



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

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

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

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

TIME: 10:01 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

TESTIFIER(S): **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.**

(For more information, contact Julie Ebato,
Administrator, Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division of
the Department of the Attorney General, at 808-587-7442)

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

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

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

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

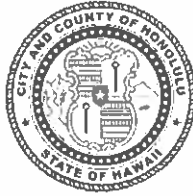
The bill extends the date that the county police departments provide the data to the Department from February 1 to March 31 of each year for the prior calendar year, allowing the county police departments additional time to provide the data to the Department.

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

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

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March 25, 2025

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 016
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

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

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

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


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

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

APPROVED:

Sincerely,


Arthur J. Logan
Chief of Police


Carlene Lau, Major
Records and Identification Division

HB-995

Submitted on: 3/21/2025 10:51:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2025 10:01:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Honorable Legislative Representative,

I am submitting this testimony in opposition of HB995. This information is already gathered by the various counties. They should be able to submit the reporting directly to the state without having to create a committee or legislation to do the same.

Sincerely,

David Fukuzawa

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HB-995

Submitted on: 3/24/2025 9:08:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2025 10:01:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill, not needed, counties can directly report to the state. We should not even need permits. The criminals do not. We need to focus on individual offenders and not on the tool.
Thank you.