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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 150  
RELATING TO FIREARMS  
Before the House Committee on  
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 325 & Videoconference  
**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) strongly supports House Bill 150. This bill strengthens public safety by establishing clear restrictions and requirements for firearm lending in Hawaii. The proposed legislation requires that individuals borrowing firearms must either possess a valid firearm permit or have a registered firearm and must not be prohibited from owning or possessing firearms. Additionally, it implements important age restrictions and time limitations on firearm loans.

The DLE particularly supports the measure's requirement that firearms can only be lent to individuals who are properly vetted through our permit and registration system. This ensures that borrowed firearms remain traceable and are only accessible to individuals who have undergone proper background checks. The 12-hour limitation on lending rifles and shotguns provides a reasonable timeframe for legitimate uses while reducing the risk of misuse or illegal transfers.

The repeal of the 75-day out-of-state use authorization and the unrestricted lending of rifles and shotguns closes significant loopholes in our current firearms regulations. These changes will enhance our ability to monitor and regulate firearm possession and movement, ultimately contributing to enhanced public safety.

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

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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February 19, 2025

The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs  
House of Representatives  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Tarnas and Members:

**SUBJECT: House Bill No. 150, Relating to Firearms**

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

The HPD supports the intent of House Bill No. 150, Relating to Firearms, and offers the following concerns.

The HPD supports this bill and recognizes the importance of requiring any person taking temporary possession or control of a firearm to have a permit to acquire. The permit to acquire process includes a background check regarding the eligibility of a person to own, possess, or control a firearm. Therefore, it would provide a safeguard to prevent gun owners from lending a firearm to persons who are prohibited from ownership, possession, and control of firearms.

Although adding a requirement to get a permit to those who want to borrow another person's firearm helps to prevent prohibited persons from possessing a firearm, this does not cover all possible situations. Long gun permits are not specific to a firearm, and they are good for a period of one year. A person who is prohibited and is in possession of a long gun permit is supposed to return the permit to the HPD, but could fail to return this permit and use it to borrow someone else's long gun. The person lending the firearm would not know that the permit is no longer valid.

Finally, although the HPD agrees that the borrowing of a firearm should be for a limited time frame, it would be very challenging to enforce.

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The HPD appreciates the committee's consideration of our comments and concerns regarding House Bill No. 150, Relating to Firearms, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.



Sincerely,  
Carlene Lau, Major  
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:



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Chief of Police

**HB-150**

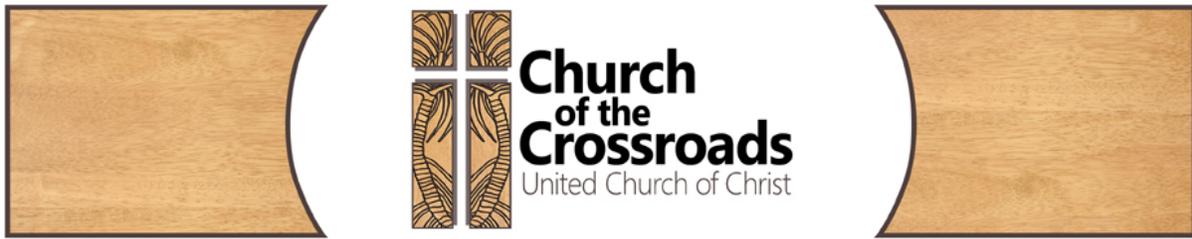
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Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB 150 on the grounds that it infringes on the right to keep and bear arms and inhibits the right to self defense in a timely manner. This bill will prevent traveling competitors and sportsmen from competing in shooting competitions or hunting when they need to borrow a rifle or shotgun. There are also resident service members that will be prohibited from such activity due to the aged from 18-20 years old. This bill also prevents a victim of domestic violence from being able to borrow a rifle or shotgun to defend themselves from assault due to the application process and waiting period.



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

### **Testimony of the Church of the Crossroads IN SUPPORT OF HB 150**

The Church of the Crossroads was founded in 1922 as Hawaii's first intentionally multiracial church. We are a Just Peace Church of approximately 180 members.

We have voted unanimously to support closing the loophole in Hawaii law that permits firearms to be loaned for periods of 15-75 days without background check or permits. We ask for your support for this bill to help out community safe.

Hawaii has strong firearms laws requiring background checks, training, education and gun permits, to help protect from firearms getting into the wrong hands. But we have a gaping hole in our law that permits loaning of rifles and other long arms for periods of 15 to 75 days, without any notice to the government, without any background check, and without any gun permit or license by the person to whom the firearm is loaned.

This gaping hole makes it too easy to avoid all the good laws Hawaii has enacted to protect our community. Let's close this loaning loophole. Loaning should be permitted only to persons who have obtained a firearms permit in our state, with the same recent background check and mental health investigation as for other firearms acquisitions. We cannot depend on individuals to know what persons are and are not qualified to have firearms, so requiring a background check and gun permit before loaning a firearm will help protect from dangerous persons being loaned firearms.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

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

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Submitted on: 2/17/2025 5:20:12 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mery Ann Luna	SDM Training Group/Bows N Bullets	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha my name is Mery Ann Luna, President and Founder of SDM Training Group (SDM) and Bows 'N Bullets (BNB). I strongly oppose bill HB150. We all have family and friends that come to visit and/or experience Hawaii's outdoor activities, hunting being one of them. Our visitors will not have time to obtain a firearm permit as most vacations are 10 days or less, and it takes 2 weeks to receive one. Hunting is a way of life as well as a thrill and an experience. Hawaii is about tourism; this will hurt the hunting community/industry along with what Hawaii could offer the rest of the world. Again, I oppose bill HB150.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2025 6:54:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Glennon T. Gingo	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Pumehana,

The Hawai'i Rifle Association, the oldest shooting sports organization in Hawai'i and with members on all islands, opposes this bill (HB150).

We believe and stand firmly in support of the basic right to lend property to another individual including firearms, with the understanding we are doing so in a lawful and responsible manner. We support law enforcements efforts to prevent criminals and those individuals that cannot and should not possess firearms from possessing them.

Requiring a permit to exercise a basic constitutional rights is not acceptable.

Respectfully,

Glennon T. Gingo

Hawai'i Rifle Association

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Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Akiyama	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose HB150. Please give responsible gun owners the benefit of being able to make common sense decisions without having to obey restrictive laws.



