizens 2nd amendment rights. A magazine has been determined by courts to be an integral piece of equipment necessary for the functioning of a firearm and is a protected piece of "arms." This would make it necessary for the item to be protected under the 2nd amendment of the United States of Americas Constitution and the Hawai'i State Constitution as they are word for word verbatim. The ability for the free people to keep and bear arms is an inalienable right. This is not a privilege and cannot be taken away by a government for the law abiding citizens of this nation.

I would be less safe in my home with limits of 30 rounds to protect myself. I am a mother of 2 and deserve to maintain the right to protect myself and family in my home or wherever I am able to have a firearm. A criminal would likely ignore any magazine capacity laws and I would be placed in a disadvantage to protect my children and myself. I see many reasons for why a standard 30 round magazine or higher capacity could be life saving for me in a worst case scenario. This bill would make me less safe.

A person with 30 round magazines can carry just as much ammunition as a person with a 100 round magazines. I am not a highly trained shooting enthusiast like my husband but I do go to the range with him on occasion. I can change a magazine out in less than 2 seconds and he can do it in less than one second. We've timed it for fun as he does shooting competitions. This fact means that an average person would still be just as "dangerous" as this bill attempts to make them not able to be. I would not feel safer with this bill passing and argue my family and I would actually be far less safe if it does. This is disheartening and bills like this make my husband and I consider leaving Hawai'i for good if they pass. This is heartbreaking but we also don't want to give up our rights for those who think they have the right to take them away.

We will pursue legal action before leaving our home and will certainly win based off of legal cases in the past that prove that magazines are an integral, common and necessary part of a firearm that is protected under the 2nd amendment. In fact we would then be allowed standard capacity magazines for handguns in Hawai'i too. So this bill very much has the chance of allowing firearms owners to get the results they want if it were to pass as it would bring enough turmoil to legal firearms owners that we would band together to take legal action against the state and any unconstitutional laws inhibiting our right to keep and bear arms. Honestly bills like this passing make it far more likely that all American citizens could possess fully automatic firearms after scrutiny in the Supreme Court. So if these keep up it is far more likely to see legal fully automatic firearms in Hawaii with any capacity magazine as the 2nd amendment would certainly allow if read by someone competent at reading comprehension and law. Please stop harassing gun owners and encourage prosecutors and judges to do a better job at actually convicting criminals. Maybe do more to educate about firearm safety and stop making law abiding citizens into criminals. Please vote no on SB308.

Mahalo,

Tenessa Cavitt

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 8:12:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly OPPOSE Senate Bill 308 as it would impose an unlawful and Unconstitutional ban on standard capacity magazines capable of accepting more than 10 rounds. These so-called “high capacity” magazines are standard equipment for commonly owned firearms that many Americans legally and effectively use for an entire range of legitimate purposes, such as self-defense or competition. This type of legislation also places an undue hardship on law abiding citizens to find 10rd magazines which are not readily available because they are not standard issue.

\*\*If I am away on a trip and at night my wife calls me deathly afraid saying, "Men have broken into our home what do I do?" Should I advise her to grab the standard capacity 30rd magazine or to grab the non-standard 10rd magazines to protect her and my kids? 30 rds, correct? In a self defense life or death situation, you want to equip yourself and your family to have any and every advantage that would allow them to see another day.\*\*

Not to mention these types of bans are being struck down after being reviewed at higher level courts. If you pursue this type of legislation and sneak it through, it will be challenged and as already demonstrated and it will not withstand Constitutional scrutiny at a Higher Level review and you will have again wasted tax payer dollars and time when you should have been fully aware of the results.

Moreover, this type of consistent disregard to the Rule of Law seen in recent 2A decisions and the obvious past opposition from your community by pushing legislation that gets knocked down every year is an insult to your constituents and the will of the people. Especially when this type of proposed legislation does nothing for the safety and well being of the people and only really impacts law abiding citizens. I urge you to due your due diligence and listen to the will of the people.

David V.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 8:16:07 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. It is a violation of my second amendment rights as an American citizen.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 8:18:42 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308. This bill only affects the law abiding citizens. Reminder: CRIMINALS don't care about your laws. Also the magazines you want to ban are standard capacity & in common use. There are millions of them. What makes you think 10 rounds is enough? You should educate yourself about self defense first

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 8:29:59 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ed Au	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 308, SD2. While I understand the importance of promoting public safety, I believe this bill presents several issues that warrant reconsideration.

1. **Impact on Responsible Gun Owners:** Expanding the ban to include firearms with detachable magazines exceeding a thirty-round capacity unfairly targets law-abiding citizens who utilize these firearms for lawful purposes such as sport shooting and self-defense. The exemption for pre-2026 magazines does little to mitigate the long-term impacts on these individuals.
2. **Effectiveness in Enhancing Safety:** The bill does not address the root causes of firearm-related crimes, such as illegal gun trafficking or insufficient enforcement of existing laws. Criminals, by definition, do not adhere to regulations, and this legislation risks disproportionately burdening those who comply with the law.
3. **Practical Implementation Challenges:** The regulation and enforcement of this bill would require significant resources. Differentiating between firearms and magazines obtained before and after the effective date adds complexity and creates potential for disputes and confusion among both citizens and law enforcement.
4. **Erosion of Second Amendment Rights:** This bill could be perceived as an overreach that infringes upon constitutionally protected rights. It is crucial that firearm regulations balance public safety with respect for individual freedoms.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reconsider this measure and explore alternative approaches that effectively address firearm-related concerns without penalizing responsible gun owners.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ed

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 8:33:42 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha ,

I live in your district and I would like to voice my concern with the bills presented;

I Strongly Oppose,

•SB308

•SB401

because I am an American citizen that is law abiding and passing these bills would further strip my rights as stated in the Second Amendment and as a contributing community member in Maui.

I would like for you to consider all aspects when passing and denying these bills presented.

I thank you for your time and your service.

Ronnie Gonzales

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**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 8:45:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please do not pass these restrictions on firearms that the public owns. These restrictions excessively burden the public who have a right to self-defense from having access to their tools where ever they may face a dangerous confrontation. Why do you feel it necessary to limit the public's ability to defend themselves when the aggressors, criminals, have no such limitations? Criminals can do anything but we the public have limitations? Who are you protecting with these ordinances anyway? Perhaps you should read the 2nd Amendment and the 14th Amendments before you jump to the wrong conclusions regarding the rights of the People who you are violating. Why spend the taxpayer's time and money defending laws that are clearly against the U.S Constitution or even passing these ordinances in the first place? Everyone has the right to self-defense not just the criminals who break the laws and seem to have access to firearms with few consequences. The police do not have the responsibility to ensure the safety of the individual citizens and most of us can't afford private armed guards. Most of us have a difficult time affording our basic daily needs. What about the people who deal with dangerous individuals every day at the bus stop? Who protects them? This proposal will embolden the criminal element in our neighborhoods. They will know we can't defend ourselves and things will only get worse for the public. Do not limit our ability to transfer our firearms to our children upon our passing, they have every right to our private property. Magazine limitations only put the defender at a disadvantage over their aggressors who don't need to reload after the 10th shot. We must carry the most effective tool for self-defense that we can obtain with our limited financial abilities. The current rules in place for the concealed carrying of a firearm are very burdensome for the public. Each individual, tax payers who pay for everything, deserve the ability to exercise the rights guaranteed by our creator and codified in the U.S. Constitution. I don't understand why you believe it necessary to turn our rights into privileges with this proposal. The U.S Constitution, the Buren, and the Heller decisions are not suggestions nor are they just for the other 49 states, they are the law of the land. These new regulations are not about public safety, but about taking the power from the public and giving it to the criminal element. Do not pass this bill. Each law maker who votes in favor of this proposal votes against our constitutional rights and should be held accountable. Do not change our existing laws to make them more restrictive for the taxpaying people of Hawaii. Do not pass this bill.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 9:21:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicholas Zehr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

As a concerned citizen and advocate for individual liberties, I strongly oppose the provisions in SB308 that seek to expand the ban on pistols with detachable magazines of over ten rounds to include all firearms with such magazines. This bill **infringes on the fundamental right to self-defense, a right enshrined in the United States Constitution**, and fails to address the root causes of violence in our society.

The right to bear arms is a core principle of a free society. The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution explicitly protects the right of the people to keep and bear arms, and this includes the right to possess firearms with magazines that suit an individual's needs for self-defense. **Limiting magazine capacity effectively reduces an individual's ability to defend themselves, particularly in situations where they may be facing multiple attackers or in life-threatening emergencies.** It is not the government's role to dictate or limit how an individual may defend themselves.

While proponents of the bill argue that magazine restrictions are a reasonable safety measure, the reality is that **law-abiding citizens who follow the law will be disproportionately impacted.** Criminals, by contrast, will continue to access high-capacity magazines through illegal means, rendering the law ineffective in addressing crime. **Limiting magazine capacity punishes responsible gun owners rather than preventing the actions of those who would misuse firearms.**

**There is no credible evidence to suggest that restricting magazine capacity will significantly reduce crime or mass shootings.** Studies from both criminologists and law enforcement agencies have shown that restrictions on magazine size do not directly correlate with lower rates of violent crime or mass shootings. In fact, many high-profile mass shootings have been carried out with firearms that had magazines with fewer than ten rounds.

Supporters of the bill might argue that limiting magazine capacity reduces the potential for mass casualties by forcing a shooter to reload more often. However, this overlooks the fact that the vast majority of firearm owners use large-capacity magazines responsibly. **The goal should be to address the causes of violence—such as mental health issues and criminal behavior—rather than imposing arbitrary restrictions on lawful firearms ownership.** Magazine

restrictions do not address the root causes of gun violence and will have little impact on reducing overall crime rates.

SB308 represents an overreach of government authority into the lives of law-abiding citizens. It seeks to criminalize the possession of magazines that are entirely legal and constitutionally protected under the Second Amendment. Furthermore, this bill **disregards the principle of due process by penalizing individuals who legally acquired their magazines under existing laws**. By imposing retrospective restrictions on previously legal items, the bill creates uncertainty and undermines trust in the legal system.

This kind of legislation sets a **dangerous precedent for further encroachments** on personal freedoms. If the government can restrict or confiscate legally purchased property—such as detachable magazines—what’s next? The imposition of arbitrary restrictions on other forms of property or rights is a troubling prospect for any free society. Protecting the integrity of individual rights requires that we be vigilant against such erosion of freedoms, no matter how well-intentioned.

While SB308 may seem like a narrow regulation, it could easily be the first step toward broader, more intrusive gun control measures. We have seen throughout history how the gradual imposition of restrictions on rights can snowball into widespread government control. For example, in places like California, small regulatory changes have led to the complete dismantling of individual gun rights over time. What starts as a restriction on magazine capacity today could easily expand to restrictions on firearm types, ownership, and other aspects of personal liberty tomorrow.

A government that controls the capacity of magazines can also control the types of firearms one may own, the types of ammunition one can purchase, and many other aspects of an individual’s rights. This slippery slope undermines the foundational principles of freedom and self-determination that our country was built upon.

While many proponents of SB308 claim that magazine restrictions will reduce crime, the evidence supporting this assertion is weak. Research on magazine capacity bans, such as the 1994 Federal Assault Weapons Ban, shows little to no effect on overall crime rates or mass shooting fatalities. Moreover, the laws have proven difficult to enforce, disproportionately affecting law-abiding gun owners without addressing the root causes of gun violence.

Instead of focusing on magazine restrictions, **we should look to effective policies that tackle the underlying causes of violence, such as better mental health care, stricter enforcement of existing laws, and community-based prevention programs**. These approaches have shown far more promise in reducing crime and improving safety than laws that target legal, responsible gun ownership.

I urge the legislature to reject SB308 and focus on more effective solutions that respect the rights of all citizens.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Nicholas Zehr

Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair  
Representative Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs (JHA)  
Hearing: Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM  
Regarding: **SB308 SD2 (Relating to Firearms)**  
**Voter Position: OPPOSITION**

Representatives of the JHA Committee,

I express my continued **opposition** to **SB308 SD2 (Relating to Firearms)**.

**No Substantive Firearm Owner Support**

Contrary to the politically motivated wording set forth by **SB 308 SD 2**'s Standing Committee Report No. 1057, there is no majority of gun owners that support **SB 308 SD 2**. If such finding were true, there would be virtually no opposition whatsoever. As you either scroll through digital pages or thumb past printed pages of opposition, you will find that opposition will still be there. It'll be there at the next committee hearing too. I won't ignore the support testimonies of **SB 308 SD 2**, of course, but you're likely to encounter several pages of opposition testimony in between instances of support testimony. If **SB 308 SD 2** truly had majority firearm owner support, there'd be no line of speakers wishing to testify in opposition.

**Limitation Still Imposed by SB308 SD2**

**SB 308 SD2** resumes an artificial firearm magazine capacity restriction. **SB 308 SD2** does little to provide assurance to firearm owners that future capacity reductions will not occur just because the proposed measure permits retention of 30-round firearm magazines. Such limit can always be changed by future legislation.

**No Evidenced Based Assurance Against Future Confiscation or Limitation**

I've seen enough bills passed by the Hawaii State Legislature whereby there is a sudden removal of a firearm retention provision, thus making previously lawful activity suddenly criminal. What was once standard and legal retroactively becomes illegal for all. The infringement passed today will be always be considered the "loophole" of tomorrow. There is no assurance that will convince me or anyone else that **SB 308 SD 2** will not eventually morph into a future full-spectrum firearm magazine ban or will lead to a future magazine capacity limitation due to emotionally-charged arguments claiming that the first rifle magazine restriction bill "wasn't enough." It'll never be enough, it seems.

**Enforcement Problems**

Section 3 of **SB 308 SD2** still doesn't provide assurance that the rights of firearm owners of lawful firearm magazines won't be abused during instances of future harassment or unwarranted prosecution. It is imprudent to force every firearm owner on every public firearm range to furnish old purchase receipts of every past firearm magazine purchase every time they seek to use their lawfully acquired firearm magazine. Moreover, most business transaction receipts are printed on thermal printer paper, meaning that firearm magazine purchase receipts can fade over time, creating a gap of evidence proving prior purchase. It is imprudent to levy a penalty against someone who has a valid receipt, but the enforcer refuses to accept the receipt as valid. **SB 308 SD2** also fails to mention what evidentiary basis will be permitted to prove that a lawfully acquired magazine is still lawful. All it takes is one instance of hearsay to cause a firearm owner to be subjugated by a drawn-out legal battle over retention of their own property.

Moreover, what specific entity will enforce the law once **SB 308 SD2** goes into effect? Will another duplicative enforcement agency be created and funded by the Legislature? How long will that take? What limitations will be established to prevent undue overreach? If not, will law enforcement officers be pulled from foot patrol and be delegated to perform administrative oversight functions at public ranges and places of business instead of deterring criminal activities by patrols? **SB 308 SD2** provides no real guidance.

Will home and business raids be imposed to ensure future enforcement after January 1, 2026? What evidentiary basis would constitute a valid search warrant authorization for the imposition of firearm magazine checks? What legal defenses are available to avoid such intrusive checks? **SB 308 SD2** provides no express limitation to such intrusive future.

