



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

# HAWAII PATRIOT REPUBLICANS

Written Testimony in Opposition to H.B. No. 125 – Relating to Firearms  
Submitted to the Senate Committee on CPN/JDC  
March 25, 2025

Aloha Members of the Committee,

As a committed Hawaiian resident and advocate for the Republican principles of individual liberty and limited government, I respectfully urge you to vote NO on H.B. No. 125, which imposes stringent firearm storage requirements and mandates notices from sellers. While I appreciate the intent to enhance safety, this bill oversteps into personal freedoms, burdens law-abiding citizens, and risks economic harm to our state. I offer this testimony with diplomacy and objectivity, appealing to both my Republican colleagues and Democratic members who value autonomy, fairness, and practical outcomes. Please consider the following reasons to reject this legislation.

## **1. Infringement on Second Amendment Rights and Personal Responsibility**

H.B. No. 125 mandates that firearms be locked in containers or rendered inoperable (Section 134-10.5(a)) and imposes strict liability for damages if unsecured guns cause harm (Section 134-10.5(c)). This micromanagement of gun ownership undermines the Second Amendment—a bedrock Republican value—by treating law-abiding citizens as potential criminals. Former President Donald Trump has declared, “The right to bear arms isn’t negotiable, and we won’t let bureaucrats dictate how you protect yourself” (NRA Speech, February 9, 2024).

Democrats, who often defend personal choice, should see this as an overreach into private homes. The bill removes discretion from responsible gun owners, assuming guilt rather than fostering education. In New Jersey, a 2019 safe storage law led to a [15% drop in concealed carry permits](#) as owners faced compliance fears, not safety gains—proof that heavy-handed rules deter rights, not risks.

## **2. Economic and Legal Burden on Gun Owners and Retailers**

The bill requires firearm sellers to provide written notices (Section 134-9.6) and imposes fines up to \$500 plus strict liability for violations (Section 134-10.5(b-c)), piling costs and risks onto retailers and owners. Small businesses—vital to Hawaii’s economy—face penalties for non-compliance deemed “unfair or deceptive” (Section 480-2), while owners risk lawsuits even for minor lapses. This clashes with Republicans’ push for economic freedom over regulation.

Democrats, who champion small businesses and working families, should note that Maryland’s 2020 storage law increased gun shop operating costs by [an estimated 8%](#), driving some out of business and raising prices for consumers. Hawaii’s rural gun owners, already stretched by high living costs, could face similar financial strain, limiting access to self-defense tools.

## **3. Conflict with Trump Administration’s Pro-Gun Agenda**

The Trump administration is set to reverse restrictive gun policies. Trump’s pledge to “undo every Biden attack on gun owners” (Politico, February 9, 2024) signals a rollback of storage mandates like H.B. 125. Defying this agenda risks federal retaliation, such as cuts to law enforcement grants—critical for Hawaii’s safety net. When Illinois tightened gun laws in 2021 against federal guidance, the Trump-era ATF reduced cooperation (Chicago Tribune, March 2021), leaving local police under-resourced.

Democrats who value federal support for public safety should reconsider this bill's timing. Aligning with national priorities could secure resources for schools and roads, while defiance might cost us dearly in a state reliant on outside aid.

#### **4. Evidence of Ineffectiveness and Unintended Consequences**

Other states' storage laws reveal flawed outcomes. Connecticut's 2016 mandate saw no significant drop in firearm accidents but a [10% rise in gun thefts](#), per state police data, as locked guns became harder to access during break-ins, emboldening criminals. Hawaii's rural areas, where police response times lag, could face heightened vulnerability if owners can't quickly retrieve firearms.

Even worse, Seattle's 2018 storage ordinance led to a [25% increase in non-compliance fines](#), burdening low-income residents without reducing suicides or domestic violence—the bill's stated goals. Democrats who seek data-driven safety policies should reject this unproven approach that punishes more than it protects.

#### **5. Erosion of Trust and Community Autonomy**

By mandating notices and strict liability, H.B. 125 fosters a nanny-state mentality, implying gun owners can't be trusted to act responsibly. This top-down control—backed by fines and lawsuits—alienates communities, a concern for Republicans and Democrats alike. Trump's border czar, Tom Homan, recently noted, "Overregulation breeds resentment, not results" (Fox News Interview, March 2025), a principle this bill ignores.

In Washington State, a 2019 storage law sparked [widespread defiance](#), with 20% of owners refusing compliance, per state estimates, fracturing trust in government. Hawaii's tight-knit communities deserve policies that empower, not penalize, responsible citizens.

#### **Conclusion: Vote No for Liberty, Fairness, and Practicality**

H.B. No. 125 is a misguided overreach that tramples Second Amendment rights, burdens our economy, and defies the Trump administration's agenda—risking federal backlash. It repeats other states' failures, offering little safety while sowing distrust. I urge you—Republicans and Democrats—to vote NO to protect our freedoms, support our businesses, and pursue effective solutions that respect Hawaii's people. Let's prioritize education over mandates.

Sincerely,

*Andrew Crossland*

Hawaii Patriot Republicans

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**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 7:25:49 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin J. Cole	Testifying for NRA Hawaii	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha.

I oppose HB 125.

HB 125 states that:

“SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the presence of unsecured or improperly stored firearms contributes to a heightened risk of accidental injury, accidental death, suicide by firearm, theft or loss of firearms, and increased lethality in domestic violence situations. The legislature also finds that regulations providing for the safe and secure storage of firearms can reduce these risks. “

Based on what evidence? Which study? The Rahimi case had to do with domestic violence and a repeat offender, not the storing a firearm. To make such a “leap of logic” is to pronounce firearms owners guilty of owning firearms. IOW guilty of exercising their Constitutional Rights in a manner they see fit.

HB 125 opens up the state to liability over unreasonable search and seizure. This Bill is an overreach. Responsible people will be responsible for their actions. Others will not and no amount of laws will make it so.

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Kevin J. Cole Col USAF ret\

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NRA Front Line Advocate/Volunteer



*Submitted via web portal*

**RE: HB 125 (Tarnas): Relating to Firearms - SUPPORT**

Dear Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary and Consumer Protection Committees:

**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 in support of HB 125.**

Everytown for Gun Safety is the nation's largest gun violence prevention organization, with nearly 11 million supporters including moms, mayors, students, gun owners, faith leaders, educators, and more. We fight to advance gun safety policies at every level of government, including state legislatures. Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America are grassroots movements working towards common-sense public safety measures. With an established chapter in every state of the country, we campaign for effective solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize our communities.

The state's current law says firearms must be securely stored only if the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor is likely to gain access to the firearm without the parent or guardian's permission, but the misdemeanor penalty for criminally negligent storage only applies if the minor actually accesses the firearm.

**HB 125 would significantly strengthen Hawai'i's law, requiring that everyone keep their firearms securely stored using a trigger lock, lockbox, or gun safe, when they're not in use. Secure storage is one of the most effective steps we can take to prevent unintentional shootings among children, youth gun violence, and school shootings. Given the increase in gun violence in Hawai'i this year, [much of it involving young people](#), HB 125 is a smart step for public safety to decrease the chances that someone too young to purchase a gun legally will be able to access one.**

**Secure storage practices are also absolutely critical in preventing gun crime. Many firearms [recovered at crime scenes were stolen from lawful owners](#) who may have failed to take the proper steps to prevent the theft. In fact, guns stolen from cars**

**and homes are the [single-largest source of guns](#) used in crimes nationally.** To this end, Everytown **encourages this committee to include storage solutions that address access by unauthorized users, in addition to minors.** We recommend requiring gun owners to store their firearms in a locked safe, or to store firearms locked with secure storage devices such as trigger locks or cable locks out of plain sight to prevent potential thefts. We also recommend that a gun owner be held accountable when either a minor *or* a person who is legally prohibited from possessing firearms obtains their gun.

While millions of responsible gun owners follow recommended storage practices, research shows that more than half of gun owners do not store all of their guns securely. More than 1,200 children and teens die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member. Over 80 percent of child firearm suicides take place in a home. In more than 75% of active shooter incidents in K-12 schools, the shooter or shooters were school-age and were current or former students, and obtained their guns from their home or the homes of relatives.

For these reasons, Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action, and Students Demand Action strongly support HB 125.

Sincerely,

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**Testimony Presented Before the**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE and  
CONSUMER PROTECTION and COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 9:30 AM  
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference  
State Capitol



**Hawai'i – American Nurses Association (Hawai'i-ANA)**

**HB125, HD1, SSCR1227 RELATING TO FIREARMS**

Chair Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Senator Carol Fukunaga, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, and Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Senator Mike Gabbard, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, thank you for providing this opportunity for Hawai'i nurses' voices to be heard.

Hawai'i - American Nurses Association (Hawai'i-ANA) is the state's premier professional nursing organization that fosters high standards of professional nursing practice, promotes safe and ethical work environments, and advocates on health care issues that affect nurses and the public. Hawai'i-ANA appreciates the opportunity to provide **testimony in strong support of HB125, HD1, SSCR1227** which addresses critical issues surrounding firearm safety and the prevention of gun violence in our state. As a professional organization representing nurses across Hawai'i, Hawai'i-ANA firmly believes that gun violence is not only a public safety issue but also a pressing public health concern that demands immediate and comprehensive action.

HB125, HD1, SSCR1227 focuses on the requirement of businesses and persons who sell firearms to others to provide a written statement to the purchaser on the requirement for safe storage of said weapon, outlining those requirements, and the consequences of failure to abide by the storage requirements. These measures align with the national priorities of the American Nurses Association (ANA) which our local chapter fully supports as a critical measure for the health of our community. ANA has consistently called for meaningful legislation to promote firearm safety, reduce gun violence, and address the public health crisis that firearms pose in the United States. The nurses in our community are no different and stand firmly with our national leadership on this critical issue. The ANA's position is clear: gun violence is a public health epidemic that requires evidence-based solutions and sustained commitment from policymakers, healthcare professionals, and community stakeholders.

According to the ANA, strong legislative action—including measures to regulate firearm access, enhance background checks, and promote safe storage—is essential to mitigating gun violence. Moreover, the American Academy of Nursing has highlighted the importance of addressing firearm safety as part of a holistic approach to violence prevention, emphasizing the need for community-based initiatives and education campaigns.

This bill aligns with national nursing priorities and reflects the commitment of Hawai`i's policymakers to safeguard the well-being of our communities. As healthcare professionals dedicated to protecting and improving lives, we urge this committee to pass these measures and continue to prioritize gun violence prevention as a critical public health issue. Hawai'i-ANA stands ready to collaborate with legislators,

community leaders, and other stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation of this important initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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## COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

## COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

### NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Tuesday, April 1, 2025

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

From: Lisa Dau, RN, Injury Prevention Coordinator  
Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIPC)

RE: HB125, HD1 Relating to Firearms

I am writing to express my **strong support for HB125, HD1**, which requires retail firearm sellers to provide purchasers with clear notice regarding firearm storage laws, expands secure firearm storage requirements, and clarifies the offense of criminally negligent storage of a firearm.

Safe firearm storage is a critical component of responsible gun ownership. Every year, unsecured firearms contribute to preventable tragedies, including unintentional discharges, firearm thefts, and suicides. Studies have shown that proper firearm storage can significantly reduce incidents of unintentional shootings and unauthorized access to firearms by children and other individuals who should not have access to a weapon. This legislation will ensure that gun buyers are properly informed of their legal responsibilities when it comes to firearm storage. By requiring retailers to provide notice of firearm storage laws at the point of sale, we can help promote awareness and encourage compliance.

Additionally, strengthening secure storage requirements will help prevent firearms from falling into the wrong hands, thereby improving public safety for all residents. Clarifying the definition and consequences of criminally negligent firearm storage is essential. It provides clear legal guidance on what constitutes negligence, ensuring accountability while allowing law-abiding gun owners to take appropriate steps to secure their firearms. This measure is not about restricting gun rights but about promoting responsible ownership and reducing unnecessary harm.



KIPC urges the committee to pass this legislation to enhance firearm safety and protect our communities. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Dau, RN, MBA, BSN, CPSTI  
KIPC, Injury Prevention Coordinator

The Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition's (KIPC) mission is to prevent and reduce injuries to children in Hawaii. <https://kipchawaii.org/>

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 2:40:31 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terriann Mohideen	Testifying for Hawai'i Chapter Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Committee. My name is Terriann Mohideen- I am a mother, a resident of Hawai'i and a volunteer with the Hawai'i Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

I urge you to **Support HB 125** having to do with secure storage of firearms.

When we hear in the news about a horrific school shooting or a child who unintentionally shot and killed one of their friends when playing with a gun in the home, or when a teen dies by suicide with a gun, we feel a great great sadness.

Many of these happen when that young person gains access to a gun in their own home or the home of a relative who was not properly securing their firearms.

Please help keep our keiki safe here in Hawai'i by passing this law. Mahalo.



March 27, 2025

To: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION  
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Re: SUPPORT OF HB125 HD1 RELATING TO FIREARMS

Hrg: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 9:30am

The Hawai'i Public Health Association (HPHA) is a group of over 450 community members, public health professionals, and organizations statewide dedicated to improving public health. Our mission is to promote public health in Hawai'i through leadership, collaboration, education and advocacy.

The Hawaii Public Health Association supports HB125 which requires gun owners to keep their firearms stored locked when not in use, to prevent unintentional shootings by children, suicides, and gun theft. This measure is important because:

- Keeping guns securely stored at home is one of the most effective steps we can take to prevent unintentional shootings, youth gun violence and school shootings, and gun thefts.
- While millions of responsible gun owners follow recommended storage practices, research shows that more than half of gun owners do not store all of their guns securely.
- More than 1,200 children and teens die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member. Over 80 percent of child firearm suicides take place in a home.
- In more than 75% of active shooter incidents in K-12 schools, the shooter or shooters were school-age and were current or former students and obtained their guns from their home or the homes of relatives.
- Guns stolen from cars and homes are the single-largest source of guns used in crimes nationally.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Holly Kessler' in a cursive script.

Holly Kessler  
Executive Director

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 4:07:16 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Amy Agbayani, co-chair Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights

I strongly support HB125 relating to guns. The bill will require education by sellers, safe storage by owners and prosecution for those who do not store guns safely that leads to injury or death. This is a very common sense and practical policy to require safe storage and reduce injury and death.

I respectfully urge you to pass HB 125

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/24/2025 5:34:46 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Normand A Cote	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha CPN and JDC Committees,

I strongly OPPOSE this bill on both the House and Senate side.

As a law abiding citizen of the United States of America and a longtime resident of Hawaii, I have the right to protect my family and property. The legislation creates a criminal act by having a firearm readily available in my home to protect my family.