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

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 1:52:16 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Margaret Mejia	Hawai'i Christian Coalition	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Hawai'i Christian Coalition stands for the 2nd Amendment,. The 2nd Amendment states, : "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall NOT be infringed, in ANY WAY." Please do not vote against our 2nd Amendment. All of the Amendments are NOT to be violated in any way, shape or form.

Hawai'i Christian Coalition strongly opposes HB150 and any bill that violates the 2nd Amendment.

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Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

A few years ago, a similar bill was presented and deferred. HPD was there and that bill instead of 12 hours, it was a few days. When asked HPD about hunters, they circled back to 15 days being sufficient.

Often when hunting, someone is in the "bush" for longer than 12 hours. Days or even a week long, especially when on the Big Island.

This bill also removes any servicing or repair to a rifle out of state. Hawaii has a limited gun smithing services, so it's common to send things out of state to repair/service. A good gun smith also test fires the rifle before sending it back to make sure it works properly.

Also, any in state repairs/servicing would have to be completed in 12 hours and the servicer or smith would have to either have a permit to acquire or a registered firearm with Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2025 3:37:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael I Rice	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I stand in OPPOSITION to this bill. First and foremost as it is a violation of current State law that forbids showing your gun registration paperwork to anyone other than the police. This combined with recently passed law that elevates any firearms related charge to the equivalent of a felony offense makes this a Catch 22 and thus serves as a de facto ban on the lending of firearms. It is a violation of not only the Second Amendment but the Fifth Amendment.

When a friend of mine was going through some hard times and was kicked out of his home, he had me hold onto some of his rifles for safe keeping, as he knew I had a gun safe and it would be better than him keeping them in his tent on the beach. He did not have a permit nor even registration info for these rifles as they were acquired legally before the registration laws went into effect. Were this law put into effect he would have had to just hold onto his firearms in the middle of a homeless camp before he got his affairs in order and moved into a new home.

Firearms permits and registration forms contain sensitive information that would leave the owners vulnerable to identity theft should a bad actor acquire them. HPD's Firearms Division also does not allow people to keep firearm permits once they have expired and collect the expired permit when applying for a new permit.

This would also negatively affect gunsmiths doing repairs or modifications to firearms, as well as preventing people from taking advantage of services some gun stores have of holding onto firearms of those going through temporary mental health crises or difficult times, and thus keeping them out of the hands of an at-risk individual.

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Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support HB150. Unconstitutional and should not see the light of day.

Thank you.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/14/2025 5:34:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha members of the committee,

I stand in strong opposition to this bill. Any and all laws repugnant to the constitution are null and void, clearly this bill is unconstitutional, Mahalo.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/14/2025 5:45:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **strongly oppose** House Bill No. 150, which seeks to dramatically restrict the rights of law-abiding gun owners in Hawaii under the guise of enhancing public safety. I urge this Committee to **VOTE NO** on this bill for the following reasons:

**1. Unnecessary Burden on Responsible Gun Owners:**

This bill imposes harsh new restrictions on the lending of rifles and shotguns, reducing the time from seventy-five days to a mere twelve hours. This change does not address any demonstrated problem but instead punishes responsible gun owners for acts they are not committing. Law-abiding citizens who wish to lend firearms for lawful activities like hunting or sport shooting will be unduly burdened by these regulations.

**2. Infringement on Second Amendment Rights:**

By mandating that borrowers must possess a permit or own a registered firearm, this bill effectively limits who can borrow firearms, potentially infringing on the constitutional right to bear arms. This could deter legal firearm use for self-defense, recreation, or education, which are fundamental rights under the Second Amendment.

**3. Ineffective Against Illegal Gun Use:**

The bill does nothing to curb the illegal use of firearms. Criminals do not adhere to lending laws, and this legislation will only affect law-abiding citizens. Instead of targeting the source of gun-related crimes, this bill targets the community's ability to engage in legal and safe firearm practices.

**4. Practical Impediments to Gun Safety:**

Hunting, shooting sports, and firearms training often require the temporary use of firearms from others. The twelve-hour limit is impractical for these activities, potentially leading to unsafe practices as individuals rush to use firearms before the time expires. Instead of promoting safety, this bill could lead to more accidents due to hurried or improper firearm handling.

**5. Economic Impact on Firearm-Related Activities:**

This bill could severely impact local businesses and organizations involved in shooting sports, hunting clubs, and firearm education. The restrictions may reduce participation in these activities, leading to economic losses for communities that rely on tourism and local engagement in these sports.

#### **6. Lack of Evidence Supporting the Need for Such Drastic Changes:**

There's no compelling evidence presented that the current seventy-five-day lending period has led to increased crime or safety issues in Hawaii. Without data to support such a drastic reduction to twelve hours, this bill seems more like an ideological move rather than a reasoned response to a real problem.

#### **7. Administrative Overreach:**

The new requirements for background checks and permits for even short-term lending increase the workload for law enforcement, shifting their focus from crime prevention to administrative tasks. This misallocation of resources does not serve the public safety interests of our community.

#### **8. Potential for Increased Black Market Activity:**

By making legal lending more difficult, this bill might inadvertently push people towards illegal means to borrow or lend firearms, thus expanding the black market rather than controlling it.

In closing, H.B. No. 150 is a misguided piece of legislation that does not address the real issues of gun violence and instead penalizes the law-abiding. I urge this committee to **VOTE NO** and to seek solutions that truly enhance safety without infringing on the rights of citizens.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/14/2025 8:00:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Olderr	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I support this bill, as it would strengthen the state's current gun safety laws. Under the bill's current language, the goal of creating more safety-oriented gun owners would be met. Though I worry about the social policing needed for this bill to be effective, I think the danger of a layman underestimating firearms is greater and warrants said policing. Please pass this bill.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/14/2025 8:47:00 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This proposed legislation is very burdensome to the people of Hawaii, I should be able to loan my firearm to individuals for a period longer than 12 hours. Should a firearm need repair than one can be loaned for longer than 12 hours. What if the person who repairs the firearm doesn't have any registered firearms, registration is unconstitutional in the first place, the 2nd amendment protects individuals from this kind of nonsense? This measure will not make our communities safer and only inhibits us from protecting ourselves. Do not pass this bill.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/14/2025 9:17:34 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please support this important bill. Mahalo.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/14/2025 11:17:54 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose, enough government oversight

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/15/2025 1:42:45 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern I oppose this bill. This bill is an overstep from government and goes against our constitution. The same constitution all you senators are supposed to uphold.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/15/2025 1:55:37 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

HB150 does not make the people of Hawaii safer, it only strips away our rights! It clearly violates our Constitutional rights. Furthermore, it criminalizes responsible gun owners, expands government overreach into legal firearm ownership, fails to address violent crime, and makes criminals out of law-abiding citizens. Stop wasting time and energy on unconstitutional bills, and focus on better education and training of the people. This also criminalizes those that cannot afford all of the fees to acquire a firearms.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/15/2025 6:18:10 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/15/2025 7:54:03 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop infringing on our Second Amendment rights!