### **Focus on Stopping Current Criminal Activity**

**SB 308 SD2** will not have a measurable effect on criminals seeking to commit public harm. The measure won't magically stop a violent criminal from using a firearm magazine of any type. Moreover, the negligent suggestion to have firearm owners modify their firearm magazines with a capacity greater than 30-rounds still contradicts the very tenants of public safety, prompting the continued need to halt **SB 308 SD2** in the interest of public securing public safety and reduce unnecessary injury.

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of **House District 48**

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 9:27:19 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support all bills which will keep our community safe. Firearms are not toys. There is no need to have the guns described in this bill. Please move it forward.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 9:51:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 and ask you to vote NO on it. This is an unconstitutional bill.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 9:56:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308. Hawai'i's firearms laws are already some of the most strict in the nation. Further bans and restrictions will only criminalize thousands of law abiding citizens, and will further fuel the black market here in Hawai'i. And if you don't believe that the black market will thrive, just take a cold hard look at what it has done with fireworks.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 10:04:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose senate draft 2 (increase the capacity in excess of 30 rounds) and support the original version of Senate Bill 308 which bans assault rifles with large capacity magazines over 10 rounds. Per the Pew Research Center, nearly 47,000 people died in gun-related injuries in 2023. HI is the only state with an assault weapon law that fails to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for these weapons. These type of high velocity, rapid fire weapons are ones involved in mass tragic shootings, not only on public grounds but also in our once cherished communities, schools and the like. Hawaii has the envious statistic of being among the lowest ranked relative to gun murder rates, which is the ranking that could be seriously compromised by loosening common sense gun safety laws. We already see in the news what effect "ghost guns" and the ease of acquiring firearms have on creating fear and mental distress amongst our most vulnerable populace and within our once cherished neighborhoods. Our schools are no longer the safe havens, but rather have introduced "active shooter drills". Why increase the potential for a tragic shooting. Therefore, I strongly urge to REJECT senate draft 2 and retain the original restriction of "10 rounds". Hawaii does not need to lose its lauded low ranking. As I watch "Hawaii News Now" 10 tonite, there's a pending story that states, "young man (19 year old) waves gun". Imagine if in his hands he carried an assault rifle.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 10:05:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill does nothing to help or protect Hawaii's citizens. When has there even been a circumstance where this would help anything? Gun owners have the God-given right to self-preservation and the state choosing to limit how we're able to legally protect our families and homes is absurd. We've had standard capacity magazines for rifles forever and I can't even think of one instance where it was used to cause an incident. Even if it were that wouldn't be cause to remove the rights of law-abiding citizens. These are common-use tools for firearms, this bill only serves to chip away at our rights that this state has already infringed on more than enough. The limit on hand guns is bad enough, why does some legislator get the right to tell me how many rounds I'm allowed to have to protect myself and my children in case someone breaks into our home to hurt us? The CDC has shown that firearms are used exponentially more times a year to protect and prevent harm to the innocent than to hurt them.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 10:10:52 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in favor of SB308 SD2. I am for banning these kinds of weapons on the state level. Mahalo.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 10:13:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 10:15:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**Please vote Yes to ban the sale of large capacity magazines for assault weapons. Assault rifles with large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds of ammunition) are the weapons used in so many tragic mass shootings in our nation, and their rapid fire of ammunition rounds leaves little chance to intervene to stop the carnage. If Hawaii were to experience a mass shooting, many will die because unlike the mainland Hawaii has only one Level 1 Trauma center equipped to treat victims of mass shootings. Please protect the citizens of Hawaii and Vote yes on SB308. Mahalo**

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 10:16:29 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 10:18:29 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SUPPORT



**SB-308-SD-2**

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Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I can not oppose this any more vehemently. This is an egregious overstep of my constitutional rights. The 2nd amendment is quite clear and the Heller and Bruen decisions were crystal clear for those who lack the intelligence (like those who submitted this bill) to understand it.

Furthermore, STOP wasting MY tax payers dollars on legislation that your constituents oppose. WE WILL make note of these individuals and democracy will prevail as you will be relieved of your duties that you so quickly neglect. YOU swore an oath to serve the people, your constituents, and uphold the CONSTITUTION of the UNITED STATES. Continue to be direct in your duties and you will be dealt with accordingly. Historically, they had a specific punishment for traitors. You've been informed.

Aloha

Why don't you try stopping actual criminals from committing crimes? Not making innocent citizens into arbitrary criminals.

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 SD2 as it is a direct infringement on our second amendment rights. These jurisdictions always come every year with similar proposed infringements and each year I oppose them strongly. This is not an intelligent direction to combat phantom problems as it neglects the actual issues and is indicative of the pushing of an agenda.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2025 10:39:47 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is ridiculous and will serve no purpose in making the public more safe. It only serves to restrict the rights of laws abiding citizens.

This law fails several tests that have been defined by previous Supreme Court rulings.

The first test is, does the item in question fall under the Second Amendment as a protected arm. A magazine of 30 rounds or even magazines of any capacity are considered arms because it is a part of a firearm that is needed for the firearm to function normally.

The second test is, is the item in question in common use. Simple research will establish that standard capacity magazines of 30 rounds or more are used by millions of gun owners all across the nation and many of them in the state of Hawai'i.

You will effectively be allowing the criminals in our state who care nothing about any laws the advantage.

In a defensive situation in which fire arms are necessary, I want every advantage afforded me in a gun fight.

If you really want to make the public safe, do more to limit the trafficking of firearms including large capacity magazines to criminals, including gangs, the crime syndicates and drug dealers.

Semi-auto firearms including semi automatic rifles are not causing crime or endangering the public, its the criminals that use such arms that are the problem.

Limiting or restricting law abiding citizens will not reduce crime or cut down on the danger of mass public shootings.

If the concern is that mental health issues are the root cause of public mass shootings, then increase services to get people help so that they don't commit such crimes. Deal with the actual problem. Actually, people who are adjudicated as mentally ill, by current laws, are not allowed to possess firearms so this should not even be a problem right?

Please do what is Pono and kill this bill that makes no sense.



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Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
M. Leilani DeMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I OPPOSE this bill, it is a violation of our 2nd amendment rights.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

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Submitted on: 3/11/2025 10:50:50 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB308. This bill violates the 2nd amendment of the U.S. Constitution. SB308 is an overreach that punishes responsible gun owners while failing to address crime or public safety,

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Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill SB308 These bills are an overreach that punishes responsible gun owners while failing to address crime or public safety. (Please oppose).

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Submitted on: 3/11/2025 11:20:13 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I stir ky be oppose SB308

Stop trying to take away our constitutional rights. SCOTUS has made a clear ruling. Leave law abiding citizens alone.



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

Comments:

**This past President's Day, I attended a rally in front of the State Capital . Across the street a masked protestor was parading with a sign that said Help us Kill Canadians. I was shocked . This was a clearly a person of interest who has malicious violent thoughts in mind. There were police available near him but he wasn't asked to pull down the sign that clearly was presented to invite violence , not a beign protest banner. This image appeared on Hawaii News Now. If we don't think there are folks in our midst that shouldn't have assault rifles , we are sorrily misguided. If we believe assualt rifles could not be used for mass killings in Hawaii, we are foolings ourselves. We contacted our senate represenative along with the imge ,who asked us to contact the FBI .We did, but there has been no response or forwarded request for information.**

**Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons law that fails to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for these weapons. Assault rifles with large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds of ammunition) are the weapons used for so many tragic mass shootings in our nation, and their rapid fire of ammunition rounds leaves little chance to intervene to stop the carnage. Their military features are designed for battlefields, not for civilian use in our islands. Every large capacity magazine sold in our islands is an opportunity to wreak mass violence against our residents.**

**This bill should be amended to return to its original form in SB308, so that all large capacity magazines over 10 rounds would be prohibited for civilian firearms in Hawai'i.**

**This bill must be passed in it's amended form once and for all. Please protect our citizens and visitors. Everyone needs to be concerned about the fring element in our midst.**

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Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, Members of the Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

I write in strong support of SB308 as is was introduced. I believe we should ban all assault weapons since they are weapons of war and has no place in civilized society and certainly not our community. Short of that, it makes so much sense to prohibit those arms with large capacity magazines.

Our nation is distintegrating under the present administration. I'm asking for some sanity in our state, at least.

Thank you for your consideration and your continuing public service.

Aloha, Frances Wong

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Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Unconstitutional and does nothing to actually prevent gun crimes. It's overreaching and only puts law abiding citizens at a disadvantage. I strongly oppose this senseless bill.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2025 11:41:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 as it infringes on our 2nd Amendment rights.

Erik Walter

Waikoloa,HI 96738

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Submitted on: 3/11/2025 11:54:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Let me start by saying I am starting to lose faith in our system. Despite overwhelming testimony against these unconstitutional bills, our voices remain unheard. This demonstrates that the authors of this bill continue to push a personal agenda and do not listen to their constituents.

This bill is unconstitutional and will automatically make thousands of gun owners felons overnight. Magazine capacity bans do not affect criminals but only serve to limit the capacity of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves. States that have magazine capacity bans do not demonstrate a decrease in crime vs states that do not. This law has no basis and I strongly oppose this.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:08:46 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a 40 year resident of Honolulu I have witnessed the decline of a once safe and polite society. Living in Paradise has changed for the worse and the politicians habitually conspire to hinder the 2nd amendment rights of the citizens of Hawaii. Meanwhile the criminal element continues to manifest itself. Leaving Hawaii's law abiding citizens helpless and dependent on law enforcement that cannot prevent the majority of personal violations and injury to society. Please do a better job of serving the people of Hawaii by not hindering their 2nd amendment rights.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:50:45 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I vehemently oppose this House Bill as it interferes with rights guaranteed by the 2nd Ammendment.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 5:25:57 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 308 SD2. This bill is an infringement on both, the second amendment of the United States Constitution, and Article One; section seventeen, of the Hawai'i State Constitution. The language and the intent of this bill are, unconstitutional. SB 308 SD2 is a solution for a problem that does not exist. The language of SB 308 SD2, will make law abiding citizens, into criminals, overnight. SB 308 SD2, will do nothing to punish the already existing criminal element, because criminals don't follow the law. If passed, SB 308 SD2, will make soft targets of law abiding citizens, making us more susceptible to violent criminals and other tyrannical elements.

Limiting magazine capacity is a tremendous overreach of the state government, and is unnecessary. What type of magazines, and how much ammunition magazines can hold, should be decisions left to the law abiding, responsible firearm owner.



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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 5:40:19 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill as it continues to infringe on our rights. This is also unnecessary and does not accomplish any thing positive for our communities. Changing the Magazine count for the legal gun user does NOT make anything safer for the community.

crimes are committed by criminals who DO NOT follow laws and surely not magazine capacity regulations.

please terminate this bill as it is meaningless.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:14:17 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:22:08 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is unconstitutional!

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:22:49 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:36:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I still strongly Oppose this bill. This infringes on We the People's Constitutional rights.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:38:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Margaret ANN Renick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill and ban all large capacity magazines. We don't need any more mass shootings in our nation. Protect Hawai'i's people and especially our children.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:49:20 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose against this bill because it only affects the good citizens of Hawaii. Guns aren't bad it's some of bad people that use them. I am a gun owner and a responsible one it's unfair to me and many others.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:58:25 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill SB308



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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:59:04 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I will submit testimony until we finally ban large capacity magazines ( 10+ rounds) and AR themselves. Do we want to wait for a tragedy ( like our fireworks incident) before we react??

Please protect our community and support SB308.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:05:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keith M Shirota	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB308 SB2. As a legal, registered firearms owner, I am against any Bill that takes away my 2nd amendment rights. I follow all the rules for state of Hawaii don't see a need for these new Bills. Crack down on illegal firearm owners and users.

Keith Shirota

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:11:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello All,

This bill violates our Constitutional and God given rights. I strongly oppose.

Very Respectfully,

Quinn S.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:17:16 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

All gun laws are unconstitutional

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:18:53 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional and a infringement on our second amendment rights.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:22:38 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB308

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:23:40 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It is an infringement on my second amendment rights.

Sincerely,

Tad Sumida

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:30:55 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

2nd amendment allows this, so stop writing unconstitutional bills like this and encourage enforcement of current laws. Go to church, spread the gospel, love your neighbors. As legislators you are community leaders. Lead righteously and others will follow and you will help make Hawaii pono again..



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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:31:40 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308. The police are mainly a reaction force, usually arriving after any incident. When seconds count, they are usually minutes away. They have PDWs, personal defense weapons, that have no magazine capacity cap. By limiting magazine capacity, you limit the capability of the individual citizen to defend themselves or others from harm.

Will the state be compensating individuals for the magazines they now legally own?

All citizens of Hawaii are affected, whether or not they own these normal, standard capacity magazines, as it will be the taxpayer who foots the legal bills when these anti-2nd Amendment cases go to court.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose Sb308

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:42:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop infringing on our Second Amendment rights!

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:44:33 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<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. Passing such a law will not prevent any more crime or deter criminals. This bill does not make the population safe but just proves how the unconstitutional infringement of the people's 2A rights are being trampled on.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:56:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

SB308's ban on firearm magazines over 10 rounds is unconstitutional and directly infringes on our Second Amendment rights. The right to bear arms is a fundamental individual right that should not be arbitrarily limited by the government. Restricting magazine capacity hinders law-abiding citizens from effectively defending themselves and their families, which goes against the core principles of the Second Amendment. This bill unfairly targets responsible gun owners and undermines their ability to exercise their constitutional rights. It is essential to uphold and protect the Second Amendment as a cornerstone of our democracy, and SB308 clearly violates this fundamental right.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:00:46 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in testimony to oppose bill SB308. I believe this bill will turn law abiding citizens into criminals. A 10 round capacity for handguns are already an infringement on our constitutional rights now extending that to long guns is unbelievable. I always thought that government officials we voted for were there to fight for our rights not take them away. I understand many are afraid of firearms rather it be because of growing violence, domestic violence, but please understand criminals don't follow the law. This bill will only effect innocent law abiding citizens. I ask that you reconsider and vote no on SB308 thank you for your time.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:04:52 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 it violates my constitutional rights.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:06:39 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am submitting testimony in opposition of this bill. Expanding a ban on commonly owned firearm magazines will not address the issues on criminal activity. This bill would only further restrict law abiding citizens who utilize firearms for hunting or sporting purposes. A person intent on committing a crime will either smuggle the magazine into the state or illegally manufacture them for illegal use. As a law abiding citizen I humbly ask that this bill not be passed. Thank you for your time.



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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:09:08 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:11:51 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Shall not be infringed is what the highest law of the land, that you took and oath to uphold says.  
Strongly opposed

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:16:26 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Oscar Gonzalez	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

aloha,

I citizen of the United States of America oppose bill 308 SB. This is an attempt to unconstitutionally restrict and control our 2nd amendments rights specifically magazine bans an further restricting firearm owners.

mahalo,

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:16:29 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter J Long III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I submit this testimony in OPPOSITION to SB308.