As usual the legislation just make life harder for the law abiding citizens and does nothing to deter the criminals.

Respectfully,

Normand A Cote

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/24/2025 6:19:41 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/24/2025 7:58:16 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I stand in OPPOSITION to this bill. The opening of the bill speaks of historical analogues allowing such regulations while citing Rahimi. Rahimi was a refinement of the Bruin decision which states that gun laws must have a legal analogue from the time of the founding when the Second Amendment is implicated and this duty would be on the Government to prove a historic analogue.

Anti-Gun proponents have tried, and failed, to equate laws regarding the safe storage of black powder as such an analog, when they are actually fire safety and building code laws, not gun laws. The intention was not to prevent use or misuse of a firearm by keeping powder stored, but to reduce the chance for fire to spread and mandate safer powder magazine design to reduce collateral damage in the event of a detonation.

Since proponents of this bill cannot point to an actual historic analog, it is a violation of the Second Amendment and the Constitution. While safely storing firearms is a good idea, it is a matter of self responsibility and in some instances can be cost prohibitive with the requirements laid out in this bill. A proper gun safe can cost nearly \$1000, with shipping costs to Hawaii adding to that price due to the bulk and weight of such items.

More affordable options may be more easily accessed by unauthorized persons. Some of the most popular gun vaults available on Amazon have glaring security flaws that can be used to bypass the locks and access the firearm stored within. Some of these are as damning as a plastic or rubber panel hidden behind a sticker that can be popped off with a finger to gain access to the locking mechanism and firearm inside. Most would not be aware of these design flaws and assume their storage is secure.

My own safe is bolted to my wall, but someone with a crowbar could access it within 5 minutes, less if they have power tools like an angle grinder, within seconds if they have lockpicking tools and a small amount of experience.

And all these safety measures often slow down access to a firearm in an emergency. This bill, while well meaning, must be deferred due to its unconstitutionality.

I would also ask why the police are exempt from this bill. We've seen numerous occasions where officer's irresponsibility in regards to storage lead to firearms being stolen. DLNR had an armory broken into where AR15s were stored. The Chief of Police on Kauai forgot his service

pistol in a bathroom not once, but twice, and there's been at least one instance where an HPD officer has had their firearm stolen from their vehicle.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/24/2025 8:43:16 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, i I strongly oppose hb125 as it is an infringement on our rights as it only effects law abiding citizens. It will not address the crime nor will prevent what type of crimes we have been seeing in Hawaii. This is just another wasteful law that doesn't make any sense. Mahalo

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/24/2025 9:23:54 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This will make it harder to get your self-defense tool. This will make law abiding citizen a criminal if their property is stolen and used. I do not support Giffords or Mom's Demand action getting involved to influence our lawmakers in passing this bill. This is a bad bill do not pass.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/24/2025 10:07:21 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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,

•HB125

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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**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 12:21:44 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to strongly oppose this unconstitutional bill. In the court case of District of Columbia v Heller, the supreme court of the united states has already ruled that a law such as this is unconstitutional. Passing this law would be a direct violation of the second amendment. I ask that this flawed bill be killed and not passed.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 5:09:00 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB125 because it 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.

## **HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 7:28:27 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I respectfully submit this testimony in **strong opposition** to **HB125 HD1**, which proposes to expand secure storage requirements for firearms, require written notices at the point of sale, and impose civil and criminal liability on firearm owners under certain circumstances. While I agree with the importance of responsible firearm storage, this bill represents **an overreach that unfairly burdens law-abiding citizens, infringes on personal rights, and opens the door to excessive liability and confusion.**

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### **Key Concerns with HB125 HD1**

#### **1. Overly Broad and Vague Storage Requirements**

- The bill mandates that firearms must be stored in a locked container or secured in a location that a “reasonable person would believe to be secure.” However, the term “reasonable person” is **subjective and ambiguous**, creating legal uncertainty for firearm owners.
- What is “reasonable” to one person may not be to another—or to a court—leading to **unfair and inconsistent enforcement.**

#### **2. Strict Liability Standard is Unfair and Excessive**

- HB125 HD1 holds firearm owners **strictly liable for damages** if their firearm is used in a crime or to injure someone, unless very narrow exceptions apply.
- This means a gun owner could face liability even if someone **stole their firearm through unlawful entry**, unless they perfectly followed undefined "secure" storage standards.
- **Strict liability with no intent or negligence required is extreme and unjust**, especially when owners are already victims of theft.

#### **3. Criminal Penalties Add Redundant and Punitive Layers**

- The bill redefines and expands the offense of *criminally negligent storage of a firearm* and makes it a misdemeanor if a minor gains access to the firearm.

- These penalties already exist in various forms and are sufficient under current law. This expansion unnecessarily targets **responsible gun owners** rather than the **actual bad actors or criminals** who misuse firearms.

#### 4. Unfair Burden on Firearm Dealers and Purchasers

- Requiring retailers to provide a written copy of the storage law at the point of sale may seem minor, but it is **duplicative, bureaucratic, and invites legal risk** for small businesses.
- This requirement also assumes that buyers are unaware of their obligations and implies that gun owners are inherently negligent—a characterization that is **unfounded and offensive** to the vast majority of responsible firearm owners.

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### Better Alternatives Exist

Rather than passing punitive and vague mandates, the legislature should consider more balanced, effective alternatives:

- **Public education campaigns** on safe firearm storage and child safety.
- **Tax incentives or rebates** for the purchase of safes and locking devices.
- **Support for voluntary gun safety training programs**, rather than criminal penalties.

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### Conclusion

HB125 HD1 does little to enhance public safety while doing a great deal to punish and burden law-abiding firearm owners. It relies on vague language, imposes strict liability standards that are unjust, and expands government intrusion into private homes. **Responsible firearm ownership should be encouraged through education—not criminalization and fear of lawsuits.**

For these reasons, I urge the committee to **reject HB125 HD1** and pursue more constructive and balanced approaches to promoting firearm safety in Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 7:44:17 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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. I also oppose its applications of the exemptions intended for carry in 134-11 to this bill about storage. At least put some thought into what standards people wont be held to

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 9:55:28 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I stand in opposition to HB125. While the goal of preventing unauthorized access to firearms is understandable and important, this legislation raises significant concerns regarding fairness, practicality, and enforcement.

First, HB125 imposes criminal liability on lawful gun owners based on subjective standards of what the state deems “proper storage.” This creates uncertainty and leaves responsible owners vulnerable to prosecution, even in situations beyond their control. Holding someone liable for up to two years for the actions of another person, particularly without clear evidence of negligence, undermines the principle of personal responsibility.

Second, the exemption for law enforcement officers is troubling. Recent reports have highlighted instances of misplaced or stolen firearms within law enforcement agencies. Exempting officers while penalizing civilians creates a double standard, suggesting that some individuals are above the law when it comes to firearm responsibility. Accountability should be uniform and equitable.

Furthermore, HB125 fails to consider the practical realities of self-defense. Quick access to a firearm can be crucial in an emergency, and overly rigid storage requirements could endanger lives. Responsible gun owners understand the need to balance safety with readiness, and existing laws already address negligent firearm storage.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 1:12:03 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Olderr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill; gun safety and the lack of it is the biggest cause of gun injury in this country. And I would feel more safe walking outside knowing that if someone has a gun, they are at least informed.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 4:17:10 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB 125 HD1. 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. HB 125 HD1 is a solution for a problem that does not exist. The language of HB 125 HD1, if passed into law, will make law abiding citizens, into criminals, overnight. If signed into law, HB 125 HD1, will do nothing to punish criminals, because criminals, don't follow the law. HB 125 HD1, will make soft targets of law abiding citizens, making us vulnerable to violent criminals and other tyrannical elements.

Firearm storage is an important part of responsible, firearm ownership. The decision of how firearms are to be stored, should be left to the discretion of the law abiding citizen. The government, state or federal, should not have any say, in how anyone chooses to store their firearms.

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**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 4:30:13 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gail P. Gnazzo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Committeee members. I am whole heartedly in support of legislation that will keep guns out of the hands of children, youth and adults who are impaired by immaturity, drugs& alcohol, behavioral health and history of violence against women, domestic partners, transgender, gay & lesbian, and minorities of all types in the Aloha State. This includes banning of assault weapons ( & modified to function as assault women's) and ammunition for such weapons because of the slaughter of human beings. At minimum, gun purchasers need to be educated about the necessity of locking up & storing weapons safely & separately. I am a retired CEO of an agency dedicated to families, children, youth and adults from alternative/special education, outreach & crisis intervention, school & community based behavioral health & chemical dependency programs, child welfare and residential treatment facilities. Too often innocent individuals were harmed and killed by people with firearms they found in their friends & families' homes, vehicles. A youngster in foster care shot his best friend with a gun he found in his foster home. He was needlessly retraumatized at 8 years old for unintentionallt harming some one he cared about. Others used guns intentionally to hurt & terrorize known & unknown targets in our communities throughout our islands. Children and family members have witnessed shooting/murders, assaults of their relatives often their parents. Unsecured guns end up being sold illegally. Not every gun owner/ buyer treats a firearm as a lethal weapon from which others need to be protected. This is only a small step in protecting Hawaii from gun violence. Mahalo nui loa. Malama pono.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 6:56:10 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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.

You, the collective legislative body of Hawai‘i, swore an oath to uphold both the U.S and Hawai‘i State Constitutions, which both guarantee the right to keep and bare arms. Read that last section, "shall not be infringed".

This bill, and every other gun legislation is infringement. It's unconstitutional and is also a breach of the contract by which you swear to uphold both Constitutions.

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.

A gun is a tool. It's not for any public servant to tell the people they serve how to behave.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 7:58:44 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly Oppose this bill.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 8:12:10 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

A "NO" vote to HB125 will allow law enforcement more time to go after criminals who repeatedly break laws. A "YES" vote will burden law enforcement to go after lawful gun owners who are citizens. Lawful citizens should NOT be held accountable for lawless criminals.

Best Regards,

Willy

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 8:14:15 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jon-Louis Siracusa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Limits gun rights, burdens retailers. No

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 8:44:29 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Steven T Takekoshi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha.

I am writing to again express my opposition to HB 125. The bill states in Section 1 that there are increased risks of negative outcomes caused by improper storage of firearms, and that regulations for safe storage can reduce these risks; however, provides no evidence of cases or peer reviewed studies to substantiate their claims. We are left to infer that the legislature knows better and thus we should defer to them. When did the State replace a free citizen's ability to consider risk and make the decision to act accordingly? This proposal is seeking to do this in our own homes, not in the public space.

How exactly does the state plan to enforce these regulations? Will the “gun police” be visiting our homes to ensure compliance? I can only guess the authors of this blatantly unconstitutional proposal in their haste to infringe on the second amendment are more than happy to trample the fourth as well since their political theater panders to a special interest base, and not to the will of the people of Hawaii, note the overwhelming opposition to all of the anti-gun measures again this session. To paraphrase Sir Thomas More "Laws that are not enforced are worse than no laws at all," this reinforces the notion that unenforceable regulation undermines authority and creates confusion rather than the intended order. Don't we have enough confusion in our lives already? What priorities are we not addressing while we consider firearm storage as a major legislative priority worth sacrificing the rights of the people to enforce?

If this proposal is passed it, opens the State to liability and legal defense of an obvious unconstitutional regulation that saps funds from addressing the real priorities within our communities like the cost of living, economic growth and opportunity, education, and traffic to defend bad legislation. An affordable community with ample economic opportunities and well-educated citizens is more likely to reject crime and unlawfulness without further infringement of liberty. I submit your colleagues who authored this do not have plans to address these issues, thus are shifting the blame to redirect anyone from noticing they bring nothing to the game to address the priorities that the people of Hawaii care about and have elected you all to develop solutions. I respectfully ask that you end this proposal now.

This is an example of overreach, and the authors of this blatantly unconstitutional proposal should be reminded of their oath to uphold the Constitution of both Hawaii and the United States; and the legislators who do uphold their oaths to both Constitutions should go on record noting the legislators who are violating their oath. I ask that representatives please have the courage to

do this; it would be a titanic step to restoring trust and confidence in our institutions. Thank you for your consideration.

Very Respectfully,

Steven Takekoshi

Waipahu, HI

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 8:52:26 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Requiring strict firearm storage—think mandatory locks, safes, or disassembly—sounds reasonable but falls apart in practice. First, it slows self-defense. If someone breaks in at 2 a.m., fumbling with a safe or trigger lock could cost you precious seconds. Studies, like Gary Kleck’s, estimate guns are used defensively up to 2.5 million times a year in the U.S.—speed matters more than bureaucrats admit.

Second, it’s unenforceable without intrusion. How do you check compliance? Random home inspections? That’s a privacy nightmare. Without that, it’s just a feel-good rule people ignore—law-abiding folks jump through hoops, criminals don’t bother.

Third, it’s costly and unequal. Safes and high-end locks aren’t cheap—\$100 to \$500 easy. Low-income owners, maybe a single mom in a rough neighborhood, get priced out of protection. The rich comply; the vulnerable suffer.

Advocates say it cuts accidents and suicides. True, there’s risk—about 600 accidental gun deaths yearly per CDC data. But education and voluntary programs already tackle that without mandating a one-size-fits-all fix. It’s a trade-off: safety gains versus real-time defense and freedom. The latter’s worth more.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 8:58:15 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 9:14:01 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 9:33:50 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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

I write in strong opposition to this bill, which seeks to impose additional firearm storage regulations on law-abiding citizens. While the stated intent of the bill is to promote public safety, it infringes on individual liberties, criminalizes responsible gun owners, and fails to address the root causes of firearm-related violence.

Unlike many states, the Hawai‘i State Constitution does not explicitly protect the right to keep and bear arms. This makes it even more critical that the Legislature not impose excessive firearm restrictions that could further erode the rights of law-abiding citizens.

However, **Hawai‘i is still bound by the U.S. Constitution’s Second Amendment**, which protects an individual’s right to keep and bear arms. The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed this right in cases such as *District of Columbia v. Heller (2008)*, *McDonald v. Chicago (2010)*, and *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen (2022)*. **This bill’s restrictions are inconsistent with those rulings and place unjustified burdens on gun owners.**

The bill assumes that mandatory firearm storage laws will reduce accidental shootings, suicides, and crime. However, **there is no clear evidence that such laws are effective.**

- A study published in the Journal of Law and Economics found no significant decrease in firearm-related deaths in states with mandatory storage laws.
- Research by criminologist Gary Kleck found that most firearm accidents and suicides occur in households with individuals already at high risk—meaning storage laws do little to prevent them.
- **Criminals do not follow storage laws.** Mandating locked firearms does nothing to stop criminals who steal guns or obtain them illegally.