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/15/2025 8:29:50 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. More violation of the 2nd amendment.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/15/2025 8:36:10 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/15/2025 11:44:49 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/15/2025 5:49:54 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. Poorly written & penalizes the law abiding citizens. Does not target criminal activity where the work is needed. PLEASE consult with the organizations who promote/offer gun safety.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/15/2025 11:49:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Chair Tarnas and Committee Members,

My name is Brett Kulbis, I'm a 26yr Navy Veteran and Retired Civil Servant. I live in Ewa Beach.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB-150.

This bill threatens the rights of law-abiding citizens and undermines the principles of personal freedom and responsibility. If enacted, this bill would impose unnecessary restrictions on firearm lending and ownership, and I believe it is your duty to protect the constitutional rights of the people of Hawai'i.

The Second Amendment guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This fundamental right is at the core of our nation's values, ensuring that citizens can protect themselves, their families, and their property. HB-150, however, seeks to chip away at this freedom by imposing burdensome regulations on firearm lending.

The requirement for an adult borrower to have a firearm permit or a registered firearm is excessive and redundant. Responsible gun owners already undergo thorough background checks and adhere to existing laws. Furthermore, the twelve-hour time limit for lending a rifle or shotgun is arbitrary and impractical. In times of emergency or when assistance is needed, such a restriction could hinder an individual's ability to defend themselves or others.

HB-150 is an overreach of government authority and a direct attack on the rights of responsible gun owners. It creates unnecessary barriers and undermines the trust you should have in our fellow citizens. The people of Hawaii deserve better than to have their freedoms eroded by misguided legislation.

Respectfully, I STRONGLY encourage you to vote NO on HB-150.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 7:15:32 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly disagree with this. Many people lend a weapon for lawful purposes. My first time hunting was before I owned a gun. This will not do anything to slow down crime just make life harder for law abiding citizens

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 8:27:38 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill. It's ignorance like this that gets people killed. People need to be able to lend or store their guns, when needed. I've stored guns for people who are going through a ugly divorce, people who are going through a tough time, or going on vacation and need more secure place. plus the basic ignorance of lending someone a gun to go hunt on another island.

Brian Ley County GMAC commissioner district four

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Submitted on: 2/16/2025 10:37:02 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<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 Bill HB150, which would prohibit the lending of a firearm to an individual who does not have a firearm permit or a registered firearm. As a law-abiding gun owner and parent of a competitive USPSA junior shooter, this legislation is not only impractical but also unconstitutional.

This bill unfairly targets junior competitors, like my 15-year-old son, who lawfully participate in shooting sports. He regularly competes in USPSA matches using my pistol, under strict supervision and adherence to club safety regulations. The proposed restrictions would prevent young athletes from participating in these competitions, which play a crucial role in developing discipline, responsibility, and marksmanship skills. This bill, if passed, would effectively ban minors from lawful training and competition, harming the future of shooting sports in our state.

Furthermore, this bill is in direct violation of the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Supreme Court has consistently upheld an individual's right to keep and bear arms. Restricting the lending of firearms between responsible, law-abiding individuals places an undue burden on lawful gun owners and severely limits their ability to exercise their constitutional rights.

Additionally, HB150 repeals the authorization to lend rifles and shotguns outside the state for up to seventy-five days and removes the ability to loan these firearms without a permit. These changes further restrict lawful ownership and use of firearms without providing any substantial benefit to public safety. Instead, they impose unnecessary barriers on responsible firearm owners and sportsmen who engage in lawful activities such as hunting, competition shooting, and training.

I urge you to reconsider this bill and vote against its passage. HB150 not only undermines the rights of responsible gun owners but also harms junior shooting athletes who represent the future of competitive shooting sports. Instead of restricting lawful gun owners, we should focus on enforcing existing laws that prevent firearms from falling into the hands of criminals.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I strongly urge you to oppose HB150 and protect the rights of responsible gun owners and competitors.

Sincerely,  
Wayne Asam



**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 11:49:22 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patti Cook	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for this opportunity to convey support for HB150. Definately needed to improve public safety and skirting gun safety regulations.

Thank you for considering this measure - please vote to approve and move forward this session. Patti Cook 808-937-2833 - Waimea, Island of Hawai'i

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 11:54:20 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Allison Daniel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB 150 is a common sense measure that will promote gun safety by keeping firearms out of the hands of individuals who have not undergone background checks nor have a license to own a gun.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 12:21:20 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. It's contrary too and in violation of the US Constitution.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 12:52:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kathryn Braun	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 150. This bill offers a common sense measure that will promote gun safety by keeping firearms out of the hands of individuals who have not undergone background checks nor have a license to own a gun. Let's not become like the continent, where people start shooting our children.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 1:08:07 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert I Nehmad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 1:22:38 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Wendy Dame	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB 150 is a common sense measure that will promote gun safety by keeping firearms out of the hands of individuals who have not undergone background checks nor have a license to own a gun.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 2:25:38 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill.

My long-time hunting buddy would like to try out my gun next time he goes hunting. He's already a gun owner.

This is overly restrictive.

Again, this bill only served to penalize the lawful for the misdeeds of the unlawful. Please redirect your focus to the criminal element.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 3:10:32 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mimi Beams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB 150 is a common sense measure that will promote gun safety by keeping firearms out of the hands of individuals who have not undergone background checks nor have a license to own a gun.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 3:13:24 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The people who would observe this law are not the same people causing gun crime. Stop pushing laws that make gun owners miserable. This is garbage.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 5:10:08 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Ball	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Members of the Committee,

I support this bill to shore up our gun safety laws. We must take every available step to secure our safety given the reckless actions of the Supreme Court to undermine our security in defense of the Second Amendment. Please cast your vote for our community's safety.

With aloha,

Dave Ball, Waialae-Kahala

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 5:24:29 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB150, which seeks to impose further restrictions on law-abiding gun owners in Hawaii. This bill is yet another attempt to erode our Second Amendment rights while failing to address the root causes of crime and violence in our communities.