My only question is this: how does the state intend to determine when a targeted magazine was purchased? With the state carrying the burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt for prosecution, this seems insurmountable.

This is just another useless law. I urge the committee to oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:18:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha to all Honorable Members of Hawaii's Legislature,

My name is Martin Humpert. I am a life long citizen of the State of Hawaii, and have long been involved with the shooting sports. As a certified firearms instructor, I have trained hundreds of members of the public in the safe use and handling of firearms.

As a qualified expert in firearms, I urge all members of Hawaii's legislature to oppose SB308. This bill is an unwarranted intrusion upon the constitutional rights of "The Most" law abiding portion of Hawaii's population, its vetted gun owners. I am also telling you that SB308 will not do anything to stop criminal behavior.

In reality, SB308 represents an attack on civil rights, the honest, and provides criminals with the opportunity to overwhelm citizens in an extreme example of armed criminal attack. Criminals will not follow the law; and therefore, passing a restriction on magazine capacity for firearms held by honest citizens will only aid criminals. Please do not tie the hands of the honest by supporting bad legislation that protects and enables criminals.

Thank you,

Martin Humpert

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:20:58 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

While I appreciate the amendments made I still OPPOSE this bill. It will do nothing to make Hawaii safer. In fact, please allow pistol magazines to allow full capacity instead of restricted to 10 rounds. Show me how this would make everyone safer. Current crimes reveal those under the age of 21 being involved in firearms being used in crimes. Laws already restrict those under 21 and still didn't prevent these young people from obtaining and using firearms. Why not make the penalties harsher, even for young people, for the existing restrictive laws already on the books. Stop penalizing and blaming the law abiding firearm owners. Please kill this bill.

Barry Aoki

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:28:34 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This legislation is another attempt to continually chip away at the second amendment rights of the citizens of the united states.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:28:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE BILL SB308!

"The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED"

Why do are "elected" officials continue to chip away at law abiding citizens' rights?

This bill will not stop criminals from having weapons or ammunition and who have no qualms regarding hurting innocent people. The only thing bills like this do is prevent law abiding citizens from defending themselves and their families from criminals with weapons and over reaching governments.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:28:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lionel Delos Santos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i oppose thi bill because it doesnt stop crime

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shari saiki Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:31:04 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose. This bill is not in the best interest of the people of Hawaii.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:31:17 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it infringes upon our second amendment, rights!

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:33:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

taking to much from law abiding citizens.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:36:28 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I believe this this bill will be ineffective at preventing or reducing crime and that it will impact law abiding citizens, not criminals.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:41:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:47:57 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We already have a law that allows up to 10 rounds stop infringing our second amendment rights.i  
oppose this bill

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:53:38 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing in SUPORT of SB 308.

Hawaii can not have another mass killing. Yet, without this piece of legislation passing, you and I, will have to bear the grief and guilt of a mass shooting/killing in Hawaii.

Thank you ... Ron Matayoshi

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:59:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello, and thank you for reading my testimony. I urge you to oppose SB308SD2. This bill, if enacted into law, will do nothing for the prevention of crime. In fact if enacted this bill will make current owners of standard capacity magazines subject to arrest, prosecution, and possible penalties or a term of confinement. Criminals do not obey laws. Period. I can make this statement as I currently have 18 years of experience supervising offenders at the Federal Detention Center, Honolulu. My daily interaction with those accused and convicted of crimes gives me a unique perspective. An individual who commits a crime with a firearm can be considered violent. Violent individuals can be impulsive. Violent criminals do not obey the laws of our county, state, or nation. This bill will not impact violent criminals, it will only impact law abiding citizens. Thank you for reading my testimony.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:59:52 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to the significant number of magazines already circulating not only in Hawaii but across the nation. This legislation primarily targets law-abiding citizens, rather than addressing the root issue of criminal behavior. The focus should be on holding criminals accountable, rather than imposing restrictions on responsible gun owners.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:00:54 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please stop wasting our tax dollars on firearms laws that are not needed .

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:04:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 due to its arbitrary limit of 30 rounds for firearm magazines, a number that lacks clear justification. Enforcing this law would also be nearly impossible without knowing what magazines already exist in Hawaii. This law would be impractical while burdening residents and law enforcement alike.

Good morning, I am writing to express my staunch opposition to SB308. I am a recently retired Police Officer from within the state with 25 years of service. The majority of my career was spent in Uniformed Patrol, so I had to deal with and see criminality on a daily basis. Thus, I write from this viewpoint as well as from a law abiding firearm owner and participant in internationally sanctioned shooting sports. I feel this bill is another government overreach that punishes responsible gun owners while failing to address crime or public safety. The root causes of violence are weak and lenient criminal justice system, inadequate mental health services, and rampant drug use. I have seen this first hand through 25 years of police service.

I strongly oppose this legislation which I feel will substantially affect my Constitutional right to bear arms. Criminals will still be able to gain access to firearms and magazines through various other means, such as sneaking them in luggage, having them mailed to them from outside the state, and even purchasing them from the Dark Web (you can get an entire firearm sent to you if you know where to look). As it is now the government cannot stop illegal fireworks and drugs from coming into Hawaii, can anyone in government tell the public with a straight face that we can trust them to not allow any illegal guns and magazines to come in? How will I be able to protect myself and my family if the vast majority of common firearms used for self protection are illegal? Basically this bill will serve to disarm us if passed. The criminal element will not be affected by this bill as they are not affected by our existing laws against illegal drugs.

I've worked cases involving individuals with 80+ felony arrests yet they were still out on the street continuing to sell Ice and possess firearms. This type of person is what our government should be addressing, not law abiding citizens.

Thank you for your time.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:09:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I believe this bill is an infringement of our second ammendment rights and there is no precedent cases where this bill will be effective.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:13:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this bill.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:13:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tryslynn Kauionalani Jones	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose this bill because it has nothing to do with preventing crime and it strips away from my second amendment rights and freedom as a law abiding citizen.

Mahalo.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:14:23 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it infringes on my 2nd amendment right.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:14:24 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:22:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:27:21 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308, it is a violation of my 2nd Amendment rights.

"Shall not be infringed "

We as the people of Hawaii, out in the middle of the Pacific ocean, need the ability to be well equipped to defend ourselves and our communities

against invasion

against tyranny

and against ever growing criminal activity in the Islands.

This bill threatens our personal safety from these threats.

Please end this bill.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:27:22 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Everyone,

My name is Taz Gamble, and I oppose SB308. Magazine capacity restrictions are nonsensical and magazines of 30 or more rounds are in common use and ownership not only nationwide, but here in our state. A restriction on these items are based on an erroneous label calling magazines over 10 rounds "high capacity" when in reality. 30-round magazines are consistently considered standard issue or standard capacity by LEO/MIL agencies worldwide. Our second ammendment guarantees it's citizens the right to arms equivalent to those our military would posses. Magazine restrictions are a weak way to circumvent second-ammendment restrictions, and go against rulings as recent as Heller and Caetano as well as the Bruin decision. Wit this in mind, I ask that you oppose this unconstitutional restriction.

Thank you for your time,

-Taz Gamble

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:27:37 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:28:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Blaine De Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB308. I strongly oppose limiting a law abiding citizens rights. The sttae cannot keep lethal guns out of Hawaii and have a serious lack of police force to protect the public.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:29:29 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

My name is Sean Collins. I am a National Rifle Association Certified Firearms Instructor. I strongly oppose SB308.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:39:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:40:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Richard W. Adams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Passage of this will will result in another igoovernmental overreach that penalize law abiding citizens while failing to address public safety.

I request you vote "NO" on SB308

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:42:22 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dawn O'Brien	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Leaders of Hawai'i's People,

TYSVM for taking time for written testimony as I work several jobs to pay taxes & cost of living in Hawai'i & cannot make it to the State Capitol to testify. I'm grateful for this option & your consideration of these testimonies.

I stand in **STRONG** opposition to SB308 outlawing artillery for firearms other than pistols. This is an egregious violation of the Constitution of the United States of America, second amendment. We the citizenry are granted inalienable rights to defend ourselves from both foreign AND domestic threats, even our own government. And this is a violation of those rights and exactly why the founding fathers and authors of the Constitution included the 2nd Amendment--against these types of tyrannical powers.

Why would this be a good idea in Hawaii when most of the population is already without arms? Where concealed carry is highly limited, only recently legalized, and still delayed by the process of permitting? Where is there such a need to regulate the population who are already stripped of rights to arm themselves? NONE.

In summary, this bill will introduce Nazi-like tyranny for a bloodlusting enforcement which is never a good idea. I stand in strong opposition to SB308 and urge you to vote against it also.

Mahalo & Malama,

Dawn O'Brien

President, HOPE HI, Inc.

Lifelong resident & taxpaying citizen of Hawai'i for over 40 years

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:44:08 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB308. This bill does nothing for public safety and is just a feel good disguise that will only effect law abiding. I have never heard of anyone being kill by a firearm with a large capacity magazine. But people are being killed by large and high powered vehicles on our streets. But we don't ban those vehicles.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:46:08 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators,

I am writing you to let you know that I oppose this bill as it would incumber on our rights under the 2nd Amendment to acquire and bear arms. This bill would render 'illegal' a large number of pistols and rifles simply because they have the capacity in excess of 30 rounds. This is a random number and there is no basis for rendering them illegal. In light of that, even if this bill is passed it will likely see challenges in court. I stronly urge you to vote against this bill.

Respectfully yours,

Roberto Viernes

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:46:18 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terriann Mohideen	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**SB 308 SUPPORT**

Aloha Chairman Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Terriann Mohideen, I am a mother and a resident of Hawaii. I urge you to support the original version of SB 308 and expand the ban on pistols with a detachable magazine with over a ten-round capacity to any firearm with a detachable magazine with over a ten-round capacity. I do not support a 30-round magazine limit - it is too high- and request you please change the bill back to its original version. These weapons with high capacity magazines have been used in the majority of mass shootings in the US and we need to close this loophole that exists in Hawaii in order to not start having these mass shooting incidents here. Please keep us safe and pass this bill in its original form. Thank you.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:48:46 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose SB401 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

Verland Lucero

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:50:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB308 as it's a direct violation of our second ammendment rights.

Ian Silva Ookala Hi.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:52:04 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joseph P Vesperas Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is a violation of my constitutional rights.

Joseph Vesperas

Hilo Hawaii 96720

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:01:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 because there are pistol magazines which would be declared illegal under this bill. Because such magazines are already sold with federal knowledge, I believe this bill will be found contrary to the 14th Amendment.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:01:25 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose bill sb308. It violates our 2nd admenment constitutional right to bear arms. And no law shall be passed to conflict it.

Mahalo,

Miles K.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:03:08 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Unlike many written testimonies, I am not an automated bot or a "copy and paste" simpleton.

I write this testimony to voice my opposition of bill SB308. This is yet another infringement of we the people's constitutional right to bear arms and self protection. As a vicious dog attack survivor, I have every right to protect myself and my family.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:04:28 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop limiting our rights and power that's protected by our constitution and Declaration of Independence. You are public servants and we are private citizens. You work for us and must follow and respect the constitution. Shall not infringe is NOT A SUGGESTION!

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:09:45 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. I am a law abiding citizen and this is a direct infringement on my 2nd amendment rights as written in the U.S. constitution.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:13:04 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB 308

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:13:22 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to voice my opposition to proposed gun control legislation that will restrict my ownership of detachable magazines of 10 rounds or more.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:17:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**OPPOSITION TO SB308**

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dwayne Lim. I was born and raised on Oahu. I am a veteran with 12 years of active duty service and 29 years in the Hawaii Air National Guard. During my military service, I received formal firearms training, earning expert qualifications in both pistol and rifle marksmanship, as well as medals in both disciplines. I am a National Rifle Association Basic Pistol Instructor and a certified Range Safety Officer. Over the years, I have legally purchased pistols, rifles, and shotguns as part of my constitutional right as a law-abiding citizen. Senate Bill 308 (SB308) seeks to limit my rights and those of other responsible gun owners while failing to address criminal gun violence.

**SB308 Does Not Stop Criminals, It Punishes Law-Abiding Citizens**

I strongly oppose SB308 because it targets responsible gun owners rather than criminals. This bill expands Hawaii’s magazine ban, preventing citizens from owning standard-capacity magazines that are common for self-defense, sport shooting, and hunting. Criminals who obtain firearms illegally do not follow magazine capacity laws, rendering this restriction ineffective.

A 2018 Los Angeles Police Department report found that, despite California’s long-standing ban on magazines over ten rounds, criminals continued to use them in crimes at the same rate. Similarly, a 2019 RAND Corporation study concluded there is no conclusive evidence that magazine bans reduce violent crime or mass shootings. SB308 follows the same failed approach.

**Legal and Constitutional Concerns**

SB308 also violates the constitutional rights of Hawaii’s citizens. The U.S. Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) ruled that gun restrictions cannot impose an undue burden on self-defense. Furthermore, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals’ decision in *Duncan v. Becerra* (2020) struck down California’s magazine ban, stating that it severely burdens the core right of self-defense. SB308 is likely to face similar legal challenges.

## Financial Burden on Law-Abiding Gun Owners

This legislation would force thousands of law-abiding citizens, including myself, to surrender, modify, or replace legally purchased magazines at our own expense. This is an unjust financial burden on responsible citizens who have followed the law.

## Better Solutions to Address Crime

Instead of imposing ineffective restrictions on law-abiding citizens, Hawaii should focus on real solutions, such as:

Enforcing existing laws – Ensure that criminals caught with illegal firearms face strict prosecution.

Targeting illegal gun trafficking – Work with federal agencies to stop the flow of illegal firearms into Hawaii.

Investing in mental health and crime prevention programs – Many violent crimes stem from mental health issues and social factors, which should be addressed directly.

## Conclusion

SB308 is an unconstitutional, ineffective, and unfair attack on law-abiding gun owners. It will do nothing to prevent violent crime while placing an unnecessary financial and legal burden on responsible citizens. Criminals will continue to ignore gun laws, while citizens like myself will be left defenseless.

I urge the committee to reject SB308 and focus on real crime prevention efforts rather than infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Dwayne Lim

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:18:22 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelly Lim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**An Opposition to Hawaii State Senate Bill 308**

Honorable members of the committee, I appreciate the intent behind Hawaii Senate Bill 308 (SB308), which aims to enhance public safety by restricting high-capacity magazines. However, I respectfully oppose this bill due to concerns about its fairness, enforceability, and effectiveness. While reducing crime is a shared goal, this bill inadvertently penalizes responsible gun owners rather than focusing on the individuals committing violent acts.

**Unintended Consequences for Law-Abiding Citizens**

One major issue with SB308 is that it does not provide a grandfather clause or compliance pathway for those who legally own standard-capacity magazines over ten rounds. Many popular firearms, including those used for self-defense and sport shooting, come factory-equipped with magazines exceeding this limit (NSSF, 2023). This law could suddenly make responsible citizens non-compliant, despite their firearms being legal at the time of purchase. States like California and New York have faced lawsuits over similar laws due to their failure to account for existing owners (Duncan v. Bonta, 2023).