Rather than imposing blanket mandates, firearm safety education and responsible gun ownership are more effective strategies to prevent accidents.

**Self-defense is a fundamental right.** In a home invasion, every second matters, and delaying access to a firearm could cost lives.

- Even so-called "quick-access safes" introduce unnecessary barriers to self-defense, especially under stress.
- **Real-world examples show that restrictive storage laws have prevented people from defending themselves.** In cases where home invaders act swiftly, a locked firearm may be useless.

This bill **prioritizes theoretical safety over real-life security** and **punishes responsible citizens for wanting to protect their families.**

This bill **unfairly imposes strict liability** on gun owners if a firearm is accessed and misused—even if it was stolen.

- **This is equivalent to blaming a car owner if their vehicle is stolen and used in a crime.** Personal responsibility should apply to the criminal, not the theft victim.
- **Firearm owners already take reasonable precautions.** Making them automatically liable ignores the reality that criminals will find ways to circumvent laws.

Gun owners should be encouraged to act responsibly, but punishing them for the actions of others is unjust.

History shows that gun control measures often start with "reasonable" regulations before expanding into outright restrictions.

- In California, initial laws targeted only specific firearms, but over time, restrictions grew to include magazine bans, ammunition background checks, and limitations on concealed carry.
- In Australia, gun buybacks started with restrictions on certain guns, but later led to near-total disarmament of civilians.

Hawai‘i already has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the country. **Once the government dictates how a firearm must be stored, what stops them from regulating how many you can own—or whether you can own one at all?**

The bill references *United States v. Rahimi (2024)* to suggest that firearm storage mandates have historical precedent. This is misleading.

- *Rahimi* addressed firearm restrictions for domestic abusers, not broad, government-imposed storage mandates on all law-abiding citizens.
- **The Supreme Court has never ruled that government-imposed firearm storage laws are a constitutional requirement.**

Citing *Rahimi* in this context **misrepresents its scope** and does not justify this bill’s intrusion on individual rights.

This bill is a direct attack on personal responsibility, self-defense rights, and fundamental liberties. It is based on unproven safety claims, unfairly criminalizes victims of theft, and paves the way for greater government control over firearm ownership.

Rather than punishing responsible gun owners, the Legislature should promote firearm education, enforce existing laws against violent criminals, and uphold the constitutional rights of Hawai'i's citizens. I urge this committee to reject this bill. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Nicholas Zehr

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 9:51:01 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is a gross overreach. Responsible people will be responsible gun owners and act as such. Others will not and no amount of misguided law will make it so.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 10:47:31 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Gun laws are unconstitutional. "Shall not be infringed" means shall not be infringed. Another example of why Hawaii is the most corrupt "state"

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 10:40:38 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 10:51:32 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Why make it more difficult to store ammo. This is an attack on the second amendment. Too much regulations which means decrease access. Which means indirect attack on the 2nd amendment.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 10:59:49 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Chair Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Fukunaga, Members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee,

Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard, Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I write in strong support of HB125 HD1. There is so much to do in terms of increasing gun safety for our community. The requirement of properly secured firearms is "low hanging fruit." While sellers will have increased responsibility, it is a reasonable requirement given the profits made from firearms sales and the disproportionate risk to the community of improperly stored firearms.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha, Frances Wong

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 11:35:07 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2025 11:37:02 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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 hb125. Any state law cannot impede on my 2nd admendment rights. It is our right to defend ourselves from a tyrannical government.

Mahalo,

Miles k.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 2:23:45 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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 for my community.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 3:11:37 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB 125. I have over 40 years of experience in safety and legal use of firearms in both the military and civilian world.

This proposal hopes to curb violence with firearms with no studies or data to support the spirit of HB 125. Those who use firearms for violence are responsible for their actions not those who are legally using their firearms for self defense and the shooting sports.

If HB 125 is passed, Hawaii is at major risk for liability in unreasonable search and seizure rules and will infringe on the basic rights of citizens of Hawaii. I strongly support using the strongest means to jail those who use firearms illegally but HB 125 unjustly punishes law abiding citizens.

Thank you for voting no for HB 125

Joe Stenaka

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 7:15:42 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly opposed. Shall not be infringed. Guns don't kill people. People do. 100 percent of school shooters have been on some sort of anti depressant. All the anti depressants come with warnings the medication can cause suicide and violence. Of course you will never ban the drugs that fund your little campaigns. Full corruption.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 7:17:24 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tim Huycke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 125.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 9:01:18 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This law is a copy of laws from other states. Do a few searches to see what the other opponents said.

Constitutionally, there's been no ruling on forcing the use of trigger locks, lock boxes or gun safes to store firearms.

The biggest argument against is enforcement. The only way this law can be enforced is after someone gets a gun they shouldn't have had access to and does something illegal with it. the alternative would be to force gun owners to allow home inspections by law enforcement to ensure storage law compliance.

So, if there's a storage law, not only would the person who took your gun be prosecuted (if still alive), the state could also prosecute you as the gun owner who obviously did nothing wrong with your gun. They are looking to blame someone for the damages caused by guns, and a dead shooter is difficult to punish. Most gun deaths are suicides, so the number of suicides using someone else's gun would also be high.

If you notice the alterations in the bill, they are changing from a stance of forcing anyone with minors in the home to lock up their guns. Whether or not the minor is a resident or just a frequent visitor, the owner must lock it up if there is a reasonable chance of a minor getting possession of it. They are now wanting to make the statute apply to anyone regardless of the risk of a minor gaining access.

it's been my contention forever that if the the state wants to force us to buy safe storage for our guns, they need to help subsidize it. Offer rebates for first time gun owners to buy a lockbox or safe. When someone needs a gun, the cost of the firearm, ammo, accessories, training (including private range time), permits, and carry licenses are very expensive. Adding a mandatory locking storage is just additional cost. The more the state forces gun owners to spend, the more the "right to keep and bear arms" becomes a right only the upper classes can afford to exercise. People living where they may actually need protection won't be able to afford to do so. And someone buying a gun in a poor area isn't going to be forced into buying a safe -- at least not right away. They will put that off until they can save for it which may be too late to stop what the bill is intended to stop.

in short, if the state wants every gun owner to lock their guns up at home, they need to shift the

burden of that cost to the state. We already pay fees for "gun violence prevention." Use some of that to enact these programs rather than making more laws to punish gun owners with no way to effectively enforce them.

The problem is:

1. It's common for burglars to pry or cut open safes to steal guns. Even steal large heavy safes with guns inside. Small lockboxes and trigger locks won't do anything.
2. Good safes and quick access safes cost money. If government wants us to use em, they should pay for it.
3. Putting the blame and punishments on the victims of the crime, the gunowners who got their stuff stolen. The focus should be solely on the arrest, prosecution, and punishment of the criminal.
4. Gun owners are being unfairly targeted, there are a lot of other items that kill and injure people like kitchen knives.

Also why is law enforcement exempt from this?

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 9:09:19 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

You guys do know that criminals do not follow laws, this requires strict firearm storage, for law abiding citizens, burdens retailers with notices, limits gun rights for law abiding citizen, and increases liability in Hawaii. We do not even have an open carry because you guys have suppressed it while criminals run freely to carry their firearms. More gun laws more gun restrictions will not make what is safe. Statistics have already shown the gun free zones are hit the hardest with criminal activity because they know that the law abiding citizens do not carry. When will you guys learn? This is not common sense. This is tyranny and it imposes on second amendment rights.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 9:31:30 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose House Bill No. 125 because it unfairly burdens small businesses, restricts people’s freedoms in ways that don’t make sense to me, invades personal privacy, won’t really solve the problems it claims to target, and is too vague to be fair. Even though I don’t own a gun, I see this bill as a clumsy overreach that sounds noble but doesn’t hold up when you look at what it actually does.

First, I think it’s wrong to dump extra costs on firearm sellers just to hand out a notice about storage laws. If I ran a small shop, I’d have to pay for printing, train my staff, and deal with the hassle of complying—or risk getting hit with fines or lawsuits for an “unfair practice” under Section 480-2 if I slip up. That’s not cheap, and in a place like Hawaii where businesses already struggle with high costs, it feels unfair to make them foot the bill for this. Those costs will probably just get passed on to buyers anyway, driving up prices for no good reason.

I also don’t like how this bill meddles with people’s choices about something as personal as keeping a firearm at home. I get that safety matters, but telling folks they have to lock their guns in a box or use some fancy device seems over the top—especially if they need it fast for self-defense. I’m not a gun person, but I can imagine how frustrating it’d be to have the government dictate exactly how you store something in your own house. A \$500 fine for not following their rules feels like punishment for just living your life, and I don’t think that’s right.

The privacy part bothers me too. If someone’s gun gets misused and causes damage, this bill makes them automatically liable, which means the state could start snooping around homes to check how it was stored. That’s creepy to me—nobody wants officials digging into their private space over a “reasonable person” standard that’s so wishy-washy it could mean anything. I worry it could turn into a way to hassle certain people more than others, and that kind of intrusion just doesn’t sit well with me.

Then there’s the fact that I don’t believe this will fix much. The bill’s all about stopping accidents or kids grabbing guns, but if someone’s determined to steal one or use it for harm—like in domestic violence—it’s not like a lockbox will stop them. Bigger issues like mental health or crime don’t get touched here, so I feel like it’s a lot of fuss for something that won’t really change the stuff that worries me most, like intentional violence. It’s more show than substance.

And honestly, the whole thing’s too confusing to be fair. What counts as a “secure location”? How close is “close proximity”? It’s all up to what a “reasonable person” thinks, but that’s so

vague it's meaningless—different cops or judges could see it totally differently. If I were caught up in this somehow, I'd hate not knowing where I stand just because the rules aren't clear. That's a recipe for unfairness, and I don't think laws should leave people guessing.

To me, H.B. 125 is a bad deal—expensive for businesses, nosy and bossy for regular folks, weak on real solutions, and too murky to trust. I'd rather see the state skip this and focus on something that actually works without all these headaches.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 9:39:57 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this initiative.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 9:51:52 AM

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<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 HB125

**HB-125-HD-1**

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Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mr. & Mrs. O'Neill	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB 125

I strongly oppose this bill. It is a serious infringement on my Second Ammendment rights.

Thanks you , Steve and Linda O'Neill

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Submitted on: 3/26/2025 10:02:20 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is unexceptionable we need quick access to our firearms in a self defense situation and having to deal with unlocking our safe in an emergency is not acceptable

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 10:20:38 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill hb125

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 10:23:17 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose as this will make it more difficult to access one's firearm when it is needed most. Depending on the police or other law enforcement for protection is foolish because they are always minutes away when seconds count. They are a mainly reactionary force.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 10:25:44 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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 HB125. We should not be told how to store firearms in our own homes.

Keith Shirota

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee members:

My name is Elna Nagasako and I live in Makiki. I am testifying in support of HB125.

I was born and raised in Hilo and have lived in a variety of locations across the country, including locations with and without secure storage laws. I've also had friends, relatives, and co-workers who own guns for hunting and for self-protection. All of the people I knew were people who were responsible, law-abiding, and level-headed. Because of that, it would be easy to think that all guns are being stored securely.

**However, research shows that more than half of gun owners do not store their guns securely. This impacts crime, school shootings, and firearm suicide.**

- The largest source of guns used in crimes are guns stolen from homes or vehicles.
- The majority of K-12 active shooter incidents involved guns taken by the student from their own home or a family member's home.
- Children and teens who die by firearm suicide most often use guns owned by a family member.

As a physician and as a parent, I urge you to support HB125.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Elna Nagasako

Makiki (96822)

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Submitted on: 3/26/2025 11:59:27 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
April Ching	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a citizen and mother of two, watching the numerous mass shootings take place over the past few years has been extremely challenging. These shootings take place in public spaces, where many people have been killed. I do not want an increase in public danger for Hawaii, my home. Weapons have increased on our streets after the Bruin decision, and I worry that more weapons make us less safe from gun violence. Laws must be passed to ensure that public spaces stay safe. Let's ensure that every weapon is securely stored. Our theaters, parks, churches, hospitals, libraries, sidewalks, stores, beaches, schools, and homes are spaces for living together as a community. Please protect all of us by ensuring weapons are stored securely. I ask you to take action to protect life. Protect our children and our public spaces.

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Submitted on: 3/26/2025 12:51:22 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

It is ludicrous to claim that there is a long standing tradition of requiring firearm storage when traditionally, it was common to store a pistol in the nightstand drawer or between the mattress, or wherever it was convenient to access it when needed! Keeping a personal protection firearm in a locked safe only delays its access. My own father kept his pistol on top of his dresser. He kept his .22 cal rifle in his closet. I keep MY pistol in a holster hanging on the side of my bed. I have a shotgun 3 feet away in the corner. I find it very curious how when perusing the wording of the proposed bill, much of the wording has been struck off and altered to reflect NEW thinking. If there is a LONG STANDING "tradition" why in the world, is the wording changed to reflect your NEW bill that is being proposed? This is oppressive nonsense and should be voted down. If passed, it will ONLY MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR A RESPONSIBLE PERSON TO ACCESS THEIR FIREARM WHEN NECESSARY! Remember, the Constitution and specifically the Second Amendment is to limit the government and its reach and control of the people, not to limit the rights of the people. Don't tread on US!

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 12:56:11 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Judith White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Firearms are the #1 cause of death for youth(0-17) in the US. Let me write that again: Firearms are the #1 cause of death for youth in the US (CDC 2022).

That fact should startle, dismay and embarrass every American.

We can and must do better. Requiring parents and caretakers to have safe storage for their firearms in their homes and vehicles is a doable step in the right direction.

I urge you to do the right and practical thing- support this bill.

Judith C. White, Psy.D.

parent, grandmother, child psychologist

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Submitted on: 3/26/2025 1:06:02 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Oppose HB125,

Paul Giles

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 1:41:01 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 1:52:55 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lyndel C Cabatu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a law abiding citizen, I strongly oppose HB 125. It not only infringes on my second amendment rights, it further hinders my ability to protect my self, property, love ones, etc.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 2:06:44 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB125 HD1.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 3:42:12 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this overly restrictive bill, part of the purpose of owning a firearm is self defense and in the middle of the night when you need it to defend yourself because our liberal justice system lets criminals roam freely, you and your family may be dead before you can get to a firearm that is locked up so tightly it is useless.

I certainly do not want a child to find a weapon, but I did have access to firearms as a child and I was taught how to use them.

If anything require our youth to take mandatory firearms safety courses to better educate youth on proper handling instead of them learning from movies and video games.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 3:45:05 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Just another disgusting attempt to yet again infringe on our 2nd amendment rights. The legislature needs to stop wasting our time and money on criminalizing law abiding citizens, and instead get to work on undoing all the damage done to our state and nation by most of the current legislators and their predecessors!