The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental protection guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. HB150 unfairly targets responsible gun owners with additional regulations that do not enhance public safety but instead make it harder for law-abiding citizens to exercise their rights. Criminals, by definition, do not follow gun laws. Instead of deterring crime, this legislation will only create more barriers for responsible individuals who wish to protect themselves and their families.

Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. Rather than introducing more restrictions, lawmakers should focus on enforcing existing laws, strengthening penalties for violent offenders, and addressing underlying issues such as mental health and drug abuse. A focus on these areas would have a far greater impact on public safety than placing additional burdens on law-abiding citizens.

Furthermore, HB150 places undue burdens on small businesses, including local firearm dealers and instructors, who provide essential education and services to the community. By increasing regulatory hurdles, this bill threatens their livelihoods while doing little to prevent illegal firearm activity.

I urge you to consider the real impact of HB150. This bill does not make our communities safer—it only limits the rights of responsible citizens while doing nothing to curb the actions of criminals. Instead of passing laws that restrict the rights of the people, we should focus on policies that hold offenders accountable and support law enforcement in keeping our neighborhoods safe.

I respectfully ask that you vote NO on HB150 and protect the constitutional rights of Hawaii's residents.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 6:02:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 6:11:54 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 6:18:59 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<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 do not pass this bill!

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 6:31:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional, and violates established Supreme Court precedents set in *Caetano v. Massachusetts*, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, and *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*. Rather than addressing crime, this bill places undue restrictions on law-abiding citizens while doing little if anything to deter criminals.

Elected officials should represent the interests of the people of Hawaii, not the agendas of national anti-gun organizations like Giffords and Everytown. Year after year, Hawaii gun owners are forced to fight for their constitutional rights against legislation that disregards both legal precedent and the will of the people.

To those who continue to push these unconstitutional measures, know that your actions are being closely watched. The American people made their voices clear in the 2024 election, and it is time to respect the rights of lawful citizens rather than advancing the interests of anti-gun lobbying groups.

I urge you to uphold your duty to protect our constitutional freedoms and oppose this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 7:16:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose!

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 8:01:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ruth Love	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you

Mrs Ruth Love

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 8:30:59 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it infringes on my rights as guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 9:21:25 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hawaii HB150 is an overly restrictive and misguided piece of legislation that unfairly targets responsible gun owners, particularly youth sport shooters and hunters. The bill imposes unnecessary limitations on firearm use, including an arbitrary 12-hour time limit that does not align with the realities of shooting sports, hunting, or competitive events. Many shooting tournaments and hunting trips last much longer than this timeframe, and young gun owners—who aren't allowed to own firearms—borrow weapons for these events. The bill also has a requirement for the person borrowing to have a permit. How would a youth sport shooter get a permit? They can't. Because one doesn't exist. This makes it impossible for them to participate. Rather than addressing genuine public safety concerns, this bill penalizes law-abiding citizens, limits opportunities for youth, and unnecessarily restricts individuals' ability to engage in legitimate and responsible activities. It is an unjust restriction on personal freedoms that should not be enacted.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 9:27:54 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 9:47:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB150. This bill is an infringement on 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 HB150 are unconstitutional. HB150 is a solution for a problem that does not exist, and will make criminals out of law abiding citizens. HB150, if passed, will disrupt the livelihood of law abiding citizens, whom rent firearms for range and practice.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 10:11:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Terry	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose HB150 and the proposed regulations for several reasons.

First, limiting firearm borrowing to those with permits hinders lawful owners from assisting others in training or recreational situations.

Second, the age restriction on lending rifles or shotguns to individuals over twenty-one does not take into consideration the maturity of responsible younger adults trained in firearm use, unfairly penalizing those involved in lawful shooting sports, firearms training, or hunting.

Additionally, repealing the authorization to use rifles or shotguns outside the state restricts the rights of firearm owners traveling for sports or hunting, limiting their ability to engage legally across jurisdictions.

Established by the landmark 2022 Supreme Court decision NYSRPA v. Bruen, the text, history, and tradition test now governs laws restricting the right to keep and bear arms. Any gun laws that fail to meet this standard are invalidated.

In summary, the Hawaii Legislature is tasked with ensuring that the constitutional rights of firearm owners are protected. It would fail in its duties by imposing these infringements on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens.

I want to thank the Committee members for reading my testimony and considering my concerns about the impact HB150 would have on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 3:42:26 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB150. Thanks!

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 4:19:13 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB150 as this bill infringes on constitutional rights.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 5:29:22 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly Oppose HB150.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 7:28:18 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is too narrow in scope for example if a relative from out of state visits and wants to hunt they can no longer borrow a rifle to do so. Also 12 hours is too short as hunting trips could be on different islands. 2 weeks would be more appropriate.

The same goes for the loaning of firearms for use out of state as friends and family can support each other with specialized firearms for large mainland game saving residents money by not making the purchase of a firearm necessary for possibly a single hunt.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 8:03:33 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jane Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB 150 is a common sense measure that will promote gun safety by keeping firearms out of the hands of individuals who have not undergone background checks nor have a license to own a gun.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 8:56:33 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill will not stop criminals - our state needs real help, not abuse of our Constitution

so we the taxpayers expect you to focus on the economy and getting homeless off the streets and quit wasting time attacking our Constitutional rights so you can pat yourselves on the back.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 9:20:43 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas M. Klobe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB 150 is a common sense measure that will promote gun safety by keeping firearms out of the hands of individuals who have not undergone background checks nor have a license to own a gun.

I understand this from family experience. My brother loaned a friend a gun which was used in a holdup. Make sure things like this don't happen.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 10:14:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support the prohibition on the loan of firearms to persons prohibited from possession or ownership of firearms.

I am opposed to the provision specifying that the loan of a rifle or shotgun not to exceed twelve hours. For example, a first-time hunter traveling between islands will require a longer loan period.

I am opposed to the provision repealing the loan of firearms out of State. For example, a citizen may borrow a firearm for a hunt on the U.S. mainland or a country in Africa when they do not own a similar, suitable firearm. I do not understand the public safety benefit of this provision.

The above provisions will increase the cost for hunters in the above examples, possibly discouraging hunting or increasing the number of firearms in the State.

Mahalo for your consideration.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 11:51:07 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose HB150 in the strongest of terms. Why is this Bill even being considered? On what basis would this measure curb criminals from breaking the law? The logic is not there.

Citizens have the right to handle their private property in any manner they see fit. This goes for firearms.