**Questionable Impact on Public Safety**

While the goal of SB308 is to reduce gun violence, studies indicate that magazine capacity restrictions do not significantly impact crime rates (NIJ Report, 2018). Criminals often obtain firearms illegally and are unlikely to be deterred by capacity limits. Additionally, FBI data shows that rifles, including those with high-capacity magazines, account for less than 3% of firearm-related homicides annually (FBI Uniform Crime Report, 2022). Instead of targeting law-abiding gun owners, resources would be better spent on initiatives that address illegal gun trafficking, mental health support, and community violence intervention programs.

**Legal and Constitutional Considerations**

SB308 also raises constitutional concerns under the Second Amendment. The New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen (2022) decision reinforced that firearm restrictions must align with historical precedent. Courts have already ruled against similar magazine bans, with Duncan v. Bonta striking down California's law as unconstitutional. If SB308 is enacted, Hawaii may face costly legal challenges, diverting funds from more effective crime prevention efforts.

## **A More Effective Approach**

Rather than implementing a broad restriction that disproportionately affects responsible gun owners, a more targeted approach could achieve better results. Hawaii should consider enhancing penalties for firearm-related crimes, increasing mental health services, and focusing on illegal gun trafficking. These measures would directly address the sources of gun violence rather than restricting rights of those who follow the law.

## **Conclusion**

While SB308 is well-intended, its impact may be ineffective and unfair to responsible firearm owners. I encourage lawmakers to consider data-driven solutions that address crime at its root while respecting the rights of law-abiding citizens. Public safety is a shared priority, and we should pursue policies that create real, measurable improvements rather than symbolic restrictions.

Respectfully,

Kelly Lim

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:22:16 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. There is no clause for grandfathering for those who legally own magazines over 30 rounds for rifles. This bill will have no impact on crime and it will further reduce the rights of law abiding citizens in Hawaii

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:24:00 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB 308 will be an infringement of my second amendment rights.



Aloha,

I am providing written testimony in **opposition** to SB308.

The provision to ban detachable magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds does nothing but instantly criminalize law-abiding firearms owners. There are likely hundreds of thousands of legally owned standard capacity magazines in the hands of Hawaii residents. There is no grandfather clause and thus, anyone who doesn't know about SB308 will face misdemeanor charges, potentially felony implications.

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), through the *NYSRPA vs. Bruen* decision (2022), recently established "text, history, and tradition" as the new standard for jurisprudence regarding the Second Amendment. SB308 provides no historical analogs to justify its consideration. Reaching further back, the SCOTUS decision in *District of Columbia vs. Heller* (2008) noted that arms in common use for lawful purposes cannot be banned. Magazines are considered arms, by definition, and thus a ban on standard capacity magazines is, by and large, an arms ban. SB308 demonstrates a blatant disregard of numerous SCOTUS decisions and should not be considered for approval.

Mahalo.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:38:45 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writng to strongly oppose this unconstitutional bill. This bill is in direct violation of the supreme court of the united states decisions in the D.C. v Heller Case, as well as the Caetano v Massachusetts case.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:40:30 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Jayden Curry, I'm a registered firearm owner and law abiding citizen who went through all the mandatory requirements to obtain and exercise my right to bear arms in Hawai'i and I oppose SB308 SD2. Enforcing these type of laws on our citizens only does that, restricts our citizens to protect themselves from anyone who seeks harm against them and their loved ones, we are not the same Hawai'i anymore, I see more crimes being committed with unregistered firearms than I do see with registered firearms. Gun control isn't working and it's time to stop sheltering the people from firearms, instead educate, educate the people how to be a responsible firearm owner because with great education today can lead to a great problem solver tomorrow. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:41:49 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose SB308

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:42:32 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:45:19 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is unconstitutional and an infringement on my rights.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:49:51 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 SD2.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:49:57 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it infringes on my second amendment right.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:50:21 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cliff mello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,**

I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to SB308, an egregious infringement on the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens of Hawaii. This bill, which seeks to expand magazine bans, is not only unconstitutional but also ineffective at addressing crime or public safety concerns. Instead, it punishes responsible citizens while failing to address the real issues: violent criminals and individuals with dangerous mental health conditions who should not have access to firearms in the first place.

**SB308 Violates the Constitution and Supreme Court Precedent**

**1. The Second Amendment & Heller Decision**

- The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed that firearms “in common use” for lawful purposes are protected under the Second Amendment (*District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008)).
- Standard-capacity magazines over 10 or 30 rounds are in common use by millions of Americans for self-defense, sport shooting, and home protection.
- This bill’s outright ban on such magazines is a direct violation of this precedent.

**2. Bruen Decision: Government Cannot Restrict Rights Without Historical Justification**

- In *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen* (142 S. Ct. 2111 (2022)), the Court ruled that gun control laws must be rooted in the nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation.
- There is no historical precedent for banning standard-capacity magazines used in lawful self-defense.
- SB308 cannot survive constitutional scrutiny under this ruling.

**3. Pending Supreme Court Cases on Magazine Bans**

- The Supreme Court is currently reviewing multiple cases challenging similar magazine bans (*Duncan v. Bonta*, *Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs v. Platkin*).
- Given the Court’s recent rulings, it is highly likely these bans will be struck down.
- Hawaii should not waste taxpayer money defending an unconstitutional law that will ultimately be overturned.

**SB308 Targets Law-Abiding Citizens, Not Criminals**

- Criminals, by definition, do not follow the law. Restricting magazine capacity does nothing to stop violent offenders from obtaining high-capacity magazines illegally.
- FBI crime statistics show that magazine bans have no measurable impact on reducing violent crime. States with strict magazine bans, such as California, still experience mass shootings and high crime rates.
- Hawaii should focus its efforts on **enforcing laws against violent criminals** rather than criminalizing responsible gun owners.

## **Mental Health & Crime: The Real Issues Being Ignored**

- **Gun violence is not caused by magazine capacity—it is caused by criminals and individuals with untreated severe mental health conditions.**
- Instead of passing unconstitutional bans, the state should be focusing on:
  - Strengthening mental health support systems.
  - Targeting **repeat violent offenders** with harsher penalties.
  - Addressing **gang violence** and illegal firearm trafficking.

## **Hawaii's Government is Using Corrupt Terminology to Gaslight Citizens**

- The claim that lawful firearm ownership “does not align with the Aloha Spirit” is a blatant **misrepresentation of Hawaiian values.**
- The real **lack of Aloha** is failing to protect law-abiding citizens' right to defend themselves and their families.
- By weaponizing cultural language to push unconstitutional laws, Hawaii's government is **gaslighting its own people** while ignoring the **actual threats** to public safety.

## **Conclusion: Stand for the People, Not Against Them**

- SB308 is a **direct attack on the rights of responsible citizens** while failing to target criminals and the mentally unfit.
- The Supreme Court has made it clear that such bans do not pass constitutional scrutiny.
- Instead of stripping rights away from law-abiding Hawaiians, the legislature should focus on **real solutions** that protect public safety while respecting constitutional freedoms.

I urge you to **oppose SB308** and stand with the people of Hawaii in protecting our fundamental rights.

**Mahalo for your time.**

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:53:55 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Chairperson, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

I strongly oppose SB 308, which seeks to restrict law-abiding citizens' rights to own standard-capacity 30-round magazines for rifles. This bill is unconstitutional, ineffective in reducing crime, and unfairly punishes responsible gun owners.

1. Violation of Second Amendment Rights

The Second Amendment, as affirmed in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), protects an individual's right to keep and bear arms in common use for self-defense. In *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, 597 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2022), the Supreme Court reinforced that firearm regulations must be consistent with the nation's historical tradition of gun regulation. Since 30-round magazines are standard for many rifles and widely owned by millions of Americans, banning them contradicts this precedent.

Furthermore, in *Caetano v. Massachusetts*, 577 U.S. 411 (2016), the Court rejected the argument that only weapons existing at the time of the Founding are protected, emphasizing that modern arms used for lawful purposes remain covered under the Second Amendment.

2. Lack of Evidence Supporting a Ban

There is no substantial evidence that restricting magazine capacity reduces crime. A Department of Justice study on the 1994 federal "assault weapons" ban found no measurable impact on gun violence after banning certain magazines and firearms. Criminals, who do not follow laws, will not be deterred by this restriction. Instead, SB 308 only limits law-abiding citizens' ability to defend themselves.

3. Due Process and Takings Clause Concerns

For those who already own 30-round magazines, SB 308 may violate the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. In *Duncan v. Bonta*, 19 F.4th 1087 (9th Cir. 2021), the court initially ruled that California's magazine ban was unconstitutional before an en banc review reinstated it. However, challenges continue, indicating the unsettled nature of such bans under constitutional law. If SB 308 requires confiscation or forced surrender of lawfully owned property, it could constitute an unconstitutional taking without just compensation.

## Conclusion

SB 308 is an unnecessary infringement on the rights of responsible gun owners. It contradicts Supreme Court precedent, lacks evidence of effectiveness, and raises serious constitutional concerns. I urge this committee to reject SB 308 and instead focus on measures that address the root causes of crime while respecting citizens' rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
William Buttler

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:58:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 308. It is yet another blatant attack on our 2nd Amendment Rights.

Further restrictions upon our right to bear arms and their parts will result in nothing more than punishing the law abiding citizens thus restraining our ability to defend ourselves along with our ability to maintain a Free State all while the criminals will continue to obtain these "outlawed" items through illegal channels as they always have been. What will banning rifle/shotgun magazines over 10 rounds do besides turn almost every gun owner in Hawaii into a felon overnight? 10 round magazines for long guns have been legal in Hawaii for years and have proven to be the furthest thing from the problem as nearly ever criminal usage of firearms were that of ghost guns and handguns. It's apparent that State Officials that have no understanding of the matter think that the legal and law abiding owners of firearms are a greater threat to Hawaii than the illegal ways of obtaining firearms and criminals that weld them. Hawaii is obviously more concerned with lining their pockets and protecting criminals more than they are concerned with protecting their people and upholding their oath to their State, Country, and the Constitution. They take little to no consequences while it's the taxpayer's lives and dollars they spend, pocket and toy with.

Clearly this is nothing more than another last effort of the corrupt and unintelligent in office to disarm the American Citizens of Hawaii in the face of a new administration that is hellbent on uprooting those that have been stealing from and corrupting the American Citizens of Hawaii.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:04:41 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I'm in support of this ban and anything, everything you can do to help keep our people, our islands safer from gun violence. No one needs automatic high capacity firearms unless they are planning to kill as many people as possible in the quickest way. Mahalo.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:04:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

You people really need to re-read the constitution

and what it stands for. Also the oath you taken when you were sworn in try reciting that again.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:05:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chase Pa'aluhi Kaneakua	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I can't believe that another attempt at violating the constitutional rights of law abiding citizens is happening yet again with this bill.

The People owe no explanation in opposition to this bill.

Deliver on your oath you swore to uphold the constitution, kill SB308 SD2 or resign.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:15:01 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose. Infringement on 2A. Will not stop those with malicious intent from procuring magazines. Do not punish law abiding citizens.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:21:34 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:23:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shawn Neylon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello, I'm opposed to SB308 for the following reasons:

**1. Constitutional Rights and Legal Precedent**

The Second Amendment safeguards the right to bear arms, a principle upheld by Supreme Court rulings (e.g., *District of Columbia v. Heller*). Restrictions on magazine capacity risk infringing on this right by limiting the utility of firearms for self-defense. Courts have often struck down laws deemed overly broad, emphasizing that lawful ownership should not be conflated with criminal misuse.

**2. Questionable Effectiveness**

Empirical evidence on magazine bans reducing violent crime is inconclusive. The 1994 Federal Assault Weapons Ban, which included a 10-round limit, showed mixed results: a Department of Justice study found no significant impact on gun violence, as criminals adapted by using pre-ban magazines or multiple firearms. Modern analyses suggest that mass shooters often circumvent restrictions through illegal modifications or carrying multiple firearms, undermining the ban's intent.

**3. Arbitrary Definitions and Overreach**

Definitions of "high-capacity" vary (e.g., 10 vs. 15 rounds), lacking empirical justification. Many commonly owned firearms, such as the Glock 17, are designed with standard magazines exceeding these limits. Arbitrary caps penalize law-abiding citizens without addressing criminal access to illegal magazines.

**4. Self-Defense Implications**

Limiting magazine capacity may disadvantage individuals in life-threatening scenarios. For example, facing multiple intruders or an armed assailant, a defender with a restricted magazine could be outgunned. The CDC estimates 60,000–2.5 million defensive gun uses annually, highlighting the importance of reliable tools for protection.

**5. Enforcement Challenges**

Magazine bans are difficult to enforce, as existing magazines are durable and widely circulated. Police resources would be better allocated to targeting illicit firearms trafficking and prosecuting violent offenders rather than confiscating legally owned property.

**6. Unintended Consequences**

Bans risk diverting attention from root causes of violence, such as mental health crises and socioeconomic disparities. Policies focusing on universal background checks, mental health support, and stricter prosecution of firearm-related crimes offer more pragmatic solutions.

7. **Slippery Slope Concerns**

Incremental restrictions risk normalizing broader firearm prohibitions. Historical precedents show that piecemeal regulations can escalate, eroding constitutional rights without enhancing public safety.

In conclusion SB308 proposes a right-infringing approach. Let's instead fix the way current laws, some unconstitutional as well, are enforced. Adding more right-infringing laws only hurts the common citizen.

Thank you

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:29:41 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<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. I received my first 30 round magazines when I arrived in Vietnam and have owed some ever since. At 75 years young I have no desire to replace these magazines. Your year after year assault on Hawaii's legal firearms owners is ridiculous. Criminals will pay no attention to this bill should it be enacted. Thank you.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:36:35 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**Dear Hawaii Legislature,**

**I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 308 SD2, which would outlaw magazines capable of holding more than 30 rounds for rifles and shotguns. This proposed legislation is unnecessary, infringes upon our Constitutional rights as U.S. citizens, and fails to address the real issues of public safety.**

**Firstly, there is no evidence of a spike in crimes in Hawaii related to the misuse of magazines with over 30 rounds. Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation, including background checks, permits for ownership, and restrictions on concealed carry. These existing measures have been effective in maintaining public safety without unduly burdening law-abiding citizens.**

**Furthermore, the focus on magazine capacity ignores other potential threats to public safety. Recent incidents, such as the attack involving a bow and arrow on a beach, demonstrate that determined individuals can weaponize various items. A comprehensive approach to public safety should consider all potential threats, not just firearms.**

**The U.S. Supreme Court's Bruen decision has already led to significant changes in Hawaii's weapons laws, including allowing open carry of deadly or dangerous weapons in public spaces. This shift recognizes our Second Amendment rights while still maintaining public order through prohibitions on carrying weapons in a threatening manner.**

**It's worth noting that Hawaii has recently updated its laws regarding other weapons, such as knives. The passage of HB2342 lifted bans on certain types of knives, demonstrating a more balanced approach to weapon regulations. This shows that our state is capable of updating laws to better align with constitutional rights without compromising safety.**

**The proposed ban on magazines over 30 rounds does not address any specific threat or crime trend in our state. Instead, it places undue burdens on responsible gun owners who use standard capacity magazines for legitimate purposes such as self-defense or sport shooting.**

**In conclusion, I urge you to reject Senate Bill 308. This legislation is an overreach that infringes upon our rights without providing any tangible benefit to public safety. Hawaii's**

**existing gun laws, combined with recent updates to weapon regulations, already provide a robust framework for protecting our communities. Let's focus on enforcing current laws and addressing real threats rather than creating new, unnecessary restrictions.**

**Sincerely,  
Deborah Umiamaka**

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:38:34 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Good afternoon.