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 4:10:45 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

OUR FAMILY OPPOSES HB125

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 5:15:46 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tashya Whitehead, MD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a pediatrician, I strongly support strict requirements for the secure storage of firearms. In homes with firearms, safe storage of those firearms has been shown to prevent both accidental and intentional firearm injuries among children and adolescents. Considering that guns are the leading cause of death for children, safe gun storage is crucial to keeping our keiki safe. I strongly support this bill.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 4:28:22 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 5:22:41 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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 the Hawaii legislature,

My name is Martin Humpert. I am a life long resident of the state of Hawaii and a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am a retired former Federal Investigator and I stand in strong opposition to HB125 as it serves to attack supporters of the US Constitution and the Second Amendment.

For over 60 years, I have witnessed our state pass ever harsher gun restrictions upon the single most honest demographic of our state, the legitimate gun owner. And in parallel with these growing restrictions, crime has continued to flourish because those very same restrictions hampered the law abiding while enabling criminals to operate unchecked. Criminals do not obey laws, and they will not be stopped by HB125. HB125 will hinder private citizens from acting in self defense by over regulating firearm storage to the point of disarming citizens within their own homes! In a time when we are seeing growing levels of "Home invasion robbery's" HB125 will tie the hands of home owners needing instant access to their own means of self defense.

It is clear, HB125 is a bad bill. HB125 entails a perverse sense of logic, whereby, it also seeks to criminalize victims of a home burglary in which a firearm was stolen and subsequently used (By the criminal) in a crime. Hawaii does not hold car owners liable for their cars being stolen and subsequently used in a crime, so why is such an obtuse line of logic being pursued against gun owners?

HB125 represents an unconstitutional infringement upon the rights of Hawaii's finest citizens, and that's not the police, or members of this legislature, it is the vetted gun owner. Our mandated background checks prove this!

I ask all honorable members to vote against HB125 and to stop this attack upon the Second Amendment.

Mahalo,

Martin Humpert

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 5:55:45 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 5:40:37 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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 HB125 and against requiring strict firearm storage which burdens retailers with notices - limits gun rights, and increases liability in Hawaii.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 6:31:22 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL!

Please dont pass this bill!

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 6:54:48 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lea Minton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an APRN midwife, I strongly support strict requirements for the secure storage of firearms. In homes with firearms, safe storage of those firearms has been shown to prevent both accidental and intentional firearm injuries among children and adolescents. According to the CDC, the top 3 causes of adolescent death are: accidents (unintentional injuries), homicide, and suicide. All of these categories include gun violence. We must reduce unintentional access to firearms. I strongly support this bill.

Mahalo,

Le'a Minton, MSN, APRN, CNM, IBCLC

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Submitted on: 3/26/2025 7:11:25 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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 law biding citizen, I am asking you to oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional, does nothing to help stop criminals activity.

**HB-125-HD-1**

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

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill it violates my second amendment rights and is unconstitutional.  
Lawmakers need to re-read their oath of office

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 9:16:54 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carol Maxym	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Your support is so important. Please vote in favor of this bill.

Thank you

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 9:21:03 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB125. This bill is unconstitutional. It also does not hold HPD to the same standard.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 9:22:23 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill HB125

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 9:31:45 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michelle Saito	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/26/2025 11:05:35 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TERI SAVAIINAEA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB125 HD1: RELATING TO FIREARMS

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Teri Kia Savaiinaea, and I am submitting this testimony in strong **opposition** to HB125 HD1, relating to firearms. While I fully support responsible gun ownership and firearm safety, I believe this bill places unnecessary burdens on law-abiding citizens and infringes on their rights without adequately addressing public safety concerns.

HB125 HD1 seeks to expand requirements for firearm storage, impose additional mandates on firearm sellers, and broaden the scope of criminally negligent storage offenses. While promoting firearm safety is crucial, this bill risks penalizing responsible gun owners who are already taking steps to secure their firearms properly.

By imposing rigid storage regulations, this bill may inadvertently make it more difficult for individuals to access their firearms in emergency situations where self-defense may be necessary. Law-abiding citizens should not face excessive restrictions that hinder their ability to protect themselves and their families.

Additionally, placing the responsibility on retail sellers to provide notice regarding storage laws creates an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy. Educating the public on firearm safety is important, but this effort should be carried out through broader educational initiatives rather than placing additional burdens on businesses.

Moreover, this bill threatens to infringe upon our Second Amendment constitutional rights. The right to bear arms is a fundamental protection granted by the U.S. Constitution, ensuring individuals have the means to defend themselves and their families. HB125 HD1 imposes restrictions that undermine this essential right and unfairly targets law-abiding citizens rather than addressing criminal behavior.

I strongly urge this committee to **oppose** HB125 HD1 and instead focus on policies that promote firearm safety through education, outreach, and community engagement without restricting the rights of responsible gun owners.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Teri Kia Savaiinaea

Wai'anae resident, District 45

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 12:22:13 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michelle R Stefanik	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB125. No gun owner should ever be responsible for someone else's misuse of a firearm. I urge you to vote No!

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 1:54:16 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Courtland H. L. Pang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill on the simple grounds that the government should not dictate to any citizen what must be done within a citizen's own home.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 5:25:35 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a citizen and responsible gun owner, I strongly oppose this bill. This bill infringes on the second amendment rights of citizens to keep and bear arms. I also strongly oppose this bill because it states that law enforcement officers would be exempt from the liability for improper storage of firearms. Given the number of officers who have improperly stored firearms the wording of this bill is unacceptable. The chief of police on Kauai faced only disciplinary actions for losing his firearm twice within a two year period just last April. Another incident involving an officer of the HPD had his firearm stolen from a subsidized police vehicle earlier this year. It isn't fair to citizens to be criminalized by the opinions of officers and court personnel about improperly stored firearms when the police aren't held to a higher standard and are also not properly storing their own firearms. Officers and police personnel can be careless without any criminal prosecution, but citizens could be liable for criminals stealing their personal property if it was deemed to be stored improperly.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 6:36:07 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I have acquaintances with guns and children in the homes. I breathe easier knowing that these delightfully curious young ones DO NOT have access their fathers guns because he securely locks them up. I want all families to have this same level of safety for their keiki.

If it takes a law to enforce that level of home safety, I support it.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 6:29:55 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose this bill

The police has a track record of losing firearms, not citizens. The general public doesn't need a law to tell them to secure their private property. If a criminal breaks into their possessions and steals their property, it is the problem of criminals, not the victim. Work on laws that protect the law abiding citizens, not laws that attempt to turn the law abiding into criminals.

oppose this bill. Vote NO

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 6:42:29 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dustin Dillberg	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully submit my testimony in strong opposition to HB 125.

While firearm safety is a shared priority, HB 125 takes a dangerously overreaching approach. This bill not only criminalizes gun owners based on vague, subjective standards of storage—it also imposes *strict liability* for the unforeseeable actions of third parties, even years after the fact. This undermines core principles of fairness and due process.

As a grandson of a lifelong public servant as police officer and sherriff, I respect law enforcement to the highest level. However this bill shows a concerning exemption granted to law enforcement that seems to speak to the poor quality of the bill itself. If secure storage is essential for public safety, why are those entrusted with the greatest firepower not held to the same—or higher—standards? Police departments in this state and across the country have made headlines for negligent firearm placement. Exempting them undercuts the credibility and integrity of this legislation.

HB 125 does not target criminal behavior. It targets responsible citizens with burdensome mandates, arbitrary penalties, and retroactive liability. We need laws that promote safety through education and empowerment—not fear, punishment, and unequal application.

Please oppose HB 125.

Respectfully,

Dustin Dillberg

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Submitted on: 3/27/2025 7:50:21 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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. This bill requiring strict storage requirements infringes on our second amendment rights. It also puts a burden on businesses and increases liability. This bill is not acceptable and does not make Hawaii any safer and is a false line of security. Criminals get their firearms from other black market means so this bill does nothing to help curb crime. Focus on enforcing the laws that are already in the books and stop opening up Hawaii to more lawsuits that waste taxpayer funds. Please vote no

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 10:29:29 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Vince Yamashiroya, MD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a pediatrician, I strongly support strict requirements for the secure storage of firearms. In homes with firearms, safe storage of those firearms has been shown to prevent both accidental and intentional firearm injuries among children and adolescents. I strongly support this bill.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 11:06:31 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rachel Logan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

HB125 is a small step we can take to promote secure firearm storage and prevent unnecessary deaths. We should be encouraging secure firearm storage at every step of acquiring a firearm. There have already been too many accidental deaths and deaths by suicide for us to say that this bill is not needed. Please do the right thing and pass HB125.

Mahalo,

Rachel Logan

**HB-125-HD-1**

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Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Any law repugnant to the Constitution is NULL AND VOID. I oppose this bill that is messing with our Constitution.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 11:34:53 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The notion that any county, state or federal government could regulate how i store my firearms in my own home and /or areas under my direct control /influence is anathema to me. What are we becoming? What's next?

Are you going to mandate what type of toilet paper we use? How about dish soap? If you are seeking to become a communist state, you are certainly on the right path! And if I fail to conform -- CRIMINAL sanctions??? Have we all lost our minds?

This is, indeed, a slippery slope. Let's not go there, either separately, or together. The State of Hawaii does not need to regulate these matters. At all. This is government overreach at its finest.

How about enforcing the "Hawaii Aloha Statute" against pet owners who abuse and re-abuse their animals? I can cite it for you, if you've forgotten.

Stop with this Deep State Globalist agenda. WE THE PEOPLE have had quite enough. Our U.S. Constitution says everything that needs to be said about our "gun rights/firearms rights." It cannot be improved upon.

STOP. JUST STOP. NOW.

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Submitted on: 3/27/2025 11:56:23 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB125 HD1. This bill go against citizens' rights under the 2nd amendmend of the US Constitution to protect themselves. This bill will put undue burden of liability on gun owners. It does not stop criminal activities, but will be more beneficial to criminals.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 1:08:34 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The gun storage laws are fine the way it they are. Legal gun owners among the most responsible groups. Leave them alone and spend money and tighten laws and punishments for criminals who use guns in crimes!

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 3:24:29 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nathalie Champion	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB125

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 3:37:18 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly Oppose! Our currant laws cover this situation sufficiently. Adding another layer will do nothing to adress the issues of crime or criminals.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 4:18:09 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shilpa Patel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this safety measure.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 5:27:16 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB125 HD1. This bill is not necessary. Training is already required to purchase firearms to include safe storage. Manufacturers supply instructions to include the safe storage of firearms. Holding firearms owners liable for damages for the unauthorized use of firearms sets a dangerous precedence for motor vehicle owners that may have vehicles stolen and used in crimes. This may be applied to any implement that can cause physical harm.

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March 27, 2025

Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Conference Room 016  
Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 9:30 a.m..  
State Capitol

**Re: Opposition to HB 125, HD1 Relating to Firearms**

Chairs Rhoads and Keohokalole, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Fukunaga, 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 opposition to HB 125, HD1.

**The growing geopolitical risks 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 how personal firearms may be stored, 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. France has just announced that it will be distributing to every French household a new guide for emergency preparedness as a result of the growing risk of war. Many other 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 HB125, HD1.

***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. Mandating restrictive means of storing private firearms contained HB 125, HD1 would erode these citizen rights. **The Minutemen of our Revolutionary War knew a firearm which cannot be instantly retrieved in the face of an immediate threat is worthless.**

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, the HTG stays in Hawaii to protect Hawaii no matter what.

Title 32, Section 109 of the United States Code permits state defense forces. It is my 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 attack 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 individuals 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. My 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. For example, after a first strike Electromagnetic Pulse Attack, what resources each County has prepositioned may be all that each County 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,

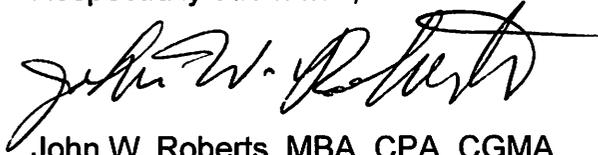
pushups, abdominal exercises, etc.) should be restored to the daily curriculum for all students, particularly at the high school level. The La Sierra High School Fitness Program established under President John F. Kennedy is an example of what is needed today. Hawaii's youth must once again be disaster ready.

**Stop trying to disarm Hawaii's citizens and obstruct their ability to defend their homes, their islands, and their State.**

**Please vote "NO" on HB 125, HD1 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,



John W. Roberts, MBA, CPA, CGMA

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  
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**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

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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.



Important information to all residents of Sweden



# In case of crisis or war

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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

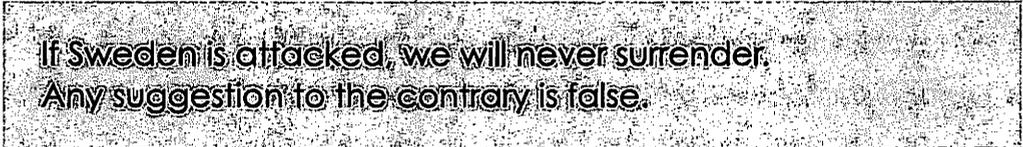
Military threat levels are increasing. We must be prepared for the worst-case scenario – an armed attack on Sweden.