Once again law abiding citizens who choose to exercise their constitutional rights are being singled out for no practical reason. HB150 should not pass.

V/R

Kevin J. Cole, Mililani, Col USAF Ret

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 12:22:07 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<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 this bill HB150 that will close a dangerous and non-sensical loophole in our firearms laws. We have some of the safest gun laws in the nation in regard to requiring gun permits, safety training and background checks before being able to possess a firearm.. But we have a gaping hole that allows loaning firearms for periods of 15 - 75 days to virtually any person, without requiring the person who receives the firearm to have any firearms permit, safety training or background check. This allows loaning even assault rifles with large capacity magazines to persons without any firearms permit for 15-75 days, since we have tragically failed to ban those weapons yet.

This loaning loophole makes no sense and is an opportunity for needless injury and death by misuse of the firearm by a person has no permit to possess a firearm.

Please close this loophole and amend this bill to require every person who possesses or uses a firearm to have a state-issued permit, following our standard required background checks and safety education. Even a 12 hour loan without following these required safety protocols is an unreasonable breach of our safety standards. If any exemption is needed for licensed shooting ranges, it should require that the range provide constant supervision and that the firearm not be taken off the premises.

Thank you for helping our state be a safe place to live.

Ellen Carson

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 12:29:08 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Karen Sullivan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB150 is a common sense measure that will promote gun safety by keeping firearms out of the hands of individuals who have not undergone background checks nor have a license to own a gun.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 1:32:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**Dear Representatives**

**Anywhere there is tyranny you will find that the people were first disarmed.**

**When citizens have the same small arms as the soldiers to defend their freedoms you will find a free nation.**

**For this reason, America is a beacon for oppressed people all over the world.**

**You can put a stop to tyranny and DO NOT APPROVE BH150. This proposed law is cumbersome as it is impossible to enforce. It affects the law abiding citizens and not the criminals who do not follow laws.**

**Mahalo,**

**Willy Colt**

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 2:36:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This HB150 is a radical overreach of power , I (oppose) HB 150. Because I believe in we the people's constitutional rights. (2A).

Please (oppose) HB 150. And protect your constituents rights as Americans.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 3:12:58 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Lending firearms is common practice, especially for hunters. Hawaii has a long history of hunting and I've been on a few hunts where I borrowed a firearm to participate before I got my own.

Also, if someone wants to go hunt on another island, the 12 hour limit will definitely be broken and now those involved will be criminal.

These ridiculous laws do no good for stopping crime and only continue to affect law abiding citizens.

If someone is going to commit a crime with a firearm, they are NOT going to borrow a legal firearm from someone.

Stop making it hard for our hunting and shooting culture here in the islands.

Kill this bill!

Eric Hammond

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 3:33:23 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dearest Legislators,

I'm expressing my opposition on Hb150.i believe that this bill will affect every law abiding citizen.i'm hoping that this bill will not pass. Thank you so much!

Iric Viscarra

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 3:36:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

All gun laws are unconstitutional, especially the ones introduced by this corrupt body, the Hawaii State Legislature.

The Second Amendment (Amendment II) to the United States Constitution protects the right to keep and bear arms. It was ratified on December 15, 1791, along with nine other articles of the United States Bill of Rights. Let me refresh your memories (you should know this):

"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."

Any legislation introduced to this body is infringing on the right of the people to keep and bare. The senator or Representative is knowingly, unequivocally warring against the constitution and in violation of their oath. The other signing onto these is as well.

Is that treason? Conspiracy to commit treason? Yes, I think so.

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose HB 150. Firstly, the government has no business telling people what they can do with legally purchased property. On page one of HB 150 it states “The legislature finds that existing law allows firearms to be lent to an adult for up to seventy—five days without any background check or notice to the government that a firearm has been lent to a person who does not have a permit for that weapon. The legislature further finds that this is not consistent with other state firearm regulations, which require background checks and permitting for all gun transferees”. The state has paperwork for transferring a firearm but those are for transferring ownership while lending implies a non-permanent transaction. HB 150 will do nothing to stop crime and the existing law of lending a firearm for up to 75 days is already a sufficient length of time. Furthermore, it is already a crime to give a firearm to a prohibited person so this bill will do absolutely nothing. I hope this bill does not pass.

Sincerely,

Jordan Au

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 6:47:50 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am Raymond Ishii and I strongly oppose HB150 as it is a violation of my right to keep and bear arms as protected by the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution and will prevent to the proper and safe instruction in the use of firearms to the youth and others in the State.

This bill will prevent the time honored tradition of sharing my sports with others, in the same way parents teach their children when its age appropriate to ride a bike, fish, golf and play baseball. Firearms owners teach their children the safe, proper and responsible use of firearms, this bill will make that illegal. Fathers take their sons and daughters hunting and loan them his firearms, this bill will make that illegal. Rather then learning the safe, proper and responsible use of firearms, their only exposure to firearms will be from movies and playing video games.

In addition to teaching the our youth, it is also a time honored tradition to take friends and family to the range to shoot. Many of them little to no experience with firearms, and I will take them to the range and give them instructions on the safe, proper and responsible use of firearms and let them shoot my firearms. This bill will make this illegal.

This bill mentions loaning a firearm to a prohibited person, which is already illegal under State law.

Again I am strongly opposed to HB150 and i ask you to vote no.

Thank You

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 6:58:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB150. As written it interferes with the rights of a parent to educate their children in the safe handling of firearms, and involve them in supervised sporting events, which is an American tradition going back centuries. The government has no business blocking this activity. Please stop interfering with our constitutional rights and focus on addressing the real problems facing our community with these relevant and enforceable laws.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 7:42:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please reconsider HB 150 as to the time period when lending or borrowing a firearm. 12 hours is not a reasonable time in state when hunting. It also does not clarify the time frame for lending a rifle to a friend or family member that may have a hunt outside of Hawaii.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 7:46:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chase Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha.

I am writing today because I strongly oppose HB150 and would like to provide reasons for why this bill would greatly infringe on the rights of citizens while not preventing any crime or hindering any potential harm caused by firearms in Hawai'i and abroad. This bill is actually dangerous and would directly end up causing less firearm safety training and likely lead to a less safe state.

Defining terms:

“Loan:” a thing that is borrowed, especially a sum of money that is expected to be paid back with interest.

“Borrowed:” To take and use (something that belongs to someone else) with the intention of returning it.