I oppose this bill is detrimental to my right as an American citizen to rightfully own weapons for self-defense, to protect my rights, and to protect my property. This bill will not serve its purpose of stopping certain individuals from carrying firearms illegally. Do not vote in affirmative to this bill and other bills related to firearms.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Audie F Gerilla



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:41:16 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill SB308 is from a practical standpoint an encroachment on Federal Second Amendment rights. To reduce the allowable capability of rounds for various firearms is to encroach upon the guaranteed constitutional right to bear arms. It would be like saying, "Car related deaths & injuries are threatening the freedom and safety of all Americans so now we as a Hawaii legislature are reducing the allowable size of the gas tank." The Hawaii legislature is certainly encroaching on firearms Constitutional rights with SB308. The 2nd Amendment was designed to safeguard the rights of individuals to bear arms as a means to protect against tyranny and ensure the security of a free state. As soon as you encroach on that right you disrupt the intended balance of power between government and the individual subjects being governed. The constituents of the legislators pushing this legislation which encroaches on the integrity of the Constitution are taking notice and will vote and be heard accordingly. The Constitution has preserved our United States union longer than any other governing charter in the world. Please do not tinker with it foolishly.

As a concerned citizen and strong advocate for the Second Amendment, I am compelled to express my opposition to Hawaii Senate Bill SB 308. This legislation, which seeks to expand the existing ban on standard capacity magazines to all firearms, is not only an infringement on our constitutional rights but also a misguided attempt to address gun violence.

The Second Amendment guarantees our right to keep and bear arms, a right that is fundamental to our liberty and security. SB 308 directly undermines this right by imposing arbitrary restrictions on magazine capacity. Such limitations do not enhance public safety; instead, they burden law-abiding gun owners and potentially put us at a disadvantage in self-defense situations.

The proponents of SB 308 argue that reducing magazine capacity will decrease gun violence. However, the evidence does not support this claim. Studies have shown that magazine capacity restrictions have little to no impact on crime rates or mass shootings. Criminals will find ways to circumvent these laws, leaving law-abiding citizens vulnerable.

Moreover, standard capacity magazines are essential for various legitimate purposes, including hunting, target shooting, and self-defense. Limiting magazine capacity to 10 rounds could compromise our ability to protect ourselves and our families, especially in situations involving multiple assailants.

SB 308 also creates an unfair burden on law-abiding gun owners who would be forced to comply with new regulations or face legal consequences. This is an unnecessary and unjust imposition that does not address the root causes of gun violence.

Furthermore, the passage of SB 308 could lead to several unintended consequences. It could foster a black market for standard capacity magazines, making them more accessible to criminals while restricting access for law-abiding citizens. It could also lead to increased non-compliance and distrust of law enforcement, further straining community relations.

In conclusion, Hawaii Senate Bill SB 308 is a flawed piece of legislation that infringes upon our constitutional rights, places an undue burden on law-abiding citizens, and has the potential for serious unintended consequences. I urge our legislators to reject this bill and focus on evidence-based solutions that respect the rights of all citizens while addressing the root causes of violence. Our safety and liberty depend on it.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:47:38 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons law that fails to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for these weapons.**

**Assault rifles with large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds of ammunition) are the weapons used for so many tragic mass shootings in our nation, and their rapid fire of ammunition rounds leaves little chance to intervene to stop the carnage. Their military features are designed for battlefields, not for civilian use in our islands. Every large capacity magazine sold in our islands is an opportunity to wreak mass violence against our residents.**

**This bill should be amended to return to its original form in SB308, so that all large capacity magazines over 10 rounds would be prohibited for civilian firearms in Hawai'i.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this measure.**

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:48:58 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The 2nd Amendment reads,

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.

In *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), the Supreme Court handed down decision that held the 2nd amendment protects an individual's right to keep a gun for self-defense.

In *Caetano v. Massachusetts* (2016), the Supreme Court reiterated its earlier rulings that "the Second Amendment extends, prima facie, to all instruments that constitute bearable arms, even those that were not in existence at the time of the founding" and that its protection is not limited to "only those weapons useful in warfare".

In addition, *NYSRPA v. Bruen* (2022) affirms the guaranteed right to carry firearms in public,

You, the collective legislative body of Hawaii, swore an oath to uphold both the U.S and Hawaii State Constitutions, which both guarantee the right to keep and bare arms. Arms includes ammunition. By introducing and voting in favor of this unconstitutional bill, you are knowingly opposing the highest law of the land, (supremecy clause in Article 6, section 2). It does not matter that you do not understand the founding documents. Ignorance of the law is no excuse.

It is very clear that any unconstitutional bill is null and void (*Marbury v. Madison* 1803) as if it was never passed, and it can be ignored with impunity. It is also my understanding that oath-breakers that contract with We The People, then turn around and try to limit our rights by passing unconstitutional statutes, commit treason by warring against the oath they took and the contract they entered into.

Think about that.

**SB-308-SD-2**

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Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

My name is Raymond Ishii and I strongly Oppose SB308 as it is a violation on my rights as given to me by our creator and guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The United States Supreme Court in the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association Vs Bruen has affirmed that the 2nd Amendment is a individual right and The Supreme Court declared that any regulation affecting the right to bear arms must be rooted in the “historical tradition of firearm regulation” in the United States.

President Donald Trump's Executive Order date 02-07-25 states as follows:

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. The Second Amendment is an indispensable safeguard of security and liberty. It has preserved the right of the American people to protect ourselves, our families, and our freedoms since the founding of our great Nation. Because it is foundational to maintaining all other rights held by Americans, the right to keep and bear arms must not be infringed.

Sec. 2. Plan of Action. (a) Within 30 days of the date of this order, the Attorney General shall examine all orders, regulations, guidance, plans, international agreements, and other actions of executive departments and agencies (agencies) to assess any ongoing infringements of the Second Amendment rights of our citizens, and present a proposed plan of action to the President, through the Domestic Policy Advisor, to protect the Second Amendment rights of all Americans.

(b) In developing such proposed plan of action, the Attorney General shall review, at a minimum:

(i) All Presidential and agencies’ actions from January 2021 through January 2025 that purport to promote safety but may have impinged on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens;

(ii) Rules promulgated by the Department of Justice, including by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, from January 2021 through January 2025 pertaining to firearms and/or Federal firearms licensees;

(iii) Agencies’ plans, orders, and actions regarding the so-called “enhanced regulatory enforcement policy” pertaining to firearms and/or Federal firearms licensees;

(iv) Reports and related documents issued by the White House Office of Gun Violence

Prevention;

(v) The positions taken by the United States in any and all ongoing and potential litigation that affects or could affect the ability of Americans to exercise their Second Amendment rights;

(vi) Agencies' classifications of firearms and ammunition; and

(vii) The processing of applications to make, manufacture, transfer, or export firearms.

Sec. 3. Implementation. Upon submission of the proposed plan of action described in section 2 of this order, the Attorney General shall work with the Domestic Policy Advisor to finalize the plan of action and establish a process for implementation.

Sec. 4. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department, agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

President Trump's Executive Order simply states that Firearms have been used since the founding of our great Republic for the protection of ourselves, our families and our freedom, and is the foundation for all the other rights we as Americans hold dear, the rights of the people must not be infringed.

Our Forefathers wrote in the Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be [self-evident](#), that [all men are created equal](#), that they are endowed by their [Creator](#) with certain [unalienable Rights](#), that among these are [Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness](#).—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the [consent of the governed](#),—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the [Right of the People to alter or to abolish it](#), and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute [Despotism](#), it is their right, it is their duty, to [throw off such Government](#), and to provide new Guards for their future security."

The Bill of Rights, the First 10 Amendments to the United States Constitution, guarantees the rights that were given to all men by our creator, it was written to protect We The People of the

United States from the Government of the United State. They were written to ensure that the a Government of the People, by the People and for the People did not become tyrannical like the King they had just overthrown. The Bill of Rights were written in the order of importance for a free people.

The 1st Amendment guarantees the rights of free speech, a free press, the right to assemble and the right to freely worship your chosen religion. This Amendment guarantees the right of the citizens to freely criticize the Government without fear of retribution, the press the right to investigate the Government and the right assemble to protest the government.

### 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.

These simple words are the foundational for the rest of the Bill of Rights. In the words of our forefathers.

“Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the [consent of the governed](#),—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the [Right of the People to alter or to abolish it](#), and to institute new Government”

Argument some may make is when the Bill of Rights were written, the only firearms technology they had were muzzle loaders. What they fail to realize is the muzzle loader was the AR-15 of it day and the AR-15 is covered by the 2nd Amendment. The same way radio, television and the internet porn is protected by the 1st Amendment, and the contents of your cell phone and computer are protected by the 4th Amendment.

SB308 if passed will have the effect of punishing ten of thousand of law abiding, taxpaying citizens of the state all of whom have passed both a rigorous criminal and mental health background checks conducted by the county Police Departments because the acts of a very few.

SB308 as written is based on the current law banning pistol magazines that hold more than 10 rounds, the current law is so poorly written that in my opinion is unenforceable. If SB308 is passed it will punish 10 of thousands of Law Abiding Tax paying citizens all of whom have pass a rigorous criminal and mental health background check.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 308 and ask you to vote no.

Thank You

**SB-308-SD-2**

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

Comments:

Aloha Hawaii State Lawmakers,

I am writing in opposition of SB308 and urge you to oppose this bill as well. I am a law-abiding citizen of The United States of America and Hawaii, a taxpayer, registered voter, a husband, father, grandfather and also an owner of legal firearms. I own them because I admire the technology and enjoy using them at firing ranges and hunting. I also own them to exercise my right as a US Citizen and Hawaii Citizen per the Constitutions of The USA and the State of Hawaii. I am a constituent of yours and by denying me these rights you are misrepresenting me. interestingly enough, as I have spoken to many who share my opinion of these basic rights, many are in the dark about what our state legislation is doing in denying our rights. As such, I would expect a groundswell of outcry against this law, if it passes. That will result in legal action, likely to the Supreme Court, and much cost and greater division in our country. It may also result in law abiding citizens breaking the law unintentionally. People who do no harm to others, being harmed by this law. These things would be detrimental to us all.

Specific arguments against this legislation –

Constitutional and Legal Arguments

- The bill is seen as a direct infringement on Second Amendment rights and contradicts U.S. Supreme Court rulings (Bruen, Heller, and Caetano).
- The Heller decision confirms that firearm ownership is an individual right and extends beyond the home.
- The Bruen ruling requires firearm laws to align with historical precedent, and since high-capacity magazines are common, they do not meet the "dangerous and unusual" standard required for restrictions.
- The Caetano ruling determined that weapons in "common use" are protected under the Second Amendment, and magazines exceeding 30 rounds exist in millions nationwide, making them protected.
- The bill is unenforceable, as magazines are not federally regulated and can easily be obtained and transported illegally by criminals.
- The bill would likely be challenged and overturned in court, resulting in a waste of taxpayer money.

Personal and Specific Negative Effects of SB308



- Financial Burden: The legislation would force law-abiding citizens to either surrender or modify their legally owned magazines, imposing unnecessary costs on families.
- Personal Safety: The bill would reduce the ability of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves, particularly in home invasion scenarios where victims might face multiple attackers.
- Increased Risk to Law-Abiding Citizens: Criminals will ignore magazine capacity limits, putting compliant citizens at a disadvantage in self-defense situations.
- Infringement on Lifestyle: My son is a firearm safety instructor, competition shooter, hunter, and rancher who relies on firearms for work and protection. The bill would complicate and disrupt these lawful activities.
- Psychological and Emotional Impact: The constant push for restrictive gun laws makes law-abiding firearm owners feel targeted and less safe, causing stress and uncertainty. Members of my family have even considered relocating due to these policies.
- Legal Confusion and Risk: The bill's unclear enforcement mechanisms increase the likelihood of accidental legal violations, turning law-abiding citizens into criminals over possession of previously legal firearm parts.

#### Practical and Logical Counterarguments

- Crime Prevention Fallacy: There is no evidence that magazine capacity limits reduce crime or prevent firearm-related violence.
- Ineffectiveness Against Criminals: Criminals will continue to obtain high-capacity magazines, while only law-abiding citizens will be restricted.
- Firearm Functionality and Safety: High-capacity magazines provide practical advantages for defense, hunting, and sport shooting.
- Rapid Reloading Capability: Skilled firearm users can change a magazine in under a second, meaning limiting magazine capacity does not prevent mass shootings or criminal acts.
- No Reduction in Suicide or Mass Violence: The bill does not address root causes of violence, such as mental health issues, societal breakdown, or criminal behavior.
- Legislative Mis-prioritization: Resources should be spent on targeting actual criminals, improving mental health services, and promoting firearm safety education rather than restricting responsible gun owners.

#### Conclusion

- SB308 will not make Hawaii safer but will infringe upon the rights of responsible citizens.
- The bill disproportionately targets law-abiding gun owners, while criminals will continue to obtain high-capacity magazines illegally.
- It creates legal risks, financial burdens, and emotional distress for those who legally own firearms for self-defense, sport, and work.
- The state should wait for ongoing Supreme Court rulings before enacting laws that will likely be overturned and cost taxpayers millions in legal fees.

General arguments against all current proposed gun legislation in Hawaii are –

The bills are unnecessary, ineffective, and infringing on Second Amendment rights.

The legislation targets law-abiding gun owners rather than criminals.

The laws will create legal traps for gun owners through vague wording and overreach.

The bills are politically motivated rather than factually justified.

Crime prevention should focus on criminals, not restricting legal gun ownership.

It poses the question of why this bill is being considered. Some will say to make us safer. I disagree. The problem is not an inanimate object. It is our society that has fostered desperate individuals or enemies of our country who enter illegally with mal intent. This bill will make it illegal for law abiding citizens to own safe and effective firearms for hobby, hunting or defensive use but will do nothing to stop the proliferation of illegal firearm possession. Indeed, this bill will render those of us who desire to follow the law, defenseless against those who would possess them illegally!

This bill is not founded on fact and reason but rather fear and myth. Please step back from the brink and let's work together as Americans and Hawaiians to heal our society and maintain the basic rights that our respective constitution's guarantee. Vote no on SB308!

Thank You!

Aloha,

Sam Cavitt

Kihei, HI

**SB-308-SD-2**

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

Comments:

As a retired military service member and a firm believer of the US Constitution. I strongly opposed bill SB308 due to the fact that it goes against the 2nd amendment that citizens have the right to bare arms. It does not dictate what type of arms that are prohibited to citizens of the United States. Or how much ammo that can not be loaded. As the 2nd amendment of the Constitution is simple and direct, this bill SB308 is not. It is to general and must state type of firearms, model, and how it doesn't detract from the true meaning of the 2nd Amendment nor make any infringement on the rights of law abiding citizens.