## 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

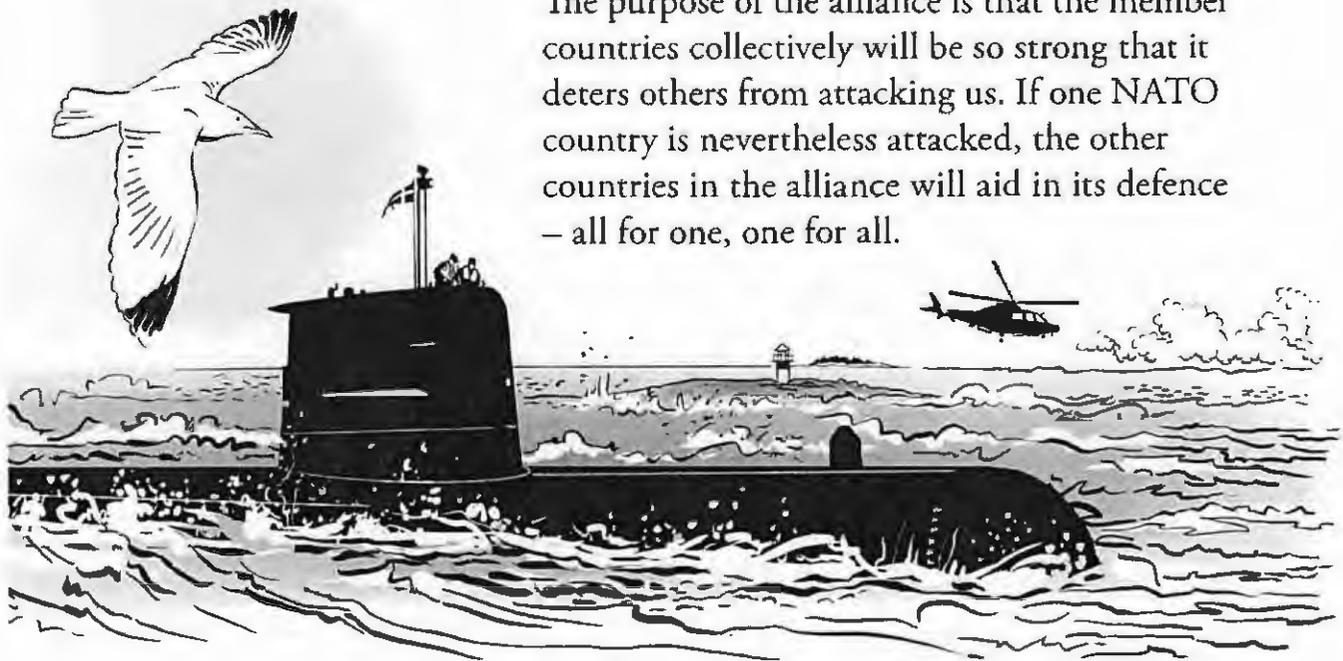
Sweden's military defence protects Sweden and its NATO allies from armed attacks, defends our national borders, and aids in conflict resolution. It comprises The Swedish Armed Forces and government agencies whose core duty is to support Sweden's military defence.

## 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



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



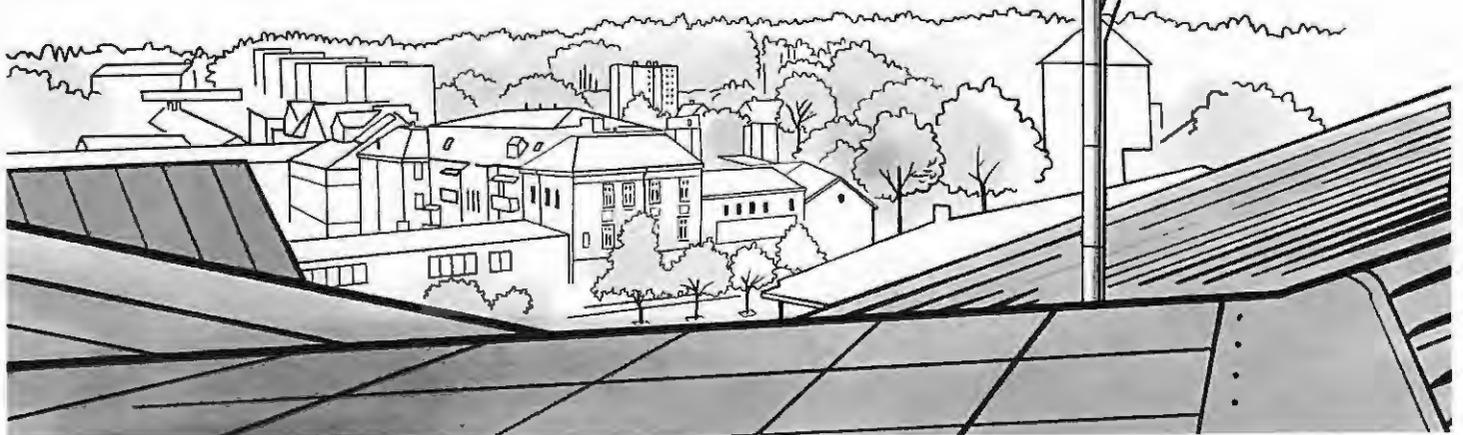
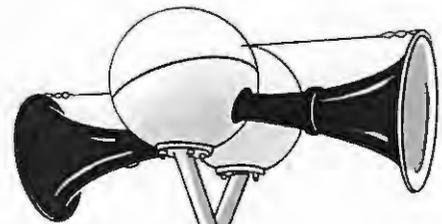
This siren consists of short bursts, which sound for 1 minute.

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



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.

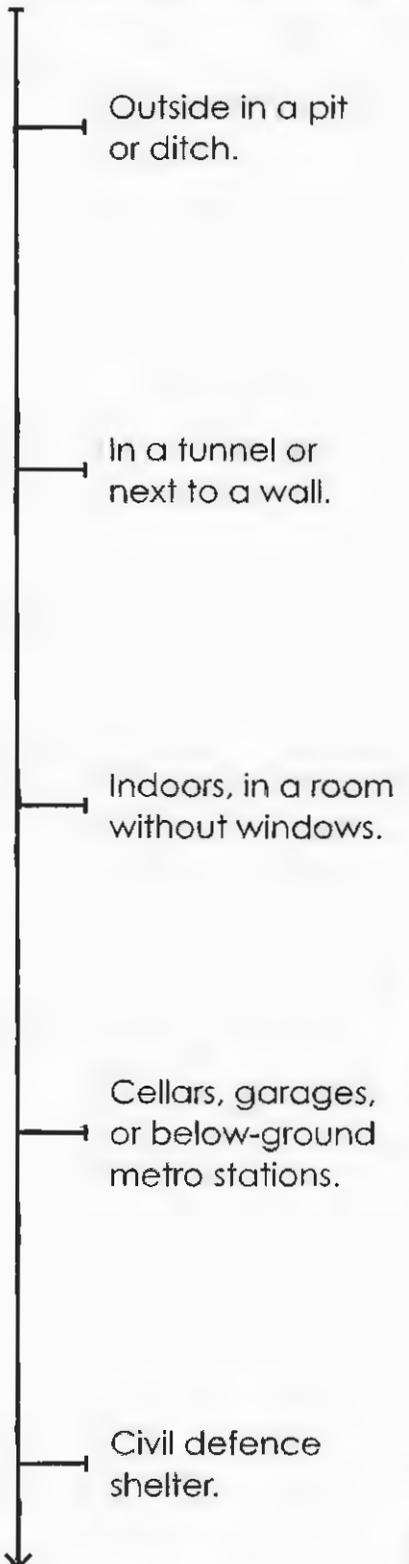
If you are outside and don't have time to take cover, you must lie down on the ground. Preferably in a small pit or ditch.

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 funnel 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.

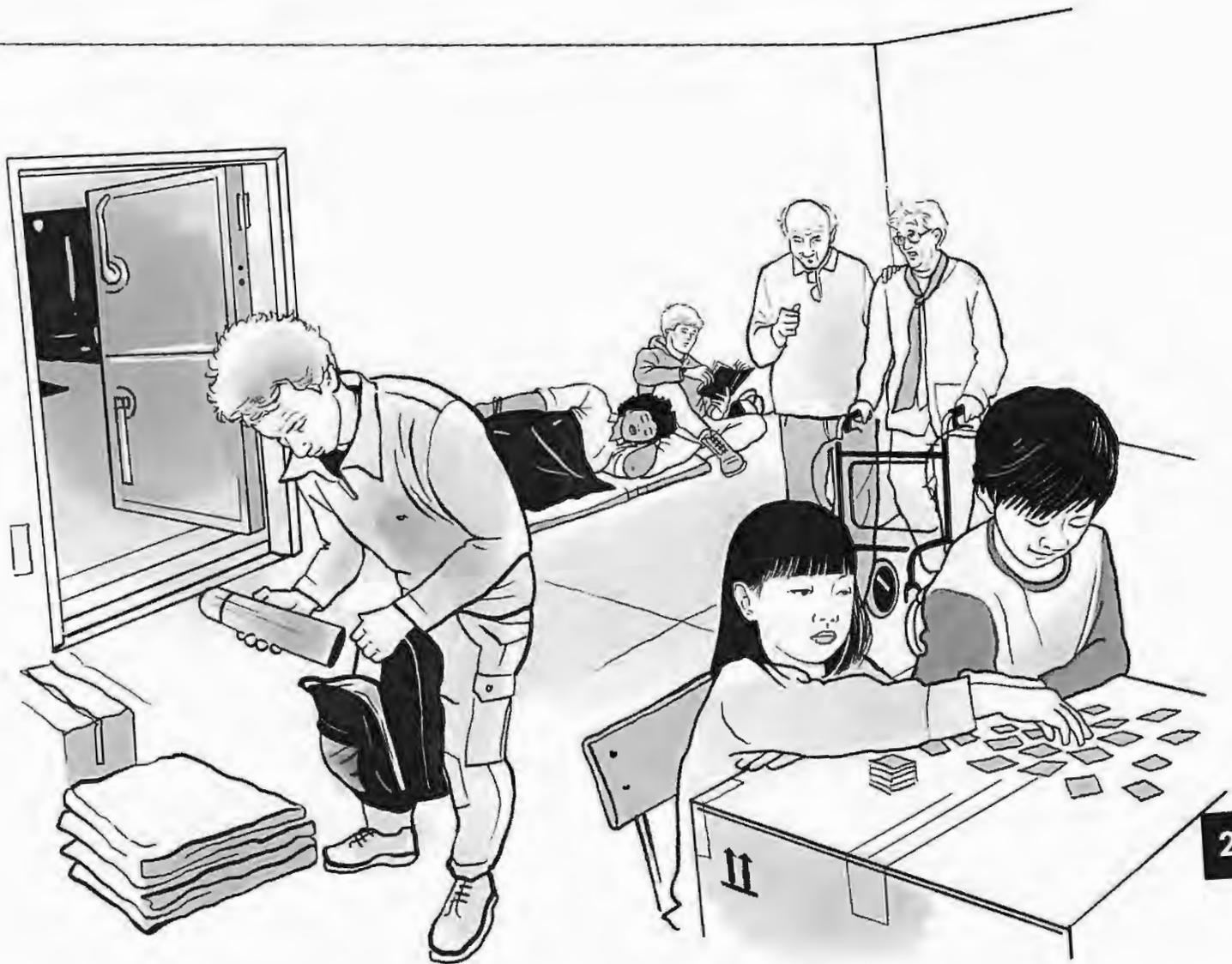


## Nearest civil defence shelter

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

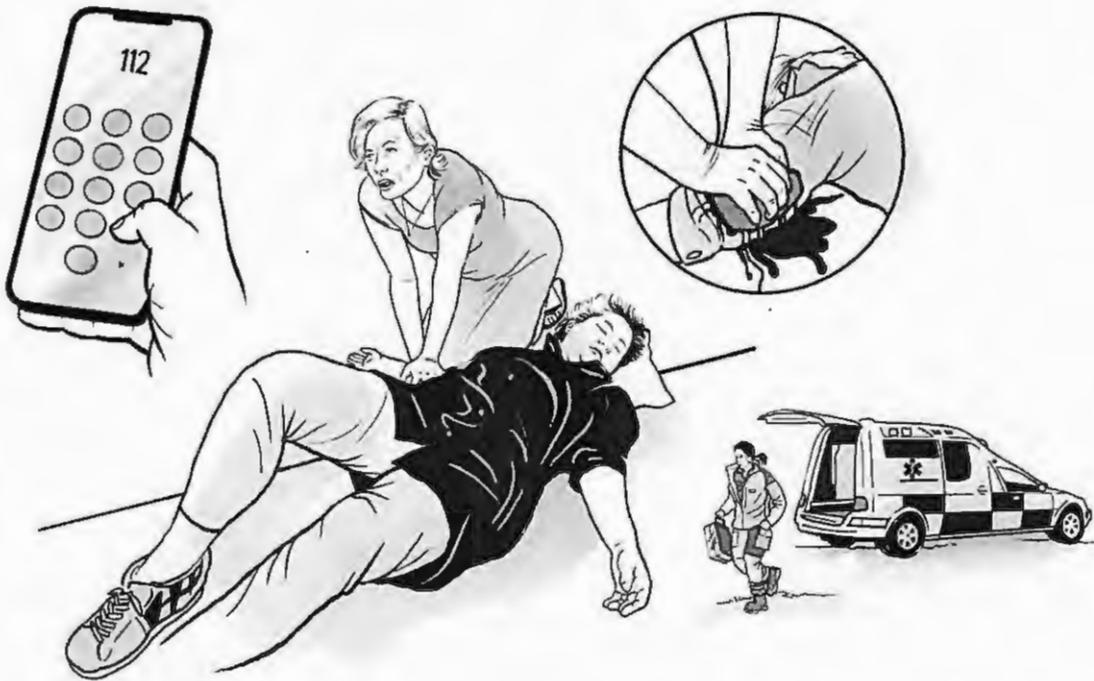
Call 112 and report what has happened.

### 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](http://msb.se) about the risk of, and preparedness for, landslides, erosion and flooding where you live.
- Visit [msb.se](http://msb.se) or [krisinformation.se](http://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](http://krisinformation.se) and other websites.
- Pay attention to the weather forecast and download apps that provide weather warnings; for example, [krisinformation.se](http://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)



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

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.

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Submitted on: 3/27/2025 6:18:35 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hawaii = the nanny state. Don't tell people what to do in their own home. Holding the firearm owner strictly liable for third-parties misuse of a firearm is nuts

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 8:00:01 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB125, which mandates that retail sellers of firearms provide purchasers with notice regarding the law on firearm storage, expands secure storage requirements, and clarifies the offense of criminally negligent storage of a firearm. While I fully support responsible gun ownership and the safety of our communities, this bill imposes unnecessary and excessive regulations that infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

HB125 places an undue burden on firearms retailers, requiring them to provide additional notices to purchasers that are redundant and unnecessary. Gun owners are already subject to federal and state laws regarding safe storage, and this bill adds another layer of bureaucratic red tape that does little to address criminal behavior. Education on safe storage should be encouraged, but not through mandatory and punitive measures that place the onus on retailers rather than on personal responsibility.

Additionally, expanding the legal requirements for secure firearm storage interferes with the rights of responsible gun owners to make decisions based on their unique circumstances. Many gun owners rely on quick access to their firearms for self-defense. Imposing stricter storage laws may inadvertently put law-abiding citizens at greater risk by delaying their ability to protect themselves and their families in critical situations.

Furthermore, HB125's clarification of "criminally negligent storage" could lead to vague and subjective enforcement, increasing the risk of law-abiding gun owners facing unwarranted legal consequences. The bill fails to acknowledge that most gun owners take firearm safety seriously and already take measures to store their firearms securely. Rather than imposing new regulations, efforts should focus on education initiatives and enforcement of existing laws against criminals who misuse firearms.