You can borrow something while still in the presence of the legal owner. For example, a person might ask to “borrow” someone’s phone to make a call. The person handing the phone over would be considered to be “loaning” their phone for this situation. In order to borrow a firearm, one would need to prove they are of 21 or older, a law abiding and not a prohibited person, show registration of a firearm or a current permit to acquire a firearm. It is already illegal for a felon to handle any firearms. It is illegal to borrow a firearm and use it in a crime. It would be illegal to hand my wife my firearm at a firing range, or to take my son hunting before he is 21. This bill is unnecessary, based in fear and is ignorantly written.

HB150 has many possibly unintended consequences that should be addressed and would prevent law abiding citizens from using firearms for recreational purposes as in certain situations for even life saving measures. For example: my wife is not a firearm registered owner and has never applied for a license to acquire a firearm. She has been trained to shoot at the range and knows how to protect herself and my children if something horrible were to happen and if I were not home. It is my understanding that loaning something does not require me to not be present for it to be considered a loaning of said firearm. I would be prevented from handing her my firearm if this bill passed, as I would not have a license to check or a registration document for any firearm, as she does not have one. This also prevents me from taking my son to a firing range as he is not 21 and has no registered firearms or permit to acquire. This bill would greatly reduce firearm

safety for many looking to possibly own a firearm one day. This will also harm spouses who could use a firearm in self defense but do not have documentation proving that they are able to possess said item. I would argue that everyone reading this would say it's acceptable for a woman to use a firearm against an armed robber while alone in their home while their husband is at work. That is something that would be made illegal and is absurd to me and thousands of others within Hawai'i. I just read an article about a young boy fending off two armed attackers in the mainland with the families firearms. Current laws already make that illegal so I think we should at a bare minimum allow our spouses the right to defend themselves in case police cannot make it in time.

There are many other much more likely scenarios that this bill would cause unnecessary negative results if passed. I believe the lawmakers who wrote this bill have zero understanding of what it means to own firearms, to go hunting or to have respect for our community. This bill is an assault on logical, sensible people who do not commit crimes of violence and it will only harm those good people. Criminals will still steal guns, make unserialized home made firearms and even buy out of state and simply not register once arrived in state.

If you go on a hunt it is not just a one day thing in many cases. I personally hunt out of state and take week long if not longer trips. I do not own every caliber I might need for certain hunting needs. I appreciate the fact that I have a solid group of trusted contacts and am a respectful, safe and law abiding firearm owner. Because of this I am able to borrow a specific necessary firearm for certain hunts without issues and not placing anyone in harms way. I will loan my dad a specific firearm to use sometimes for the same thing. 12 hours is literally a joke and an absurd arbitrary number that basically only allows for shooting at a firing range. Even for most hunts in Hawai'i. I usually leave for a hunt around 4:30 AM or so and that is just here on Maui. Not to mention it hunting on Lanai, Molokai or another island. I would have to meet someone before the sun is up. And then have to be back by 5 or 6 if I waited that late to borrow the firearm. If I'm doing a multi day trip to lanai then I would just be out of luck. This is unfair. This is not preventing crime and this is harming hunters and law abiding citizens more than anything.

You can also say thank you to me for showing multiple trained army and marine core snipers how to safely handle firearms at the range before they joined. Most of these young men were 18 or 19 when I taught them how to shoot at our public ranges and they are now in reputable positions within our armed forces and gained part of their interest in precision shooting as a result of spending time with me shooting at the range. I could not legally hand my firearm to them at the range, for a hunt or even just to hold if this bill becomes law. They would not be allowed to hold a firearm at all until 21 and with a permit to acquire or a firearm registered. This bill is ridiculous and is redundant at punishing crimes and only criminalizes law abiding citizens activities.

As a previous licensed hunting guide I would take out of state visitors on legal hunts in Hawai'i. They would often times use my firearm. This would make them unable to do so in the future and would harm the legal hunting guide businesses in Hawai'i. We need hunters to mitigate the massive numbers of axis deer in Hawai'i and lawmakers should not be making it harder to legally hunt in our state.

The writers of this bill are gravely unaware of the procedures with the permit to acquire a firearm and the firearm registration documents. A permit to acquire a rifle is good for one year. A handgun is for a very short time and both expire. I have been asked to turn in previous permits to acquire once they expired and do not hold one in my documents. I have registration documentation for all firearms I own but these possess personal information and serial numbers of said firearms. I should not be expected to show this to someone just to shoot their firearm at a range. I keep this information locked away and it is not something I would have to ever have on me currently and should not be required. This is unnecessary. If a crime is being committed with a firearm then the document will not help prevent it. It would all be after the fact and is an unnecessary hoop to jump through to make anti firearm rights activists who support these bills happy.

This will eliminate firearm training for anyone without a permit to acquire or registered firearm in Hawai'i. I wouldn't be allowed to take my brothers to the range who live in states where there is no firearm registration info. I couldn't take a friend who serves in the military to the range. I couldn't take my wife, mother, son or daughter hunting or to the range. This bill is absolutely absurd and must be stopped!

This bill will not pass muster with the 2nd amendment and the Supreme Court Bruen decision. This is something I will pursue legal action against as will thousands of other Hawai'i citizens. This will end up costing massive amounts of Hawai'i tax payers money only to see it go to waste when the bill is shot down. Firearm training is pertinent for safe firearm handling. Handing someone a firearm is loaning a firearm.

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- What if someone goes away for a time and feels safer leaving a firearm with a trusted person rather than in their home. Safes can be cracked or stolen. This would make everyone potentially less safe if a burglar breaks in and steals said firearm(s)
- Spouses without firearms registered to them or permits to acquire cannot even hold their spouses legal firearm and wouldn't be allowed to protect their life with it if absolutely necessary without risk of being a criminal.
- Loaning does not require the owner to not be present. Just handing a firearm to someone at the range would be considered loaning and would need to have proper documents.

- Who is going to check on this? What will this stop? Someone could easily commit crimes still and only the law abiding person who is caught because they don't know of the law change would be harmed by this bill.
- This bill makes criminals out of good honest people.
- This bill harms legal hunters and hunting outfitters who guide legal hunts.
- Anyone under 21 without a registered firearm or permit to acquire one could not hunt using rifles with any law abiding firearm owning hunter in Hawai'i.
- Gun stores could not even hand a firearm to someone to hold if interested in possibly buying one day without a current permit and or registration of past firearm. Permits to acquire a handgun take time to get, have a short time until expiring and require classes that cost at minimum \$180 and a full day of classes to get. This process is lengthy and someone looking to buy a handgun has to know the make, model and serial number in order to get the permit. This will make it to where first time owners can't even hold the firearm they want to own before getting the permit to acquire that specific firearm. This is an absurd unnecessary consequence of this bill.