This bill is just another avenue in attempting to take away citizens rights to protect, life and property.

Who knows maybe someday this country it's not like it hasn't happened before.

Thank you,

Eddie Hanger

**SB-308-SD-2**

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Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rozalynn Marae Erickson	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

SB 308 infringes upon citizens' Second Amendment rights by limiting their ability to adequately defend themselves. They contend that standard-capacity magazines are commonly used for self-defense, and restricting magazine capacity may hinder individuals from effectively protecting themselves in high-stress situations where multiple rounds could be necessary.

Limiting magazine capacity is argued to be unconstitutional because it infringes upon the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. The U.S. Supreme Court, in cases such as *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) and *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* (2022), has reaffirmed that firearms commonly used by law-abiding citizens for self-defense are protected under the Constitution. Standard-capacity magazines (often holding more than 10 rounds) are commonly owned and used by millions of Americans, making restrictions on them legally questionable. Courts have previously struck down similar bans, finding that they impose undue burdens on citizens' rights without sufficient justification.

From a practical standpoint, magazine capacity limits harm law-abiding citizens more than criminals, who do not follow such laws and can still obtain high-capacity magazines through illegal means. In a self-defense situation, the ability to fire multiple rounds without reloading can be critical, especially when facing multiple attackers or under high stress, where accuracy diminishes. Forcing law-abiding citizens to reload frequently gives violent criminals an advantage, potentially putting innocent lives at risk.

Additionally, self-defense is a fundamental right because law enforcement cannot always be present in acute or life-threatening situations. Police response times vary, and in many cases, officers arrive only after a crime has occurred. This is particularly true in rural areas or during large-scale emergencies when law enforcement resources are limited. Limiting magazine capacity hinders citizens' ability to effectively protect themselves and their families, as they serve as their own first line of defense.

For example, in 2019, the New Orleans Police Department had an average response time of 50.8 minutes, which increased to 145.8 minutes in 2022. In contrast, the Honolulu Emergency Services Department reported that in 2019, their Enhanced 9-1-1 section answered and routed 1,075,726 calls for service, with 935,012 directed to police services. While this data reflects call volume, it does not specify the average response times for these incidents.

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Given the lack of specific response time data for Hawaii, I was told personally by an HPD officer that I train force on force with that the average time for Oahu can be anywhere from 9 to 45 minutes and sometimes there are no police officers available. It's important to recognize that response times can be influenced by various factors, including call priority, location, and resource availability. In critical situations, individuals may need to rely on their own preparedness and self-defense measures until law enforcement arrives.

Magazine capacity limits not only violate constitutional protections but also put law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage against criminals. Self-defense is a personal responsibility, and laws that restrict a citizen's ability to effectively respond to threats ultimately make communities less safe.

Furthermore, opponents assert that such magazine bans have been subject to legal challenges in other jurisdictions, with courts sometimes finding them unconstitutional. They argue that SB 308 could face similar legal scrutiny, potentially violating citizens' rights to keep and bear arms as protected by the Second Amendment.

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

Comments:

I am opposed to SB308,

It punishes responsible firearms owners while doing little to improve public safety.

We currently have a magazine capacity on handguns. Many of the crimes reported are from persons that are not allowed to possess firearms. We should enforce laws that are currently available and allow the justice system to take its course.

Currently there is no restriction of rifle magazines, but SB308 wants to impose that. For hunting, competition shooting, and self defense I do not want to see this passed.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:10:54 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

magazine limits are unconstitutional

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:13:15 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jon Abbott	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB308 SD1. It is a blatant unconstitutional bill!

Rifle magazines over 10 rounds number in the tens of thousands here in the Aloha State. They are in common use as defined by the Bruen Decision and therefore protected explicitly by the 2cd Amendment to the US Constitution.

Even with grandfathering, if you pass this bill this law will be added to our current lawsuit against the State of Hawai'i - Abbott vs Connors, which will overturn the 10 round pistol magazine ban here. When this occurs the State of Hawai'i will be liable for damages to every owner of these pistols.

I urge you to VOTE NO on SB308 SD1.



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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:14:24 PM

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

Comments:

I Thaze Gomes oppose bill SB308 SD2. It prohibits law abiding citizens from being able to protect themselves from those non-law abiding citizens or criminals that are still able to obtain items being banned from the general public.

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<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 unconstitutional.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:19:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB308

Even with the made amdements, this bill will still not solve any of the current issues we are seeing in our state/home, these restrictions will only serve to harm the law abiding citizens and enable the criminals that do not follow the already established laws

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:21:20 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It's unconstitutional, it doesn't go with my right to bear arms...and it's against my right of the 2nd Amendment.

**SB-308-SD-2**

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Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jay Franzone	Individual	Comments	In Person

Comments:

My name is Jay Franzone, and I live in town, just down the road on South King. I am a Bloomberg American Health Initiative Fellow, focusing on violence at Johns Hopkins University. My fiancé, who is Native Hawaiian, is applying to JABSOM this cycle, hoping to return to Kaua‘i to serve his community.

Gun violence is a public health crisis, and high-capacity magazines (HCMs) are a clear risk factor for the deadliest shootings. A review of mass shootings between 2015 and 2022 found that incidents involving HCMs resulted in six times as many people shot per incident. When more bullets can be fired without reloading, more lives are lost.

The law should explicitly prohibit magazines that hold more than ten rounds for any firearm to ensure existing protections remain intact. A 2024 survey of registered voters across O‘ahu and the neighbor islands found that 80%, including 65% of gun owners support banning magazines that exceed ten rounds. The testimony you hear from opposing this ban is from extremists -- not from the every day residents across the state who believe in safety laws.

The original version of SB 308 applied this limit to magazines used with rifles and shotguns. A 30-round limit actually undermines the existing pistol magazine restrictions and does not reflect the preferences of Hawai‘i residents. The bill should be restored to its original version to maintain public safety.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE BILL 308 I Luke Reiss of Kahului 96732 oppose bill 308. I oppse this bill because it is a clear attack against the 2nd amendment. This bill will only make criminals more powerful because the law abiding citizens will be at a disadvantage with only having 10 rounds in their gun. This is a step towards government tyranny. 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! All gun control is an infringement!

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:22:31 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill,which goes against my second amendment rights.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it undermines and violates law abiding people's 2nd amendment rights and freedom.

Roy Gillis

Keaau, Hawaii 96749



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

Comments:

I do NOT support this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:29:25 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Shall not be infringed. Get it through your heads.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:29:35 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 308, which expands the ban on standard capacity magazines to all firearms, as it infringes on the right to self-defense and will disproportionately impact law-abiding citizens. The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protects the right of the people to keep and bear arms. SB 308 infringes upon this fundamental right by restricting the types of firearms and magazines that law-abiding citizens can own.

I urge the Hawaii State Legislature to REJECT SB 308 and to focus on policies that address the root causes of gun violence, rather than infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:30:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We the people oppose this infringement

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

Comments:

This outlaws mags over 30 rounds for any frearm other than pistols, which are already limited to 10 rounds. This is gutting our 2nd Amendmen rights! Stop this unconstitutional attack now.

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill as it goes against my 2nd amendment right.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:36:22 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB308.

Magazines with a capacity of more than 10 rounds is not the problem when it comes to gun crimes. Guns are not the problem when it comes to crimes committed by criminals who use them. Criminals do not care what laws are on the books. They commit crimes because they choose to break the law. Also, when a shooting happens most of the time, we find out that mental illness is a contributing factor in most mass shootings. Your laws will not stop crime, it will not deter crime and will only affect those of us that choose to follow the laws that you have pushed on us. Hawaii gun owners should not be required to remove from their possession legally acquired property because some day you, one of a handful of citizens out of over a million people living in this state are lucky enough to have been given this opportunity to hold one of the few Senate Seats by your district. Stop trying to steal our rights from us, and work to keep criminals in jail and hold them accountable for their actions.

Bradnon Leong

President

Lessons In Firearms Education

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ian Albert Barnes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**IN OPPOSITION OF SB308 SD2**

Good afternoon Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members. My name is Ian Barnes, I've been a resident of Maui county for the past 15 years. I'm a first responder, father, and avid hunter. I am testifying against SB308 SD2.

First of all this bill is in clear violation of the second amendment of the united states constitution. It directly infringes on law abiding citizens' rights to own common firearms that are already legally owned by thousands of law abiding people here in the state. By passing this bill the Hawaii legislature is complicit with criminalizing most of those law-abiding citizens for exercising a God-given right. This bill also goes against the supreme court ruling *Caetano v. Massachusetts*, where the court reiterated that the second amendment applies to the state and extends to "bearable arms" that "were not in existence at the time of the founding".

The argument for the necessity of SB308 SD2 is unfounded when considering that Hawaii has a homicide rate of only 2.7 per 100,000. In fact, this low homicide rate is precisely thanks to the availability of firearms to law-abiding citizens. These restrictions on gun ownership and transfers are simply not warranted. More restrictive gun laws that target, largely, law abiding citizens are not going to keep criminals from obtaining weapons and is not going to keep them from committing crimes. Criminals don't follow the laws, law abiding citizens do. More gun restrictions such as these only leave the average law abiding citizen more defenseless when the criminals come around with their illegal weapons.

This bill also will directly affect law abiding hunters. Many weapons that hunters use today to harvest meat for their family or other families are going to no longer be legal. Whether it's because of the type of weapon or an attachment that they use on their weapon. This is not fair to the citizens that are following all the laws and simply just trying to provide for their families. Again these prohibitions are not necessary, they are just taking away from citizens that are following the laws and helping to manage the wild game on the islands.

SB308 SD2 relies on sensationalism instead of science. The use of the descriptions "assault rifle" and "high capacity" is disingenuous. Assault is an action. An object cannot assault on its own. "High Capacity" is an ambiguous term used for any magazine over 10 rounds in capacity. There are many firearms that were originally designed to hold more than 10 rounds. It criminalizes parts or accessories that appear "scary" cosmetically. Bills like these are pushed by

politicians that have no real knowledge of firearms and no real evidence to support it. They are playing off the fear of the public to benefit their approval rating and agendas.

Instead of more unwarranted or needed bills like SB308 SD2, we should be promoting more gun safety and gun education. Having the public more knowledgeable and educated about guns will prove way more beneficial than trumping on law abiding citizen's constitutional rights.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:50:47 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Stop making it more difficult for law abiding citizens to protect themselves.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:53:13 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose; interferes with Constitutional rights.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:56:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 308. Anything over 10 rounds for rifles would make many law abiding people instant criminals. We do not need anymore gun restrictions. We need enforcement of the existing laws.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:57:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill, and I hope you will also help vote No on this unconstitutional bill.

This bill violates our second amendment constitutional rights and goes against the most recent Bruen SCOTUS decision. There are many active cases in other states/circuits where any magazine capacity limits are being overturned as unconstitutional. Eventually if these make it to the Supreme Court they will be overturned and Hawaii will be forced to overturn any magazine bans.

I think it is wrong for Hawaii Legislators and Attorney General to try and push these magazine ban laws knowing that they have no constitutional ground to stand on, and that they will be reversed in the future. It will just cost us tax payers more \$ in court. And will do nothing to increase public safety. If anything it will decrease safety for law abiding citizens who must use low capacity magazines to try and defend themselves.

The worst part is that Standard capacity magazines are already in such "common use" that banning them is impossible. Criminals will still have access to them and it will only negatively affect those that follow laws.

Even with the amendments to the law with the 30 round change and the grandfather clause, this bill still violates our 2A rights and I humbly ask that you Vote No.

And maybe next legislative session we try and introduce bills to go the other way and eliminate all magazine capacity limits in Hawaii.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:00:38 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this measure as it is an infringement on our rights This legislation does not solve any issues and will not reduce crime or make us safer. It is meant as an incremental step towards more and more gun control. Also does this legislation clearly spell out how a grandfather clause would work for magazines that are already out in our communtiy.

Thank you

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:04:25 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB308. There is NO reason assault weapons and large capacity magazines should be available for civilian use. We need to be doing everything we can to keep Hawaii safe given the tragic shootings that have taken place in our nation, and we look to our legislators to continue to protect our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:04:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David P. Alvarado Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In **STRONG OPPOSITION** to SB308. As with most gun control measures, this has nothing to do with safety....only control. Rather than affect change in criminal offenders, this measure aims to only persecute law abiding citizens from practicing their constitutional rights and freedoms.

Everyone in Hawai‘i, including introducers of this bill, like to say "this ain't the mainland" proudly. Yet will go out of their way to try and be like those failed cities such as Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York that have the most restrictive gun laws, yet the worst crime rates. It doesn't make sense. Don't let us become another failed city where criminals are free to victimize people who cannot practice their 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:07:20 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it infringes my second amendment rights as a law abiding citizen.

Mahalo,

Jon Tanouye

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:09:43 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:10:23 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not consent

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:20:22 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Todd Yukutake	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose SB308.

This bill is unconstitutional as it bans devices used to operate firearms. It doesn't matter what capacity the magazine is or if magazines are grandfathered as it is still goes against the US Supreme Court in Bruen where the validity of laws are based on history. Today's modern rifles are the equivalent of the historical muskets at the time of the founding and are protected under the 2A.

Mahalo

Todd Yukutake

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:21:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Opposed

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:23:22 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308!

This arbitrary bill clearly violates a fundamental and constitutionally protected right, and unfairly targets lawful and responsible gun owners!

Miles Chong

Hilo, HI 96720

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:25:43 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I opposed this bill and its against my 2nd amendment right..! Thank you..!



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:25:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:31:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello,

I am writing to oppose SB308 SD2. Firstly, why must we do this every year? This is a waste of government resources when hundreds of Hawaii citizens oppose bills similar to this every year.

I oppose SB 308 SD2 because it effects my right to self defense. The 10 round magazine cap for handguns is already unconstitutional in my opinion. Standard capacity magazines for many handguns in common use is more than 10 rounds and the case is also for other firearms such as rifles and shotguns.

Common rifles like the AR15, in many circumstances come from the manufacturer with magazines that can hold more than 10 rounds. That means many laws abiding, Hawaii citizens already own magazines that hold more than 10 rounds. Does that make me and other law abiding citizens felons? Even if there is a "grandfather" rule, how would officials know when I got a magazine?

I oppose SB308 SD 2 because I believe it is unconstitutional. Many firearms that are in common use come standard with magazine more than 10 rounds. 10+ round Magazines already owned would be banned and would effect our 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:33:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am born and raised US citizen who has lived his entire life in Hawaii (with the short exception of my military service). I am veteran, a voter and a member of the local community.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB308, which seeks to ban firearm magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds. While I appreciate the intent to promote public safety, I believe this legislation is misguided, ineffective, and infringes on the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens. I would help fund local and national level organizations to fight this legislation through the judicial system if so passed.