For these reasons, I urge you to oppose HB125 and advocate for policies that promote gun safety through education and personal responsibility rather than restrictive and punitive regulations. Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,  
Wayne Asam

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2025 10:07:35 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Hammond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Dear Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, Members of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs.**

**My name is Eric Hammond and I am using an acquaintance words as my testimony because he stated it much better than I believe I can. I completely agree with his words and hope you consider what he says:**

**I am writing in opposition to HB125, which mandates the secured storage of firearms and imposes strict liability on gun owners for the misuse of their firearms by others in their household. While I fully support responsible gun ownership and the importance of safety, I believe this bill represents an overreach that ultimately punishes law-abiding citizens while failing to effectively address the root causes of crime and public safety concerns.**

**HB125 imposes onerous requirements on responsible gun owners who already take the necessary precautions to store their firearms safely. By making secured storage mandatory, this bill undermines the principle of personal responsibility and self-governance. Many gun owners have developed their own safe storage practices that suit their unique circumstances, and imposing a one-size-fits-all mandate disregards the diverse needs of our communities. Responsible gun owners should not be penalized for the actions of others, especially when they are already adhering to safety protocols.**

**The strict liability provision in this bill raises significant concerns regarding fairness and justice. If a firearm owned by a responsible individual is stolen or misused by someone living in their household, that individual would be held criminally liable for actions beyond their control. This could lead to unjust prosecutions of innocent individuals who made every effort to secure their firearms. Rather than addressing criminal behavior, this provision shifts the focus onto law-abiding citizens, creating a chilling effect on gun ownership and eroding trust within communities.**

**While the intent behind HB125 may be to enhance public safety, it ultimately fails to tackle the underlying issues of crime and gun violence. Research indicates that the majority of gun violence is perpetrated by individuals who obtain firearms illegally, not responsible gun owners. Instead of imposing punitive measures on law-abiding citizens, we should focus on addressing the root causes of violence, such as mental health support, community engagement, and effective crime prevention strategies. Evidence-based solutions that foster**

**collaboration between law enforcement, community organizations, and mental health professionals will be far more effective in creating safer environments for everyone.**

**I urge you to reconsider the implications of HB125. This bill unfairly penalizes responsible gun owners and does not effectively address the complex issues surrounding crime and public safety. Instead of promoting safety, it fosters division and resentment among those who adhere to responsible gun ownership practices. Let us focus on solutions that enhance community safety without infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens.**

**Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you will stand with responsible gun owners and oppose this legislation.**

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Submitted on: 3/27/2025 10:38:15 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Chairman and members of the committee,

I oppose House Bill 125. I believe that Hawaii House Bill 125 (HB125) is unconstitutional because it infringes upon my Second Amendment rights, violates my God-given right to self-defense, and represents a clear case of governmental overreach. This bill aims to enhance firearm safety by implementing strict storage requirements, mandating that firearms be stored in locked containers or rendered inoperable with trigger locks. It also imposes fines, potential criminal charges, and even strict liability if a third party misuses an unsecured firearm. However, I strongly believe these measures undermine my ability to defend myself and my loved ones.

The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution explicitly protects my individual right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes, including self-defense within my home. The U.S. Supreme Court reaffirmed this principle in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), where it struck down a law requiring firearms to be kept "unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock." The Court stated that such provisions made it virtually impossible for citizens to use firearms for immediate self-defense, thus violating their constitutional rights. HB125's storage mandates appear to have a similar effect, as they may prevent me from accessing my firearm quickly in a moment of crisis, which goes against the precedent established in *Heller*.<sup>1</sup>

Although the *Heller* decision acknowledged that the Second Amendment is not without limits and that certain regulations are permissible, it made clear that any law that renders firearms inoperable for self-defense is problematic. Scholars have argued that safe storage laws, like those proposed in HB125, could effectively infringe upon the constitutional right to self-defense by imposing unreasonable barriers to the effective use of firearms during emergencies.<sup>2</sup> This legislation, therefore, places an unjust burden on law-abiding citizens like myself, restricting my ability to exercise a fundamental right.

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directly conflicts with established legal precedents regarding the right to self-defense and represents an unjustified expansion of governmental power over responsible, law-abiding citizens.

Respectfully,

K. Lim

Footnotes

1. District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008). Retrieved from: [en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org)
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Submitted on: 3/27/2025 10:39:28 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/28/2025 5:28:52 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL!

LET'S NOT FORGET OUR SECOND AMMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
CONSTITUTION!!!

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people  
to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed"

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 7:18:53 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB125 HD1

Vote NO on HB125 HD1.

It's time to kill this bill before it gets any further and wastes everyone's time. This bill clearly is unconstitutional because ignores the Supreme Court's decision in D.C. v. Heller, which ruled that: "the requirement that any lawful firearm in the home be disassembled or bound by a trigger lock is unconstitutional because it makes it impossible for citizens to use arms for the core lawful purpose of self-defense."

This bill also declares our home is NOT secure and a locked door is still a public space, in total disregard for our private-property rights as well as our God-give right to defend ourselves and our family.

HB125 unfairly punishes gun owners for theft or misuse of their firearms by criminals. This bill does not make the citizens of Hawai'i safer, but rather, it strips away our rights and criminalizes responsible gun owners! It actually helps criminals by making our homes "safer" for thieves, burglars, and murderers. Punish the criminals, not the victims!

This bill makes more paperwork and red tape for gun sellers and it peanalizes those who cannot afford all of the fees to acquire a firearms. The second amendment is for everyone, not just those who can afford exorbitant fees.

HB125 expands the already intrusive government overreach into legal firearm ownership, while it fails to address violent crime. It unfairly makes criminals out of law-abiding citizens. Again, stop wasting time and energy on unconstitutional bills, and focus on better education and training.

We don't want or need more gun laws. Vote NO on HB125 HD1.



**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 10:06:49 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 125 as a smart and important step to take in preventing gun injuries.

Improperly stored guns contribute to risk of accidental injury, accidental death, suicide by firearm, theft and loss of firearms, and increased lethality in domestic violence situations.

Firearms are the most lethal method of suicide, and access to unsecured guns increases the risk of suicide attempts being fatal. Nearly 90% of youth firearm suicides involve guns from the victim's home or that of a relative or friend. Everytown for Gun Safety reports that locking both firearms and ammunition reduces the risk of self-inflicted firearm injuries by 78% among children and teens, and reduces the risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens by 85%.

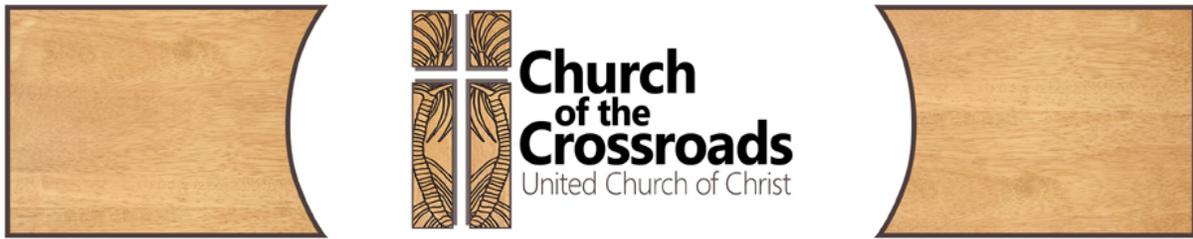
Hundreds of thousands of guns are stolen annually in the U.S., many from homes and cars where they are not secured. These stolen firearms often contribute to illegal gun markets and violent crime.

HB 125 can enhance safe and secure storage of guns so as to reduce these risks.

Thank you for consideration of my testimony

Ellen Godbey Carson

Honolulu, Hawaii



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

**Testimony of the Church of the Crossroads IN SUPPORT OF HB125**

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 support HB125 and its goal of preventing needless gun injuries and deaths.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Godbey Carson,  
on behalf of the Church of the Crossroads

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection (CPN)

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary (JDC)

Hearing: Wednesday, April 01, 2025, at 9:30 AM  
Regarding: **HB125 HD1 (Relating to Firearms)**  
**Voter Position: OPPOSITION**

Senators of the CPN and JDC Committees,

I would like to voice **opposition** to the unamended **HB125 HD1 (Relating to Firearms)**.

### **Safe Storage Law Already Exists**

I find it strange that there is a call demanding firearm owners to safely store their firearms when there is already a law on the books that requires safe storage. When I checked the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Chapter 134-10.5 aptly titled, Storage of firearm; responsibility with respect to minors is already in existence. Stop trying to turn everyone into your personal April Fool by trying to convince them that there is no safe storage law when there is in fact one already in place (and has been for quite some time).

### **Troublesome Transfers**

Should I ever desire to transfer my legally acquired firearms to a family member or to my descendants, I find it strange that I am being forced to practice a non-sustainable act of printing out a physical, written copy of the new law for distribution to the firearm recipient. This isn't very conducive to protecting our 'Āina.

A printout of Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 134-10.5, as amended by **HB125 HD1**, will use up my hard-earned dollars in the form of paper, ink, and electricity associated with the printout. This process is not free, so I don't know why the Legislature is forcing me to do it other than to exert the use of force for the sake of using force against a constituent that they don't agree with.

## **Forced Purchase**

I find it problematic that I have to make an additional, duplicative purchase of a gun safe, thanks to **HB125 HD1**, since I have younger siblings in my household. My home is already secured and the room where I safely store my firearm is also secured at all times. This constitutes a dual-layer of protection already in place that prevents minors (and even adults) from accessing my firearms. I don't see a justifiable need for **HB125 HD1**, other than to make lawful ownership of firearms I already own more expensive as an express act of hostility against a right.

The last time I checked my local firearm store, firearm safes are not free, and the Legislature is not providing any safe free of charge to me. Affordability is a relative term. As a someone that works for a living, it's strange that additional financial burden must be placed upon me when I am already taking the necessary safeguards to prevent unlawful firearm theft in my own home. It'll be better if criminals were apprehended **before** they even have a chance to break into my home (or anyone else's home) to steal firearms or any other valuable property. This could be accomplished if we didn't have an officer shortage at the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). I find it more prudent for current laws to be enforced rather than see superficial laws passed at the behest of government-funded **special interest groups**.

## **Homeowners are Already Responsible**

I already lock the doors to the room where my firearms are stored, thereby preventing access by minors or any other unauthorized users. The door is constructed with a solid core composition with a lock that only I have access to. The door cannot be accessed by attempted force due to reinforced construction of the door, its frame, and its hinges. Moreover, the key is unique to the room; there are no duplicates accessible by other individuals in my household. This mitigation is currently sufficient against unauthorized access. **HB125 HD1** would nullify this already integrated failsafe.

## **Unnecessary Slowdown**

**HB125 HD1** places an undue burden upon my self-defense capabilities. In the event of an emergency situation whereby an intruder actively breaches my locked primary residence door and HPD isn't present to intervene, I would have to access my newly acquired safe, and under unnecessary pressure imposed by the Legislature's new edict, access my own firearm in my own

home, place it into battery, and rush to prepare to protect my family from the immediate threat. Again, this will add several seconds to response time that I may not have, especially in the absence of law enforcement, you know, the entity you claim will be present for me, but isn't, because they're miles away. That's not factoring the 10 speed bumps, that the Legislature graciously allowed to be installed along Kamehameha Highway between my house and the nearest police substation.

That's *also* assuming there is an active officer in my region to respond to the dispatch call, again, *minutes* after I place the call for help, as required by the almighty Legislature.

### **Focus on Stopping Real, Ongoing Crime**

I want to emphasize that it is imprudent to penalize me for the actions of another individual. Stopping thieves is conducive to stopping firearm theft. It doesn't take complex rocket science to recognize this reality. **HB125 HD1** fails to properly prosecute the criminal actor and instead, focuses punitive effects upon the firearm owner.

It's tiring to see law enforcement slowly respond to violent crime, if at all. What all the news reports concerning shootings, stabbings, assaults, and robberies demonstrates an inability of the State as well as the City and County of Honolulu to enforce current laws against violent crime and protect your constituents in 2025. Stop the criminal from committing crime, not the constituent from exercising a basic human right to self-defense. No one at the Legislature has ever lifted a finger to protect me and my family from violent criminals seeking to harm my beloved 'ohana. If I have to face the danger alone, then I must be fully capable to face the criminal threat immediately, rather than wait helplessly for HPD.

Mahalo for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Tysen K. Burdett

Constituent of **Senate District 23**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 10:24:22 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Barbara Best	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

- A statewide office of GVP will support the state’s gun violence prevention goals at multiple stages - from gun violence data collection that can inform policy-making to implementation assessments of existing laws to administering grants for community violence intervention.
- Data on GV is not readily available across all crimes. To complete the report in a timely manner, the information used could not be verified/cross checked.
- Hawai'i currently only has one known program that aligns with the Community Violence Intervention (CVI) model.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 12:13:55 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elizabeth Nelson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

Elizabeth Nelson

Kaneohe

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 1:37:43 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose hb125

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 4:50:19 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Lukacinsky	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Greetings Senate Judiciary and Commerce Committee members. Hope that you are all doing well. I am a taxpaying voting law abiding American citizen and a resident of the City and County of Honolulu. The U.S. Department Of Justice issued a Press release concerning 2nd Amendment Civil Rights Violations dated yesterday March 27th, 2025 and updated today March 28th, 2025 which all Committee members in the current HB125 HD1 decision making process need to be aware of. I would like to be certain that all members involved in introducing the several bills which we continue to see in relation to our 2nd Amendment Civil Rights including HB125 HD1 along with several others many of which Violate American Citizens 2nd Amendment Civil Rights residing in the State of Hawai'i are fully aware of and understand that the U.S. Department Of Justice Civil Rights Division is paying very close attention to the matter in All States and that includes here in Hawai'i. Hawai'i has numerous 2nd Amendment Civil Rights violating restrictions already on the books, many of which have somehow been there mostly uncontested for years such as SB308 and **Title 10 §134-8** specifically concerning and making it difficult to obtain NFA items which should not be the case. Law-abiding American citizens have the Right to apply to the ATF and be approved for ownership of NFA items working with local gun shops here in Hawaii using Form 4 and the \$200 ATF tax stamp like anywhere else uninfinged. As indicated at the end of the DOJ press release by the US Attorney General protecting American citizens 2nd Amendment Civil Rights which includes American Citizens residing in Hawai'i would be welcomed by hopefully showing goodwill and removing or easing some of the most obvious violations and would a step in the right direction to possibly avoid the eventual and inevitable scrutiny of the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division on the matter. I feel that it is my civic duty as a American citizen and resident of the State of Hawai'i to be sure this is understood because it may not be fully recognized by some Committee members when these bills are being put together, altered, or added to, and submitted for the decision making process or being brought to vote that Civil Rights violations in the United States are a serious matter citing for example U.S. Code Provision **18 U.S.C. § 242** Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law. <https://www.justice.gov/crt/statutes-enforced-criminal-section>

The U.S. Department of Justice press release reads as follows:

Protecting the Second Amendment rights of ordinary, law-abiding Americans is a high priority for this Administration.