Redundant law:

- It is the responsibility of a felon or prohibited person to know what laws they are breaking. It is their fault if they trick a law abiding person into loaning them a firearm. That is already a crime being committed and is the fault of the criminal and not the law abiding innocent person.
- Using a loaned firearm to commit a crime is already illegal and would have consequences for the criminal in said act.
- Loaning a firearm to a known criminal is against the law. If you can prove someone knew that they were loaning a firearm for the commission of a crime, such as allowing a felon to even just hold it, then that is already illegal.

I urge you to please consider the facts I've listed above and vote no on HB150 and any variants/ amendments proposed. This bill puts my family in harms way. This bill demonizes firearm safety training and creates a less safe Hawai'i. Please vote no on HB150.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 7:49:18 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, as a concerned lawful citizen I am asking you to please oppose this bill. It does nothing to preserve or protect property or people from criminals being criminals. Just another ludicrous law trying to infringe on the rights of lawful citizens.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 7:59:25 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill. Stop punishing law abiding citizens by applying these unconstitutional and tyrannical rules that fully go against our 2nd amendment rights. Do not waste the taxpayer time and money for this bill which will definitely be challenged in court and for what purpose? The Obama-Democrat agenda is clear and transparent in this Trump presidency and I hope that D.O.G.E. will reveal the dark corruption in the Hawaii Capitol.

Aloha Committee Members,

Aloha,

My name is Jason T Wolford. I am writing today as a Certified NRA and USCCA Firearms Instructor that currently actively teaches adults and youth firearms safety. I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB150, which imposes severe restrictions on the lending of rifles and shotguns in the State of Hawaii. While I understand the importance of responsible firearm ownership, this bill places unnecessary and impractical burdens on lawful gun owners, firearm safety instructors, and hunters.

## **Key Concerns:**

### **1. Negative Impact on Firearm Safety Education**

- HB150 prohibits lending rifles or shotguns to anyone under the age of 21. This prevents young adults from receiving hands-on firearm safety training, which is critical in promoting responsible gun ownership.
- The bill also prevents instructors from lending firearms to adults who do not own a registered firearm or possess a permit. This restriction makes it nearly impossible to provide proper safety training for new shooters who wish to learn firearm handling before making a purchase.
- Many prospective firearm owners rely on training courses before committing to firearm ownership, and this bill severely limits their ability to receive necessary instruction.

### **2. Restrictions on Hunting and Out-of-State Travel**

- HB150 **eliminates the previous allowance of a 75-day lending period** for out-of-state firearm use. This means that **Hawaii residents can no longer legally take their rifles or shotguns for hunting trips in other states** unless they personally own them, which could negatively impact the hunting community.
- The **12-hour lending restriction is unreasonable for inter-island hunters**. For example, if a hunter travels to **Lānaʻi for a deer hunt**, they may physically return to their home island **after more than 12 hours** due to travel logistics. This restriction makes it nearly impossible to lend firearms for legal and ethical hunting activities.

### **3. Firearm Registration and Privacy Concerns**

- **Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §134-3(b)** protects firearm registration information as **confidential** and prohibits unauthorized disclosure.
- Only **law enforcement officers, courts, or the firearm registration authority** may legally request to see someone's firearm registration paperwork.
- HB150 creates a situation where individuals may feel compelled to **ask others to show their registration** to prove eligibility for borrowing a firearm. However, **this is a violation of HRS §134-3(b), which considers firearm registration to be private information.**
- It is **illegal** for a private citizen to demand proof of firearm registration from another person, yet this bill effectively mandates such verification before lending a firearm.

- **Individuals who unlawfully request to see another person's firearm registration may face criminal or civil penalties, including potential charges for invasion of privacy or unauthorized access to confidential records.**  
Violating firearm registration confidentiality laws could lead to fines and legal repercussions under Hawaii state law.
- 4. **Current Lending Restrictions Under Hawaii Law**
  - Under **Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §134-4**, a lawfully acquired rifle or shotgun **may currently be lent to an adult for up to 15 days** within the state, or **up to 75 days if taken outside of the state.**
  - HB150 would drastically reduce this period to just **12 hours**, which is impractical for legitimate firearm use, including hunting and safety training.

## **Conclusion**

HB150 imposes unnecessary restrictions that disproportionately impact lawful gun owners, firearm instructors, and hunters. The bill:

- **Prevents youth and new shooters from receiving proper safety training.**
- **Eliminates legal out-of-state hunting trips for firearm owners who borrow rifles or shotguns.**
- **Unreasonably limits inter-island firearm lending, making lawful hunting trips impractical.**
- **Encourages unauthorized firearm registration verification, which is a violation of HRS §134-3(b) and could result in legal consequences.**
- **Severely reduces the current lending period from 15 days (or 75 days out-of-state) to just 12 hours, which is impractical and unnecessary.**

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Committee to reject HB150. Instead, lawmakers should focus on enforcing existing firearm laws rather than creating additional burdens on responsible gun owners.

Mahalo,

Jason T Wolford

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**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 8:09:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am votong No and Opossing this amendment to the current current law regarding 'lending' firearms, and limits it to a 12 hour period and requires the borrower to show a permit.

Thank you

Steven Foth

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 8:11:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Todd Yukutake	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose HB150.

**Disruptions to hunting** – I have loaned my firearms to friends locally and those from the mainland to hunt. They have gone to Lanai and Maui with my rifles to hunt deer. They’ve also taken my rifles to the mainland for hunting too. This would not be possible under this bill.

It will also harm hunting traditions among young adults (to include those under 21) who go hunting with their friends on overnight trips. Hunting teaches good traits such as personal responsibility, healthy living, and caring for the environment. Hunting among the youth is already being challenged by modern electronics and activities. This law will lead to a reduction in hunting for future generations.

**Instructors and students** – Firearms instructors borrow/loan firearms to each other to use as part of their classes or to loan to students. For example I teach a Range Safety Officer course where I borrow many different types of rifles and shotguns which I do not have. I teach my students how to load/unload/operate each unique type. This is either a one or two day class, which makes the 12 hour loaning limitation very burdensome.

**Under 21** – I am against the age discrimination in this bill. Adulthood starts at 18 and they should have 2nd Amendment rights like everyone else. People may compare age requirements for buying alcohol, cigarettes, or running for President, but those are not Constitutional rights. There are no other age limitations in the Bill of Rights.