1. Second Amendment Concerns\*1

The right to bear arms is enshrined in the Second Amendment, which protects firearms commonly used for lawful purposes, including self-defense. Standard-capacity magazines are standard equipment for many firearms owned by millions of Americans. Arbitrarily limiting magazine capacity undermines the ability of responsible citizens to defend themselves, particularly in high-stress situations where reloading could prove fatal.

2. Ineffectiveness of Magazine Limits

Criminals, by definition, do not obey laws. A ban on magazine capacity would disproportionately impact lawful gun owners while doing little to prevent violent crime. For example, the 1994 Federal Assault Weapons Ban, which included a 10-round magazine limit, was found by the Department of Justice to have “no discernible impact on lethality or crime rates.” Similarly, states with strict magazine limits, like California, have not seen corresponding reductions in mass shootings or violent crime.

3. Unintended Consequences

Such bans risk creating a patchwork of confusing regulations, turning otherwise lawful gun owners into inadvertent criminals. They also divert resources from addressing root causes of violence, such as mental health crises, gang activity, and inadequate enforcement of existing laws.

Proposed Alternatives

Instead of restricting lawful gun owners, I urge you to focus on policies that:

- Strengthen mental health support and early intervention programs.
- Enforce existing laws against illegal firearm possession and violent crime.
- Invest in school safety measures and community policing.

Public safety requires pragmatic solutions, not symbolic restrictions that penalize responsible citizens. I respectfully ask you to oppose this legislation and prioritize measures that address the true drivers of violence while respecting constitutional rights.

Thank you for your consideration. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:33:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This testimony is to serve as my OPPOSITION to SB308-SD2. Please understand that limiting a firearm's capacity is in direct violation of the Second Amendment of the Constitution. It currently does not hold up to legal scrutiny, and it also is baseless in it's argument that it makes a community safer.

This state and country are not in need of MORE laws to increase public safety. It required that the Federal, State, and County governments dedicate more time, effort, and budget to enforcing current, viable laws.

Respectfully,

Kent Kurihara

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:34:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marlee Kamakaala-Miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this measure, and I hope you will also.

This measure violates my second ammendment rights. This law will have no effect on public safety because criminals do not follow the law anyway. But it will limit my ability as a female to effectively defend myself and my family with a firearm.

Please vote no and oppose this measure.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:40:19 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:42:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello!

I am writing testimony in opposition for this bill SB308. This bill is a blatant infringement on law abiding citizens ability to exercise their 2nd amendment rights if they so choose to. What is this bill trying to accomplish? Criminals aren't going to listen to this. Look at the most recent crime involving firearms. A person was arrested on the H2 for attempted murder. 17 years old. Can't own a firearm until 21 and taken the Safety class and pass background check.. Or the man in Ewa who had a handgun and was filmed climbing on roofs and looking into windows. I'm very doubtful that this person had a CCW permit... Or the 16 year old shooting in Kalihi injuring a 31 year old. How did he get the gun? Again, re-iterating that you can't own a firearm until 21 and taken the Safety class and pass background check. Or the shooting in Ala Moana Beach park, a sensitive places location... 19 and 21 years old. Did they have CCW? Even if they did, you aren't allowed to carry a firearm there legally.. With how strict the firearms laws are in the state of HI, seems to be a lot of people breaking the law and ruining it for the law abiding citizens.

These are easy examples of people who broke the law, and this bill is inching its way to target and punish law abiding citizens who choose to exercise their 2nd amendment right. Criminals who want to break the law, will break the law. IF these "high capacity" magazines are so dangerous, how much more dangerous are they then 10 round magazines? How much percentage more dangerous? What are the studies that 10 round magazines are x amount safer then standard capacity magazines which can be 15-17 rounds? What is going to stop the criminals from acquiring these "high capacity" magazines? Since in the previous 4 examples above, all people who broke the law within a short time frame.

I encourage everyone who reads this to vote NO on this bill.



The 2nd amendment clearly states, “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.”

Thank you for your Time!

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:46:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose SB308. Once again, an attack on The Second Amendment. Please stop it! The criminals out there are getting out of control and you are encouraging them to do anything they want. You took an Oath to uphold the Constitution, now do it! Thank you.

Noela von Wiegandt

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:46:44 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose

While I appreciate the significant strides made with SB308, significant practical problems continue to abound:

1) 30 round magazines are extremely common, possibly the most common rifle magazine size in the world. But “30 rounds” is occasionally more of a nominal measurement. If one tries hard enough, and due to manufacturing tolerances or bent lips on the magazine, a lot of 30 round magazines can have a 31<sup>st</sup> round shoved into them. The larger the magazine, the more likely it is to be able to hold an extra round, so this is more of an issue with 30 round rifle magazines than 10 round pistol magazines. **Is this bill going to be enforced like Cinderella’s glass slipper?** Is somebody going to be on trial with ten confiscated magazines in front of a judge and jury, facing a criminal conviction if a prosecutor goes through them and manages to cram a 31<sup>st</sup> round into one of them?

2) Most magazines are not serialized. Some may have manufacturing date codes, but even then, does anything make it illegal to obliterate those codes? There is no infrastructure to control magazine purchases like firearms are controlled. Given the difficulty in proving that a given magazine was imported prior to the date this law would go into effect, what would this bill be expecting to achieve? We’ve recently been told about how impossible it has been to enforce laws related to unserialized firearms in Honolulu County; **if “ghost gun” laws haven’t been functional, how is this law going to be practical?**

This is not to mention the philosophical problems inherent in restricting people’s right to practice self-defense and to have access to a plausible armed deterrence, or the legal conflicts this bill is in with Article 1 §17 of the Hawaii State Constitution, or the Second Amendment of the US Constitution and the recent and pending jurisprudence on that subject.

Please don’t provide SB308 further consideration, and rather spend the legislature’s time on bills that benefit our community.

Thank you;

-Cassidy Kohout, Kihei

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:50:29 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Janie Bryan	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi, Thanks for the opportunity to express my SUPPORT of SB308, but the original version. I do not support a 30-round magazine limit and respectfully request that this bill be restored to its original version.

Our community does not need access to firearms with this capacity to mortally wound numerous people in a matter of seconds. The majority of voters on Oahu and the neighbor islands including gun owners, in a survey from 2024, agree that high capacity magazines that exceed 10 rounds should be banned. I do not support a 30-round magazine limit and respectfully request that this bill be restored to its original version.

I do NOT support this version of the bill but am in support of the original version of SB308.

Mahalo,

Janie Bryan

Oahu resident since 2003, Hawaii resident since 1988--now in 96816 area code zone

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:54:43 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha JHA Comittee,

I strongly oppose this bill. The bill infringes on my right, as a law abiding citizens, right to keep and bear arms.

As usual your bill has no effect on anyone, except the law abiding citizens.

Respectfully,

Normand A Cote

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:56:52 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose! This in no way adresses any criminal issue. It is Overreach and only punishes law abiding citizens.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:58:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to SB 308. The bill will turn law abiding citizens into criminals overnight. It also does nothing to reduce crime because criminals do not follow the law.

The number of rounds an everyday citizen can carry should match the limits of law enforcement. True, law enforcement is more likely to encounter a criminal and use deadly force, but for the everyday citizen, the likelihood is never zero.

The Supreme Court has upheld that citizens must be able to protect themselves in their home and in public, while declaring that all lives are created equal. Therefore, if an arbitrary number of rounds exists for law enforcement, citizens should be held to the same standard. If no limitation exists for law enforcement, then the citizens rights shall not be infringed.

Please vote no on SB 308.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:59:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 2:11:36 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill! This is infringing upon our 2A rights. None of these bills will hamper or hurt criminals and crime they will only hinder the law abiding citizen trying to protect his or her family and or incident people!

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 2:20:57 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 2:31:32 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Teina Anthony	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good Day,

As an gulf war & honorably discharged veteran, I strongly oppose this draconian and senseless attempt on yet another attack on our rights as American citizens.

Prohibiting magazines that hold more than 10 rounds has been a subject of debate, with arguments on both sides. Here are some potential cons of such a prohibition:

**Reduced Capacity in Dangerous Situations:** Some argue that limiting magazine capacity may reduce the effectiveness of self-defense, particularly in home defense situations where multiple threats might be encountered.

**Increased Reload Time:** With fewer rounds available in a single magazine, a defender may have to reload more often during a confrontation, which can be dangerous in high-stress situations.

**Punishing Responsible Gun Owners:** Many law-abiding gun owners use higher-capacity magazines for recreational shooting, hunting, or sport shooting. A ban could limit their ability to practice effectively or participate in their favorite shooting activities.

**Inconvenience and Cost:** Law-abiding individuals who already own high-capacity magazines may face restrictions on the magazines they can use or be required to replace them. This could also lead to financial costs for gun owners who must buy new, compliant magazines.

**Rise in Illegally Obtained Magazines:** Those who are determined to bypass the restriction may resort to obtaining higher-capacity magazines through illegal means. Prohibitions can sometimes drive black market activity, potentially leading to more crime.

**Difficult to Enforce:** There is concern that such laws would be difficult to enforce effectively, and they may disproportionately impact individuals who are not involved in illegal activities, rather than criminals who may disregard the law altogether.

**Questionable Impact on Mass Shootings:** Some critics argue that limiting magazine capacity won't necessarily reduce the number of mass shootings, as many other factors (mental health issues, access to firearms, and intent) contribute to these tragedies. They suggest that shooters could still cause harm with multiple smaller magazines or with firearms that are already capable of rapid reloading.

**Workaround Strategies:** In some cases, shooters may simply use multiple 10-round magazines,

which could potentially reduce the intended effectiveness of the law.

**Reduced Realism for Training:** Military and law enforcement personnel often train with magazines that hold more than 10 rounds to simulate real-world situations. A restriction could limit the ability of civilians involved in tactical training or competitive shooting to prepare for such scenarios.

**Impact on Competition:** Competitive shooting sports, where fast reloading and shooting from various positions are required, could be impacted. These events often use high-capacity magazines to maximize efficiency and challenge.

**Second Amendment Debate:** Some people believe that restrictions on magazine capacity infringe on their Second Amendment rights, which they interpret as providing the right to own firearms that are effective for self-defense, which may include higher-capacity magazines.

#### 7. Increased Complexity for Gun Owners

**Confusion Over Compliance:** With varying laws in different states, gun owners may find it difficult to comply with the law if they travel between jurisdictions where the rules differ. This can create unnecessary confusion and legal risks for responsible gun owners.

In summary, while a 10-round magazine limit may be seen as a measure to reduce gun violence, it has raised concerns about the impact on self-defense, recreational use, law enforcement, and the broader gun culture. These concerns continue to fuel debates on the effectiveness and fairness of such restrictions.

The debate over limiting magazine capacities often intersects with discussions about the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which states:

"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."

Proponents of gun rights argue that laws limiting magazine capacities could infringe on the Second Amendment in several ways. Here's how the restriction on magazine capacities relates to the Second Amendment:

**Self-Defense and Efficiency:** Some believe that the Second Amendment protects not only the right to own firearms but also the right to own weapons that are effective for self-defense. High-capacity magazines, they argue, are crucial for self-defense situations where multiple assailants might be encountered, and reducing the capacity of a magazine limits the ability to effectively defend oneself.

**Effective Arms:** Gun rights advocates argue that the Second Amendment ensures the right to keep "effective" arms, and a restriction on magazine capacity could limit a firearm's effectiveness, particularly in home defense or other defensive situations where larger magazines might be needed.

**Defense Against Tyranny:** Some interpret the Second Amendment as protecting the right of the people to keep and bear arms not just for personal defense but also for resistance against

potential government overreach or tyranny. If the government restricts access to modern firearms or accessories like high-capacity magazines, they argue it weakens the ability of civilians to resist if necessary. In this context, high-capacity magazines are seen as an important aspect of having an armed populace capable of confronting a well-equipped military force.

**Comparable to Military-Style Weapons:** Proponents argue that civilian access to weapons that are similar to those used by the military is essential to maintain the balance of power between citizens and the state. Limiting the capacity of magazines is viewed by some as part of a broader trend to restrict access to weapons that are similar to those used by military forces, which they see as an infringement on the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

**Founding Fathers' Intent:** Gun rights supporters often point out that when the Second Amendment was written, there were no restrictions on the type or capacity of arms people could own. They argue that the framers of the Constitution could not have foreseen modern magazine capacities, but the core principle of the Second Amendment—allowing the people to have access to arms for personal defense and for resisting tyranny—should still apply.

**Evolution of Firearms:** While the framers couldn't have predicted the types of firearms and accessories that exist today, some argue that the right to bear arms should encompass modern weaponry, including those capable of holding more than 10 rounds. To them, limiting magazine capacity restricts the ability to exercise the right in a meaningful way, as the laws are not in line with the original intent of the Second Amendment.

**Incremental Restrictions:** Some gun rights advocates argue that restrictions on magazine capacity are a "slippery slope" toward broader gun control measures. They believe that once laws start limiting certain aspects of firearms ownership (such as magazine capacity), it becomes easier to justify further restrictions, potentially leading to the erosion of the Second Amendment over time.

**Potential for Broader Disarmament:** There is a concern that limiting high-capacity magazines could be the first step in efforts to limit access to other types of firearms or accessories, ultimately leading to significant restrictions or bans on weapons that are seen as critical to upholding Second Amendment rights.

**Infringement on Rights:** The most direct concern is that any restriction on firearms or accessories that are commonly owned and used by responsible citizens infringes upon the constitutional right to bear arms. While the government is allowed to regulate firearms, the argument is that laws limiting magazine capacities go too far and unjustifiably limit the ability of individuals to defend themselves.

**Lack of Evidence for Effectiveness:** Critics also argue that laws restricting magazine capacities may not effectively reduce gun violence or mass shootings. They claim that the Second Amendment should not be infringed upon based on laws that may not meaningfully address the root causes of gun violence, such as mental health, criminal behavior, or illegal trafficking of firearms.

The relationship between magazine capacity restrictions and the Second Amendment boils down to the interpretation of the right to bear arms. Supporters of limiting magazine capacity argue that the government has the right to regulate arms for public safety, but opponents see such regulations as a violation of the Second Amendment, as they believe that the right to bear arms includes access to the most effective tools for self-defense and resistance to tyranny. Ultimately, the tension is between ensuring public safety and preserving the constitutional rights to own and use firearms.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 2:33:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please vote no on this Bill as it is unfair to hunters and recreational shooting.  
thank you



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 2:36:59 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
ISAIH K REYNOLDS	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it is an infringement on my constitutiona rights as a US citezen and 2nd Amendment rights. By passing this bill you are not reducing any type of gun crimes, gun violence. Those who wish to cause harm and break the law will always find a way. This only give those who wish to cause harm and break the law more power and take power away from the law abiding citezen.