As part of a broader review of restrictive firearms-related laws in California and other States, the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division today announced an investigation into the Los

Angeles County Sheriff's Department to determine whether it is engaging in a pattern or practice of depriving ordinary, law-abiding Californians of their Second Amendment rights. A recent federal court decision found that "the law and facts [we]re clearly in ... favor" of two private plaintiffs who challenged the lengthy eighteen-month delays that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department had imposed when processing their concealed handgun license applications. And the Civil Rights Division has reason to believe that those two plaintiffs are not the only residents of Los Angeles County experiencing similarly long delays that are unduly burdening, or effectively denying, the Second Amendment rights of the people of Los Angeles.

The Supreme Court has repeatedly recognized that the Second Amendment is not "a second-class right." And over the past two decades, the Supreme Court has recognized that the Second Amendment is a fundamental, individual constitutional right and has taken multiple opportunities to strengthen Second Amendment protections for ordinary, law-abiding citizens.

Some States and localities, however, have resisted this recent pro-Second Amendment caselaw. And California has been a particularly egregious offender. In response to recent Supreme Court caselaw, California enacted new legislation to further restrict the ability of ordinary, law-abiding Californians to keep and bear arms. And many California localities appear to be imposing additional burdens beyond those required by California state law, including by subjecting ordinary, law-abiding Californians to expensive fees and lengthy wait times associated with applications for concealed handgun licenses.

"This Department of Justice will not stand idly by while States and localities infringe on the Second Amendment rights of ordinary, law-abiding Americans," said Attorney General Pamela Bondi. "The Second Amendment is not a second-class right, and under my watch, the Department will actively enforce the Second Amendment just like it actively enforces other fundamental constitutional rights."

Attorney General Bondi hopes that states and localities will voluntarily embrace their duty to protect the Second Amendment rights of their citizens. But if necessary, today's announcement will be the first of many similar investigations, lawsuits, or other actions involving other localities in California, the State of California itself, and any other states or localities that insist on unduly burdening, or effectively denying, the Second Amendment rights of their ordinary, law-abiding citizens.

Updated March 28, 2025

The link to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Public Affairs Press Release on the matter is here: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/us-department-justice-announces-second-amendment-pattern-or-practice-investigation>

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20250326/hawaii-firearm-storage-bill-scheduled-for-decision-making-hearing-on-april-1st>

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/protecting-second-amendment-rights/>

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20250205/the-hearing-protection-act-introduced-in-the-119th-congress>

As for HB125 HD1 if the Committees choose to advanced it it should rightfully include provisions for transfer in lighter long gun soft cases and storage bags, instead of bulky heavy hard cases, which are carried or kept close by the owner and are commonly used by many law abiding American citizens to safely transfer their firearms to and from ranges and gun shops. Many gun owners have physical limitations that may not allow them to transport heavy bulky cases as well. It must not be ignored that the U.S. Supreme Court decision in [\*D.C v. Heller\*](#) ruled that storage requirements that prevent gun owners from easily accessing their firearms are unconstitutional.

Many thanks for your service and for taking the time to read and seriously consider these very important points and issues concerning the 2nd Amendment Civil Rights of American Citizens residing in the State of Hawai'i. It is much appreciated.

Sincerely, Daniel

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 7:05:19 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

You can not pass a law that restricts to rights of a law abiding citizen in their own home. You have to trust that the individual will make the right decision regarding their particular situation. By passing this bill you endander homeowners by making it more difficult to use a firearm for their self defense.

**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 6:59:32 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Ching, MD, MPH, FAAP	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a pediatrician, I strongly support strict requirements for the secure storage of firearms. In homes with firearms, safe storage of those firearms has been shown to prevent both accidental and intentional firearm injuries among children and adolescents. I strongly support this bill.

Sincerely,

Michael Ching, MD, MPH, FAAP

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 11:39:31 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gena Whitten	Testifying for Moms Demand Action	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Safe Storage of firearms and ammunition are paramount in protecting the public. Kids often access parents weapons or weapons are stolen. It is of major importance to pass a statewide law educating and enforcing safe storage of firearms. Thank you.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 125, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO FIREARMS  
Before the Senate Committee on  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, JUDICIARY  
Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 9:30 AM  
State Capitol Conference Room 016 & Videoconference  
**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Chairs Keohokalole, Rhoads, Vice Chairs Fukunaga, Gabbard, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports House Bill 125, House Draft 1, which addresses firearms storage requirements. This bill strengthens Hawaii's firearm safety laws by requiring retail sellers or transferers of firearms to provide written notice about proper firearm storage to purchasers, expanding secure storage requirements, and clarifying the offense of criminally negligent storage of a firearm.

The DLE recognizes that proper firearm storage is essential to public safety and preventing unauthorized access, particularly by minors. Based on our experience in law enforcement, improper storage of firearms has led to preventable tragedies including accidental discharges, theft, and access by unauthorized individuals. Enhanced notice requirements will ensure that firearm purchasers are fully informed about their legal responsibilities regarding secure storage, which is a critical step in preventing firearm-related accidents and crimes.

The expanded secure storage requirements in this bill provide clear guidance on acceptable methods for securing firearms, including locked containers and tamper-resistant mechanical locks. These provisions are reasonable measures that balance the rights of firearm owners with the compelling public interest in preventing unauthorized access to dangerous weapons.

Furthermore, the clarification of what constitutes criminally negligent storage will aid in more consistent enforcement of these important safety provisions, allowing the DLE to better protect Hawaii's communities from preventable firearm incidents.

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

**LATE**

To: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Chevelle Davis, MPH - Director of Early Childhood & Health Policy  
Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!

Subject: Measure H.B. No. 125, H.D. 1 – Relating to Firearms

Hearing: Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 9:30 AM, Conference Room 016

**POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT**

Aloha e Chairs Keohokalole and Rhoads, Vice Chairs Fukunaga and Gabbard, and Members of the Committees:

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of H.B. No. 125, H.D. 1**, which strengthens firearm storage requirements and enhances safety measures to prevent firearm-related accidents and injuries.

This bill introduces three critical improvements to Hawaii's firearm safety laws:

**1. Educating Firearm Purchasers on Safe Storage Laws**

By requiring retail sellers and transferrers of firearms to provide written notice regarding proper firearm storage laws, this bill ensures that firearm owners are fully informed about their legal responsibilities. Proper education is essential in preventing accidental injuries and deaths, particularly among children who may unknowingly access unsecured firearms.

**2. Expanding Secure Storage Requirements**

Strengthening secure storage requirements helps to reduce unauthorized access to firearms, protecting keiki and families from preventable tragedies. Research shows that securely storing firearms – by using locked containers, gun safes, or other safety mechanisms- significantly reduces the risk of unintentional shootings, suicides, and firearm-related injuries, particularly among youth.

**3. Clarifying Criminally Negligent Storage of a Firearm**

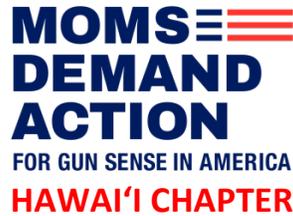
Ensuring clear legal definitions of criminally negligent firearm storage helps reinforce accountability and deter reckless storage practices involving firearms. This clarification

enables law enforcement and the judicial system to effectively enforce firearm safety laws, ultimately fostering a safer community for all residents.

Firearm-related injuries are a leading cause of death among children and teens in the United States, and many of these tragedies are preventable. [Research](#) shows that proper firearm storage can reduce the risk of unintentional firearm shootings and suicide attempts among adolescents and children. As advocates for Hawai'i's youngest residents, we believe that enacting stronger firearm storage laws is a necessary step in protecting our keiki and preventing avoidable harm.

For these reasons, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! urges the committee to pass **H.B. No. 125, H.D. 1**.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this critical measure.



April 1, 2025

Aloha, Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and Committee Members:

My name is Erica Yamauchi, and I am a gun violence survivor, business owner, mother of two children in our public schools, and adjunct faculty member at the University of Hawai'i. I also serve as volunteer state co-lead of the Hawai'i chapter of Moms Demand Action. On behalf of our three local groups and 2,000+ supporters across the islands, **I'm writing today in strong support of House Bill 125.**

Keeping guns securely stored at home is one of the most effective steps we can take to prevent unintentional shootings, youth gun violence and school shootings, as well as gun thefts. While millions of responsible gun owners follow recommended storage practices, unfortunately, research shows that more than half of gun owners do not.

I lost my best friend, Wesley, to gun violence when I was in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. He was staying at his childhood friend's house when they got into an argument, and because his friend's family did not securely store their guns, he lost his life in a tragic way that was completely preventable.

More than 1,200 children and teens die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member. More than 80% of child firearm suicides take place in a home.

In addition, according to an analysis by the U.S. Secret Service, in more than 75% of active shooter incidents in K-12 schools, the shooter(s) were school-age and were current or former students at the school – and they obtained their guns from their home(s) of family members and relatives.

And when it comes to crime, guns stolen from cars and homes are the single-largest source of guns used in crimes nationally.

Our low incidence of gun violence here in the islands hasn't been by accident, but due to sound public policy and commonsense gun safety laws. We urge you to pass this bill.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erica Yamauchi".

Erica Yamauchi, Volunteer State Co-Lead, Kaimuki



**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 11:00:03 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Austin "Shiloh" Martin	Testifying for Libertarian Party of Hawaii	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha from the Libertarians in your districts!

As the presiding officer of the Libertarian Party of Hawai‘i - I stand in strong opposition to this disturbing bill, and respectfully recommend that this body vote "no" to any further erosion of the people's fundamental right to self-defense & rights to keep & bear arms.

The State of Hawai‘i will lose this fight against the power of the individual - partly because it is unconstitutional, but also because it is deeply unpopular to the average Hawaiian. It lacks organic popular support. It's based on mobilizing people by fear, rather than great leadership. It's wildly out-of-touch.

Most folks want the right to protect their property & families, but policies like this criminalize law-abiding citizens for doing so. It also seems like the kind of offense that could be selectively applied, and really serves no legitimate public benefit or interest whatsoever. This law, if passed, will be used to ruin innocent people's lives for no good reason.

From the perspective of those who do not share the terror-toward-firearms trope - this policy is highly invasive. It is an intolerable insult, treating adults as if they were infants or animals who cannot make self-responsible decisions.

Give freedom a chance.

The greater danger to public health, by far, comes from well-intended policy such as this; likewise, public safety is far better served by freedom than by tyranny & oppression.

If we can keep the laws focused on harmful, criminal behavior, rather than inanimate objects, Hawai‘i will do better.

Mahalo nui loa!

Austin Martin

Libertarian Party of Hawai‘i

State Chairman

**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 7:24:12 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Trombley	Testifying for GOS Gun Owners for Safety	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Susan Trombley. I live in Kapolei and I am a gun owner from a family of hunters, a retired teacher that had an 8th grade student in my classroom with a gun, a mother of a school shooting survivor, and a grandmother. I'm writing in support of HB 125 which would require all gun owners to keep their guns stored locked when they're not in use.

Keeping guns securely stored at home is one of the most effective steps we can take to prevent unintentional shootings, youth gun violence, school shootings, and gun thefts.

I worry a lot about keiki and teens getting access to guns - they are at a life stage where decisions can be impulsive. Making it harder for keiki and teens to get easy access to guns could be the difference between life and death. I support safe gun storage for my 'ohana, my friends and our community.

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 4:38:14 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hands off personal firearms!

**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 1:48:13 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill proposes additional gun storage compliance measures that could be difficult for legal gun owners to incorporate 100% of the time, with serious liability passed on to the gun owner for acts committed by other nefarious characters who would have the possibility of obtaining/stealing another's firearm. If I stole your car and drove over somebody with it, would the law hold you responsible for this act? I ask the legislature to honestly look themselves in the eyes and explain how further liabilities and technical storage requirements imposed on gun owners does not infringe upon the right to carry and bear arms. Please honor the views of your constituents and oppose this bill. The voters are watching you!

**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 5:58:08 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Allegra Giacchino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support HB125 HD1 as I do, because keeping guns securely stored is one of the most effective steps we can take to prevent unintentional shootings, youth gun violence and school shootings, gun suicides, and gun thefts. While many responsible gun owners follow recommended storage practices, unfortunately, research shows that more than half of gun owners do not. Requiring the secure storage of firearms will reduce deaths. Please pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Allegra Giacchino

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**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 6:26:41 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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 to oppose HB125. I am understand and appreciate the state wanting the safest community we can have. I would argue that law abiding firearms owners are arguably the safest people in the state. This does not include criminals who will use any tool at their disposal to harm individuals. This bill will not help prevent criminals or illogical people from committing a crime. If anything this would be used after the fact to prosecute someone who already harmed others or allowed their tools to be used by others to do so. I am deeply concerned with the ways this bill can be used to harm responsible firearm owners and it infringes on our constitutional rights to keep and bear arms. Specifically it is imperative to actually be able to use these arms when necessary and the expansion of rules on storing is beyond what the state is capable of enforcing. This is an after the fact bill and could ruin the lives of many. This is also a bill that is asking firearms sellers and individuals who sell a firearm to do the job of the state. This state should provide firearm law info when obtaining a permit to aquire and the burden should be on the state and not a FFL or individual who sells a firearm legally.

Please take a moment to consider how firearms are obtained in Hawai'i. This bill asks of licensed sellers to provide information regarding firearm storage. I have bought most of my firearms from out of state and had them transferred to a FFL in Hawai'i. The licensed seller in this case is not the FFL that I paid a small fee of around \$30 to transfer the firearm. I can also send my firearms from another state the same way without the seller being in Hawai'i at any point. As a legal firearm owner in Hawai'i I would not necessarily ever buy a firearm from a licensed Hawai'i based firearm seller (FFL). This bill will likely harm access to law abiding firearms owners in Hawai'i as they would not know what information to provide a purchaser with as it is state by state based and not something a out of state firearm seller would know about. This bill is disruptive to a very well maintained and law abiding group of firearms owners and businesses and would not prevent any harm caused by someone with a firearm.

FFL's should not be forced to provide this information to a seller at their expense. If anything the state should provide this information when a law abiding citizen is obtaining a permit to aquire. This is essentially like asking a car salesman or owner who is selling a car to provide a copy of the driving laws when selling. This is the responsibility of the state and this body should consider this when voting on this bill.

I encourage you to think harder and work with firearms owners and ask us how we prevent accidents and encourage safety. We are a tight knit community that cares about our families and neighbors. We are your neighbors, co workers, acquaintances and family. We all want the same thing but we aren't willing to give up our rights in order for some to feel safe while we then are forced to feel unsafe. This is not a game and not about feelings. Please consider facts before voting on political agendas. Please vote NO on HB125.

