

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1750

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 , 2025

RE: S.B. No. 401  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 401, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to include any firearm with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher, excluding certain firearms, in the list of prohibited weapons.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Giffords; Everytown for Gun Safety; Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Hawai'i Chapter; Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Hawai'i Chapter; Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Mid Pacific Pistol League; Aloha Freedom Coalition; Hawaii Patriot Republicans; Safari Club International, Hawaii Chapter; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Honolulu Police Department and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure will strengthen Hawaii's firearms laws and enhance public safety in the State.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Beginning July 8, 2025, prohibiting:
  - (A) Persons from bringing or causing to be brought into the State assault rifles, assault shotguns, or .50 caliber firearms; and
  - (B) The sale or transfer of assault rifles, assault shotguns, or .50 caliber firearms in the State to anyone other than authorized individuals;
- (2) Amending the prohibition on certain weapons to add assault rifles and assault shotguns, in addition firearms with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher;
- (3) Expanding the ban on high-capacity detachable magazines to include those magazines designed for or capable of use with any firearm;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 401, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 401, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB401 SD2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JHA</b>	Date: <b>3/13/25</b>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			Ⓜ
4. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TODD, Chris	✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond				✓
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.			✓	
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>				
	Ⓜ 8	0	1	2

The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted  
 If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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