Isaih Reynolds

Hilo Hawaii

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 2:40:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 2:48:50 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Magazine size is a red herring and a boogymen. Magazines can be changed out in a fraction of a second. Large magazines are less concealable. Quit trying to make magazines into criminals and go after the bad actors, i.e. the criminals doing the crime.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 2:51:51 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

SB308's ban on firearm magazines over 10 rounds is unconstitutional and directly infringes on our Second Amendment rights. The right to bear arms is a fundamental individual right that should not be arbitrarily limited by the government. Restricting magazine capacity hinders law-abiding citizens from effectively defending themselves and their families, which goes against the core principles of the Second Amendment. This bill unfairly targets responsible gun owners and undermines their ability to exercise their constitutional rights. It is essential to uphold and protect the Second Amendment as a cornerstone of our democracy, and SB308 clearly violates this fundamental right.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 2:56:00 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this initiative to restrict 2nd Amendment rights.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 2:57:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 as it is unconstitutional. Majority of firearms comes standard with magazines over 10rd capacity. Also, how would ya'll go about enforcing "grandfathered" 30rd magazines obtained before the act, after January 1st 2025? These common use magazines will lead to falsely penalizing the citizens.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 3:06:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I SUPPORT THIS BILL!

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 3:07:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 3:59:07 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

There are so many other important matters that need attention besides trying to micro manage gun owners rights. I am a Very Concerned citizen watching our rights being chipped away. Please reconsider the fact that honest hardworking people are getting pushed aside for the greedy people who would put our rights on the chopping block just to gain a buck.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 4:00:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

Please oppose SB308.

Mahalo for all you do for the people of Hawaii!

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 4:34:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB308

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 4:34:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

No to SB308!!! STOP this unconstitutional attack now!

this is going our second amendment rights. I oppose this bill strongly.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 4:45:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 4:53:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons law that fails to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for these weapons. Assault rifles with large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds of ammunition) are the weapons used for so many tragic mass shootings in our nation, and their rapid fire of ammunition rounds leaves little chance to intervene to stop the carnage. Their military features are designed for battlefields, not for civilian use in our islands. Every large capacity magazine sold in our islands is an opportunity to wreak mass violence against our residents.

**Note: This bill should be amended to return to its original form in SB308, so that all large capacity magazines over 10 rounds would be prohibited for civilian firearms in Hawai'i.**

**Please help protect our residents from mass violence - we are friends, colleagues, and family members. I implore you to please pass this bill and protect us. There is simply too much gun violence in our society!**

**Thank you for your attention to this matter.**

**Sincerely,**

**Jenny Silbiger**

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 5:00:42 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill, because criminals will not follow the law, law abiding citizens with hundreds of dollars in magazines, will now be criminals.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 5:08:58 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose



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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 5:57:50 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

"Shall not be infringed" means shall not be infringed. Another unconstitutional law trying to be passed by the most corrupt "state".

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:03:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

2nd amendment rights.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:14:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is an overreach that punishes responsible gun owners while failing to address crime or public safety. This is government overreach. Quit treading on our 2nd amendment.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:41:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bevin Parker-Evans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 12, 2025

Dear Members of the JHA Committee and Chairman Tarnas and Vice Chair Poepoe:

My name is Bevin Parker-Evans and I am a resident of Kaua'i and I am writing my testimony today in **Strong support of SB308 SD2**. This bill expands the ban on any pistol weapon with a detachable magazine to any firearm with a detachable magazine that has up to thirty rounds capacity.

Not only does our state Department of Law Enforcement support this bill for the safety of our citizens, but also because it supports the safety of our Law Enforcement officers. The League of Women Voters of Hawaii also supports this bill and as a member of the Democratic Party Women's Caucus I stand with these women who believe that the proliferation of semi-automatic/automatic weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens.

The women of Hawaii, including myself are lobbying our legislators to make certain that your Committee will support the SCC and the Democratic Party Platform to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons which make mass killings more likely. These are not weapons made for hunting, these are weapons distinctly designed for mass murder and the Republicans strongly oppose this bill, so I am asking all of the Democrats on this committee and the women on this committee to stand for public safety and gun control and strongly support this bill.

Mahalo for your care and concern for our citizens,

Bevin Parker-Evans Kaua'i Resident 3721 Omao Road, Koloa, HI 96756

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:48:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this over restrictive gun, law, and limitation of citizens rights to own firearms. Please do not pass this bill. This is overreach by the Hawaii government and completely unnecessary.

Mahalo,

Heidi Hirsh

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:53:51 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am submitting testimony is STRONG opposition to SB308. As I stated in my earlier written testimony, no government has the right to determine how I am to defend myself, my family or my property when it comes to criminal elements that would do me harm. This bill seeks to limit the amount of rounds I may carry within my firearm at any given time. If I am going to defend myself, I want as many rounds I can carry without having to reload. A magazine of more than ten rounds will allow me to do that. And contrary to what our politicians see in movies and TV, most home invasions take place with more than one assailant. What precedent does a politician have that says they have the right to take away the very means that I choose to use to defend myself?

The right to defend myself is a God given right and if I am a law abiding citizen, why can I not have the very means and tools to exercise that right?

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:05:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carol D. Yokoyama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Aloha Committee,**

**Please strongly OPPOSE SB308. This bill severely restricts law-abiding gun owners and unfairly targets responsible firearm owners while doing little to improve public safety.**

**Please stop restricting and targeting responsible gun owners. This State fails in addressing the real issue - crime and public safety.**

**Protect our rights under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution by OPPOSING SB308.**

**Mahalo for your time.**

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:05:47 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I respectfully oppose this bill.



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:31:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Galen Fox	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Please return to the original SB308, so that all large capacity magazines over 10 rounds would be prohibited for civilian firearms in Hawai'i.**

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:44:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please OPPOSE SB308.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:58:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We have the RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS.

How much more, do we need to reiterate our basic rights ?

All arms. Are arms.

Communism ? Control ? The bill introducers ?

Louella Vidinha

Hawaii resident

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:00:20 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paul v Razon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 SD2. Can anything be done to help stopping this additions to what has always been our rights under our 2A? There is no interpretation. How hard is that to understand. Lets get back to our constitutional rights of self defense.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:37:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shane Correia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB308\_SD2, which seeks to expand the ban on firearms with detachable magazines exceeding certain capacities. While I understand the intent to enhance public safety, I believe this bill is misguided and will have unintended consequences that outweigh its potential benefits.

**Impact on Law-Abiding Citizens:** This bill unfairly targets responsible gun owners who use firearms for lawful purposes such as self-defense, hunting, and recreational shooting. Restricting magazine capacities does not address the root causes of gun violence, which are often linked to illegal firearms and criminal activity.

**Effectiveness in Reducing Crime:** Studies have shown that bans on high-capacity magazines have minimal impact on reducing crime rates. For example, research conducted by RAND found that the evidence for the effects of high-capacity magazine bans on firearm homicides is inconclusive. (See <https://www.rand.org/research/gun-policy/analysis/ban-assault-weapons/violent-crime.html>). Criminals are unlikely to adhere to such restrictions, leaving law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage in situations where self-defense is necessary.

**Economic Consequences:** The proposed restrictions could negatively impact local businesses that sell firearms and related accessories. This could lead to job losses and economic downturns in communities that rely on this industry.

**Constitutional Concerns:** The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right to bear arms. SB308\_SD2 infringes upon this fundamental right by imposing arbitrary restrictions on magazine capacities, setting a concerning precedent for further limitations.

Exemptions and Enforcement Challenges: The bill's exemptions for certain magazines obtained before a specific date create enforcement challenges and potential loopholes. This could lead to confusion among gun owners and law enforcement, undermining the bill's effectiveness.

In conclusion, while the goal of reducing gun violence is commendable, SB308\_SD2 is not the solution. I urge you to consider alternative measures that address the root causes of violence without infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens. These could include enhanced background checks, mental health support, and community-based violence prevention programs.

Thank you for considering my testimony. I respectfully request that you vote against SB308\_SD2.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:50:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support the second amendment this infringe on my right

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:53:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I have already written one testimony last month but I feel like I need to do this again especially for this bill. I find it quite disturbing to be honest that this bill not only goes against all of our constitutional rights but also why is this even considered? It has never been a issue in Hawai'i with having more than 30 round magazines for rifles. Hand guns yes but rifles? This bill should not take place under any circumstances



**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:02:19 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill magazines do not cause crime

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:06:12 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This law violates my rights and it's nonsense !

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:18:24 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 308

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:32:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha honorable committee members, and fellow residents. My name is Phil Davidson, and I'm a law-abiding citizen of Hawaii here to oppose Senate Bill 308. While I appreciate efforts to enhance public safety, this bill unfairly targets responsible gun owners and fails to address the root causes of violence in our communities.

SB 308 seeks to ban magazines holding more than 30 rounds for rifles and shotguns. This restriction might sound reasonable on paper, but it ignores practical realities. For many of us—hunters, sport shooters, and those who rely on firearms for self-defense—these magazines are standard tools, not instruments of crime. Criminals, by definition, don't follow laws. They'll find ways to obtain what they want, while law-abiding folks like me are left with fewer options to protect ourselves and our families. In a rural area like Kapolei, where help can be far off, this matters.

Moreover, the evidence doesn't support this approach. Studies—like those from the Rand Corporation—show no conclusive link between magazine capacity limits and reduced gun violence. Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation, yet proponents of SB 308 can't point to data showing this added restriction will make a difference. Instead, it punishes people like me who comply with every registration, background check, and training requirement.

Finally, enforcement is a nightmare. How will police distinguish compliant magazines from banned ones in a state with thousands of legally owned firearms? This vagueness invites confusion, lawsuits, and wasted taxpayer dollars—resources better spent on mental health programs or community policing, which actually address violence.

I urge you to listen to your constituents. We want safety, but not at the cost of our rights or common sense. SB 308 doesn't solve problems—it creates them. Please vote "no" and focus on measures that target criminals, not law-abiding Hawaii residents. Mahalo for your time and consideration—I'm happy to answer any questions.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:33:24 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to oppose bill sb308 as I find that restricting magazines that hold more ammunition, will not have any effect whatsoever in preventing shootings or crimes from happening. All it does is further restrict law abiding citizens/ gun owners. Bad people set on doing harm to others, will do so regardless and still obtain illegal guns and magazines. Sb308 prevents the good person from being able to defend themselves on a level playing field and tips the scales in favor of the criminal who will no doubt be in possession of illegal firearms and items such as "high capacity" magazines.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:03:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We need gun control laws that will stop the madness of mass shootings and astronomically high rates of homicide. We need laws that usher in extremely strict background checks, even psychological tests, we need laws that make pistols less lethal. Please support SB308. Canadians possess as many firearms as we do in the US but their homicide rates are very low. I lived in Japan for years and never feared that I would be a victim in a mass shooting because of their strict laws. WHAT IS WRONG WITH US IN THE U.S. THAT WE CONTINUE TO TOLERATE HORRIFICALLY HIGH RATES OF GUN VIOLENCE???

Please work hard to keep us safe, please work to have our keiki grow up in a peaceful environment. Support SB308.

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:15:13 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**Aloha,**

**My name is Eric Hammond, and I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB308.**

**SCOTUS decisions have repeatedly been used to dismantle magazine and round bans over and over again. Magazines for rifles and pistols that have the capacity for more than 30 and 10, respectively, have been around for decades and are extremely common. You will be wasting taxpayers' money as this law will be taken to court and lose like every other anti-2nd Amendment law that has been passed recently. I grow tired of these laws that are continually shown to be unconstitutional. If you remember, the Constitution is supposed to be the supreme law of the land. Yet, a few of our legislators seem to forget this and disregard the Constitution, trying to make their versions.**

**Defer this bill and save we taxpayers' money and protect our rights.**

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:33:51 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308. Concentrate on mental health. A firearm is jus a tool to protect my family and loved ones. Police/law enforcement can not protect you at all times



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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:34:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is government overreach and should not be passed.

Thank you for listening to the people of Hawaii.

Susan Wadas

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:48:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It's a violation of Heller and Cayetano as well as the Bruen decision, the state is already facing a legal challenge against the pistol mag ban, which they barely enforce or prosecute anyway when they find criminals with 'high cap' magazines.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 1:54:58 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

This goes against the 2nd Admendment.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 5:56:36 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is strongly against our second amendment and violates our rights as a US citizen!

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 6:01:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a hawaiian and citizen of America this bill I oppose for it is a direct violation of the second amendment!!! The same Amendment in which you all swore to uphold and protect!!!

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 7:37:51 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I respectfully oppose this bill.

This bill is unconstitutional, the supreme court has already ruled that magazines are an integral part of the operation of firearms that are equipped with them. They are protected under the 2nd amendment. Artificial magazine restrictions are clearly in direct defiance of federal law.

This bill is unenforceable law enforcement cannot distinguish between magazines acquired before 1/1/26.

I respectfully ask that you vote no to this unenforceable unconstitutional bill.

Thank you for your time.

Nathan Roldan.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 7:52:13 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons law that fails to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for these weapons. Assault rifles with large capacity magazines are the weapons used for so many tragic mass shootings in our nation and we do not want something like that to happen in our schools or shopping centers, PLEASE.

This bill should be amended to return to its original form in SB308 so that all large capacity magazines over 10 rounds would be prohibited for civilian firearms in Hawaii.

Thank you so much for looking out for the safety of our children and all our citizens.

Elizabeth Nelson

Kaneohe

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 7:59:35 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chad K Taniguchi	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This cannot be easy for legislators who see many testimonies in opposition. Please examine your own knowledge of your constituents' desires and whether you feel the vast majority of people in Hawaii and the US oppose high capacity weapons and magazines. Every senseless mass killing calls for the same solutions. This is one important solution.

**Please amend this bill to return to its original form in SB308, to prohibit all large capacity magazines over 10 rounds for civilian firearms in Hawai'i.**

**As our representatives you can do it!**

**mahalo!**

**Chad K Taniguchi**



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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 9:13:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb308

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 9:16:29 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Testimony submitted in OPPOSITION.

The legislature cannot be trusted as draft change may change the number of rounds in the magazine can hold. Bill may change at the whim of committee hearing this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 10:57:03 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is unconstitutional, will not hold up in court, and wastes time, money, and effort. Just stop it.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 11:35:33 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill. I am not against guns for hunting. No regular citizen needs a weapon for mad killing.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 11:50:15 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a registered voter, i oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 11:51:49 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 11:51:51 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 12:05:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill



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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 1:13:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chanara Caey Richmond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 308. Chanara Richmond HD42

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 1:17:47 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We strongly oppose this bill on the premise that it is a direct violation of our Constitutional Rights! We need to save the unnecessary monies that this will cost taxpayers in defending law suits against this Unconstitutional Bill. Thank you!

**SB-308-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2025 1:33:39 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I think this bill is unnecessary & would unduly burden thousands of people who already have many of these.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 2:01:22 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nicholas	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

SB308, which seeks to ban 30-round magazines, is not only unconstitutional but also fails to address the root causes of violent crime. Instead of targeting criminals, this law disproportionately impacts law-abiding citizens, restricting their ability to exercise their Second Amendment rights while doing little to deter actual criminal behavior.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 3:37:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

In ***strong opposition*** of bill SB308. These bills are an overreach and unconstitutional. Legislation should focus on criminals and **STOP** trying to restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 4:25:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a concerned and law biding citizen I please urge you to oppose this bill. It does nothing to stop criminals from doing what they do and only puts further pressure turning law biding citizens into criminals. This bill also goes against our constitutional rights.