Mahalo,

Chase Cavitt

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 6:29:14 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<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 to oppose HB125. I understand and appreciate the state wanting the safest community we can have. I would argue that law abiding firearms owners are arguably the safest people in the state. This does not include criminals who will use any tool at their disposal to harm individuals. This bill will not help prevent criminals or illogical people from committing a crime. If anything this would be used after the fact to prosecute someone who already harmed others or allowed their tools to be used by others to do so. I am deeply concerned with the ways this bill can be used to harm responsible firearm owners and it infringes on our constitutional rights to keep and bear arms. Specifically it is imperative to actually be able to use these arms when necessary and the expansion of rules on storing is beyond what the state is capable of enforcing. This is an after the fact bill and could ruin the lives of many. This is also a bill that is asking firearms sellers and individuals who sell a firearm to do the job of the state. This state should provide firearm law info when obtaining a permit to acquire and the burden should be on the state and not a FFL or individual who sells a firearm legally.

Please take a moment to consider how firearms are obtained in Hawai'i. This bill asks of licensed sellers to provide information regarding firearm storage. My husband has bought most of his firearms from out of state and had them transferred to a FFL in Hawai'i. The licensed seller in this case is not the FFL that he paid a small fee of around \$30 to transfer the firearm. One can also send firearms from another state the same way without the seller being in Hawai'i at any point. As a legal firearm owner in Hawai'i one would not necessarily ever buy a firearm from a licensed Hawai'i based firearm seller (FFL). This bill will likely harm access to law abiding firearms owners in Hawai'i as they would not know what information to provide a purchaser with as it is state by state based and not something a out of state firearm seller would know about. This bill is disruptive to a very well maintained and law abiding group of firearms owners and businesses and would not prevent any harm caused by someone with a firearm.

FFL's should not be forced to provide this information to a seller at their expense. If anything the state should provide this information when a law abiding citizen is obtaining a permit to acquire. This is essentially like asking a car salesman or owner who is selling a car to provide a copy of the driving laws when selling. This is the responsibility of the state and this body should consider this when voting on this bill.

I encourage you to think harder and work with firearms owners and ask how we prevent accidents and encourage safety. We are a tight knit community that cares about our families and neighbors. We are your neighbors, co workers, acquaintances and family. We all want the same thing but we aren't willing to give up our rights in order for some to feel safe while we then are forced to feel unsafe. This is not a game and not about feelings. Please consider facts before voting on political agendas. Please vote NO on HB125.

Mahalo,

Tenessa Cavitt

**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 6:31:50 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cheryl Ho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Consumer Protection and Judiciary Committees:

I am Cheryl Ho, from Nu‘uanu.

I am testifying specifically from the perspective of a retired social worker who worked with youth in foster care. These youth are in foster homes due to their birth family’s history of neglect or abuse. They have suffered trauma, which can lead to feelings of self-hatred and to suicidal thoughts and gestures.

It is for this reason that the **requirements for licensing foster homes include the regulation that any firearms must be locked safely and securely, so that foster youth in the home cannot access the guns.**

Nearly 90% of youth firearm suicides involve guns from the victim's home or that of a relative or friend. Everytown for Gun Safety reports that locking both firearms and ammunition reduces the risk of self-inflicted firearm injuries by 78% among children and teens, and reduces the risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens by 85%.

I urge you to vote to pass HB125, so that safe storage of firearms can help prevent youth suicides in Hawai’i!

Mahalo nui,

Cheryl Ho

**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 7:51:42 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Medeiros	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB125

**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 8:22:14 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am strongly against house bill 125 we all need to have common sense on how we do things we already have safe storage for firearms in place and your new laws wont stop or punish criminals which has already been proven you just punish the citizen gun owner! laws should be directed at criminals who steal guns and commit crimes and have manditory punishment for those offenses to deter them from happening instead leave the poor gun owner alone. thank you

**LATE**

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer  
Protection (CPN)

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary Military Affairs  
(JDC)

Hearing: Wednesday, April 01, 2025, at 9:30 AM  
Regarding: **HB125 HD1 (Relating to Firearms)**  
Voter Position: **OPPOSITION**

Senators of the CPN and JDC Committees,

I express my continued **opposition** to the unamended **HB125 HD1 (Relating to Firearms)**.

### Safe Storage Law Already Exists

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**§134-10.5 Storage of firearm; responsibility with respect to minors.** No person shall store or keep any firearm on any premises under the person's control if the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the parent or guardian of the minor, unless the person:

- (1) Keeps the firearm in a securely locked box or other container or in a location that a reasonable person would believe to be secure; or
- (2) Carries the firearm on the person or within such close proximity thereto that the person can readily retrieve and use it as if it were carried on the person.

For purposes of this section, "minor" means any person under the age of eighteen years. [L 1992, c 288, §1; am L 2021, c 148, §2]

**Cross References**

Criminally negligent storage of firearm, see §707-714.5.

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**HB125 HD1** is an inherently duplicative piece of legislation with an express punitive design, absent of true public safety value. As it turns out, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), §134-10.5 is already in existence and it has the following title: Storage of firearm; responsibility with respect to minors. The law is clearly posted on the State's Legislature website. It hasn't been repealed or otherwise removed, indicating that it is still in full effect. Unsurprisingly, there are stiff penalties with failing to adhere to this already existing law, as embodied in HRS §707-714.5, aptly titled, Criminally negligent storage of a firearm.

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**§707-714.5 Criminally negligent storage of a firearm.** (1) A person commits the offense of criminally negligent storage of a firearm if the person violates section [§134-10.5](#) and a minor obtains the firearm. For purposes of this section, "minor" means any person under the age of eighteen years.

- (2) This section shall not apply if the minor obtains the firearm as a result of an unlawful entry to any premises by any person.
- (3) Criminally negligent storage of a firearm is a misdemeanor. [L 1992, c 288, §2; am L 2021, c 148, §3]

### **Continued Irrational Prosecution**

**HB125 HD1** in its unamended form continues to advance the bill's hostile prosecution effort by criminalizing lawful gun owners via the expansion of injury or property damage liabilities caused by another individual's criminal actions. The liability for the use of a firearm should rest exclusively upon the individual end-user that executed any crime following the act of unauthorized firearm acquisition. Any deviation from such focus makes no sense whatsoever other than to punish the firearm owning community for simply holding a separate ideological perspective concerning basic human rights and the practice thereof.

### **Enhanced Burden on Transfers**

If the Legislature is changing the law, then the Legislature should focus on educating the public using its own resources. Instead of forcing private citizens to take up public labor that is placed upon them via **HB125 HD1**'s imposed requirements, the Legislature can produce and air public service announcements on television and disseminate literature emphasizing the law change to the public as a public service. With the recent advance of special interest bills concerning firearms reporting (via HB 995) and narrowly focused gun violence prevention study expansion via the passage of HB 664, HD1, it is clear that the Legislature demonstrates that it quite capable of financing special interests. If special interests can be financed by the Legislature, it can do the heavy-lifting associated with public education. Private citizens should not have to bear the public Legislature's burden.

Printing out literature isn't free. Any printout of Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 134-10.5, as amended by **HB125 HD1**, will incur cost in the form of paper, ink, and electricity associated with the printout. With the passage of an unamended **HB125 HD1**, there is still no provision of reimbursement to the firearm store owner or firearm transferor for the added cost of providing a written copy of the law. Moreover, such practice is unsustainable since it uses more paper—a digital copy of the law would eliminate the need for paper printout. It's 2025: recipients of firearm transfers can read the law change for free on their own time without any cost imposed on the one initiating the transfer. Stop making things more difficult than necessary. This unsustainable practice demonstrates malice and a disdain for both the environment as well as the constituent.

### **Severability Clause Shadow is Continued, Forevermore**

Severability clauses always indicate that there is the inclusion of a highly controversial legal aspect that is likely to be challenged in a lawsuit. The fact that this provision is incorporated within **HB125 HD1** combined with the fact that it passed the last public hearing unamended continues to cast a shadow of doubt concerning the overall validity of **HB125 HD1**'s purported public safety benefits. A bill of true integrity should be able to stand in whole upon its own merit without needing to grasp to surviving legislative vestiges that are deemed unconstitutional via lawsuit. Constitutionality need not be advertised: a bill that truly honors all tenants of the United States Constitution should be self-evident. No standing committee report would have to justify such stance.

Such continued severability clause inclusion suggests that there is a dubious motive to preserve certain parts of the measure, despite overwhelming unpopularity and lack of substantive public support. Opposition that includes opposition testimony from numerous organizations and numerous individuals does not reflect substantive support whatsoever.

### Focus on Stopping Thieves

If firearm theft and the associated unauthorized use of such unauthorized firearm acquisition continues to be such a concern, a good way to stop any theft is to enable law enforcement personnel to stop thieves. It's not too complicated of a solution. Fully staffing law enforcement vacancies is one good start, but that can only be accomplished if legislative efforts emphasize a focus on filling those vacancies. On March 21, 2025 Island News has made it clear that there is a shortage of officers within the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), and recruitment is an express focus point. Voting no on **HB125 HD1** would free up key time needed during this legislative session to work with City and County of Honolulu counterparts to facilitate with law enforcement recruiting capabilities that in turn, result in the reduction of firearm thefts, as well as other thefts and violent crime in general.



Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of **Senate District 23**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 9:45:19 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Terry	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to House Bill 125, which seeks to impose additional firearm storage requirements and safety measures. While the bill's intentions are to enhance public safety, its implementation could lead to unintended consequences that infringe on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

First, the requirement for retail sellers of firearms to provide written notice about proper firearm storage laws may place an unnecessary burden on businesses. It could result in confusion rather than clarity. Many gun owners are already well-informed about safe storage practices, and this requirement may not significantly increase awareness among those who are not.

Second, the expansion of secure storage requirements could lead to challenges for gun owners who may not have the means or space to comply with these additional regulations. The proposed rules could disproportionately affect responsible citizens and create barriers to lawful firearm ownership without necessarily addressing the issue of unauthorized access by minors or others with ill intentions.

Third, clarifying the offense of criminally negligent firearm storage may seem beneficial, but it could lead to overly punitive measures that penalize responsible owners for minor infractions. This could discourage individuals from owning or safely transporting firearms, leading to negative implications for personal security and self-defense.

Fourth, as stated in the testimony from the Office of the Public Defender in opposition to HB125, the bill contradicts the Supreme Court ruling in District of Columbia v. Heller. This ruling established the constitutional right to possess firearms for self-defense and determined that laws requiring firearms to be rendered inoperable for immediate self-defense are unconstitutional. HB125 would require that firearms in homes be rendered inoperable or made inaccessible, which contradicts the Supreme Court's ruling.

Thank you for allowing me to share my concerns about this bill.

**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 12:20:07 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The storage requirements in this bill violate the spirit and intent of the US Constitution 2nd Amendment. and could prove a crucial obstacle to self defense.

**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 3:10:58 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Evelyn Aczon Hao	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 125 and ask that you pass it. It requires responsibility of gun sellers to help educate gun buyers on safe storage of their guns; it expands requirements for the secure storage of guns; and it makes easier the prosecution of persons whose negligence in storing guns securely led to injury or death.

This bill will help to prevent suicides and homicides, whose perpetrators used firearms found in their homes or that of a friend or relative. This bill will also prevent *unintentional* firearm deaths or injuries among children and teens.

Unsecured firearms are stolen from homes and cars by the thousands each year. These firearms become involved in illegal gun markets and violent crimes.

I ask that you please pass this bill to help reduce crime and tragic deaths caused by firearms.

Thank you, Evelyn Hao, retired teacher and school principal

**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 4:56:41 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jay Franzone	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As I wrote a couple weeks ago in the Honolulu Star Advertiser, reading about the theft of a police officer's gun in January was a chilling reminder of the dangers posed by unsecured firearms. In February, a 16-year-old shot and wounded a man and while it's unclear where he got his gun, it all highlights a serious public safety crisis.

We were lucky this time—the officer's gun was recovered, and the shooting was isolated. But luck isn't a strategy.

Hawai'i's current firearm storage law is too weak. Right now, gun owners are only required to secure their firearm if they know—or should reasonably know—that a minor is likely to access it. Even then, penalties only apply if a minor actually gets the gun.

H.B. 125 strengthens this law by requiring all firearms to be securely stored—whether with a trigger lock, lockbox, or gun safe—whenever they are not in use.

The evidence is clear:

- Access to a firearm triples the risk of suicide.
- Stolen guns fuel crime. And in over 75% of school shootings, the shooter obtained the firearm from their home or a relative's home.

These tragedies could happen any moment and we should do everything possible to prevent them.

Given the increase in gun violence in Hawai'i this year— I urge you all to act before the next tragedy.

**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 8:57:33 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mary Ellen Williams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this HB125 requiring safe storage of firearms. There are a myriad of resources available to firearm owners and non-owners outlining standards for safe storage as understood by a reasonable person. Firearm ownership is a grave responsibility and shouldn't be taken lightly. Irresponsible firearm owners should be held accountable and liable when harm is committed using their property. Conversely, this bill honors and recognizes responsible firearm owners who do the right thing and safely store their firearms.

**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 10:54:06 AM  
Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I strongly oppose HB125.** It is common sense to want to lock up your firearms in a safe and not just lean it against the wall in your closet. I don't need the legislature to tell me how I need to store a firearm in my own home. What I do on my property is my business and you have no authority on my property. All of my firearms are locked up on a regular basis except for my current carry firearm which is on my person or always in close proximity to me when it is out. We as instructors for the Basic Firearms and CCW classes teach safe storage of firearms to our students. We inform them of the importance of properly storing their firearms. We don't need legislation from you to tell us how we must store our property. Have harsher penalties for criminals who break into a house or commit crimes in general.

Bradnon Leong

President

Lessons In Firearms Education

**LATE**

**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 11:10:27 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to adoption of HB125 as it affects only law abiding gun owners. There is nothing in the bill that is directed at criminals, terrorists or persons with mental health problems. These types of individuals are most often associated with gun violence yet nothing is being done to deal with them.

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**HB-125-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 10:01:04 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/1/2025 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Advocacy Committee, American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawai'i Chapter	Testifying for Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Keohokalole and Rhoads, Vice Chairs Fukunaga and Gabbard, and Committee Members,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawai'i Chapter strongly supports HB125, which would help to ensure that firearms are safely stored in accordance with clearly defined best practices. Unfortunately, having unsecured guns in the home is a significant risk factor for both adolescent suicide and accidents, which can lead to injuries and even death among young children. In homes with firearms, safe storage of those firearms has been shown to prevent both accidental and intentional firearm injuries among children and adolescents.

We thank you for your support of this bill.