Mahalo

Todd Yukutake

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**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 8:17:16 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing today because I strongly oppose HB150 and would like to show many unintended negative consequences that would take place if passed. This is either ignorance or much worse, by design. This bill will negatively affect hunters, families and only law abiding firearms owners in Hawaii while doing nothing to prevent criminals from committing any crimes. This bill is actually dangerous and would directly end up causing less firearm safety training and likely lead to a less safe state.

Defining terms:

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ignores laws has access to illegal firearms and could cause me great harm. This also prevents my husband from taking our son to a firing range as he is not 21 and has no registered firearms or permit to acquire. This bill would greatly reduce firearm safety for many looking to possibly own a firearm one day. This will also harm any spouses who could use a firearm in self defense but do not have documentation proving that they are able to possess said item. I would argue that everyone reading this would say it's acceptable for a woman to use a firearm against an armed robber while alone in their home while their husband is at work. That is something that would be made illegal and is absurd to me and thousands of others within Hawaii.

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My husband was also a licensed hunting guide in the past and he would take out of state visitors on legal hunts in Hawaii. They would often times use his firearm. This would make them unable to do so in the future and would harm the legal hunting guide businesses in Hawaii. We need hunters to mitigate the massive numbers of axis deer in Hawaii and lawmakers should not be making it harder to legally hunt in our state.

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This will eliminate firearm training for anyone without a permit to acquire or registered firearm in Hawaii. I wouldn't be allowed to go to the range and shoot safely with my husband. This bill is absolutely absurd and must be stopped!

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- There's no exceptions for family members and makes it illegal to protect yourself with a spouses firearm from an intruder with a deadly weapon or intentions to cause death or serious bodily harm.
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I urge you to please consider the facts I've listed above and vote no on HB150 and any variants/ amendments proposed. This bill puts my family in harms way. This bill demonizes firearm safety training and creates a less safe Hawaii. Please vote no on HB150.

Mahalo,

Tenessa Cavitt

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 9:14:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

i oppose hb150. Again we are being further restricted with no reason. We have more crimminals out on the street with illegal firearms that need more attention than law abiding citizens following the states unconstitutional laws. There is no reason to further restrict our rights.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 9:28:24 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support HB 150. It is a common sense measure that will promote gun safety by keeping firearms out of the hands of individuals who have not undergone background checks nor have a license to own a gun.

Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair  
Representative Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs (JHA)  
Hearing: Thursday, February 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.  
Regarding: **HB150 (Relating to Firearms)**  
**Voter Position: OPPOSITION**

Representatives of the JHA Committee,

I express my **opposition** to **HB150 (Relating to Firearms)**.

### **Invalid State-to-State Comparison**

**HB150** relies on the circular logic fallacy whereby a handful of other (unspecified) states require background checks and permitting for all gun transferees. In states where background or permitting requirements are not required, they are simply disregarded and dismissed from consideration. If states with more restrictive firearm policies are used as comparison for legislative measure of Hawaii state laws while other states with more pro-firearm policies are ignored, this would suggest that **HB150** presents no truly objective legislative consistency whatsoever.

### **Irrational Time Limit**

**HB150** imposes an artificial reduction of lending periods for end-users without articulating an objective measure demonstrating how criminals will be deterred from bypassing background checks, as purported by the measure's introductory text in Section 1. Moreover, fire lending involves more than simply passing possession of a firearm to another individual for the sole use of firearm use/discharge. Some services such as repair, painting, or other routine firearm safety maintenance may supersede a timeframe of 12 hours. **HB150** would create a public harm since lawful firearm repair or maintenance by a gunsmith would be delayed or otherwise restricted due to an imposed artificial time limit set by **HB150**.

### **Do Better**

Similar to other bills supposedly serving the interest of public safety, **HB150** will not stop criminals from any current or future background check bypass or attempts to acquire firearms for unlawful purposes. Apprehension of such criminals upon evidence-based discovery would stop them from their actions. Such apprehension would additionally enhance public safety. It is more prudent to enhance enforcement of current laws.

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of **House District 48**

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 9:43:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

I strongly oppose HB150, which imposes excessive restrictions on firearm lending and infringes on the rights of law-abiding citizens. The bill’s arbitrary twelve-hour loan limit and permit requirements create unnecessary barriers without improving public safety.

**Key Concerns:**

1. **Government Overreach** – HB150 expands state control over private transactions without evidence that legally loaned firearms contribute to crime. It punishes responsible gun owners instead of addressing illegal firearm possession.
2. **Unjustified Restrictions on Lawful Activities** – Many residents lawfully lend firearms for hunting, sport shooting, and training. A twelve-hour limit is unrealistic and disrupts legitimate uses.
3. **Criminalizing Law-Abiding Citizens** – The bill could subject responsible individuals to penalties for lending a firearm to eligible family members or friends. Enforcing existing laws is a more effective approach.
4. **Fails to Address Violent Crime** – There is no data linking legally loaned firearms to crime. Efforts should focus on enforcing laws against violent offenders rather than restricting lawful gun owners.
5. **Violates Constitutional Rights** – The Second Amendment and Hawai'i’s Constitution protect gun ownership. HB150 imposes undue restrictions without a clear safety benefit.

HB150 is unnecessary, burdens responsible firearm owners, and does not improve safety. Instead of restricting lawful gun use, Hawai'i should enforce existing laws and address crime at its root.

I urge you to reject HB150 and uphold individual freedoms.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Nicholas Zehr

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/17/2025 10:33:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB150. This bill violates 2nd amendment rights.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 12:52:23 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Clair George	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure and would appreciate the loan of guns to be restricted.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 2:36:53 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STONGLY oppose this bill(HB150), it is an attack at our constitutional rights.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 5:56:34 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

HB 150 is a definite NO

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 7:54:46 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop proposing unenforceable bills that target law-abiding citizens, and do better at reducing current crime levels in Hawaii.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 7:56:48 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill does nothing to target the criminals who obtain firearms and only punishes the law abiding citizens rights.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 7:57:54 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Samuel M. Aquino Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB150.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 8:08:43 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

i oppose HB150, which drastically restricts sharing of firearms among law-abiding adults by limiting loans to just twelve hours and requiring permits!

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 8:09:53 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill, because it will stop us from traveling with our legally owned firearms to take classes out of state. We would now have to buy or rent rifles/shotguns on the mainland.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 8:15:10 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this bill, my decision whom I share with, not the government.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 8:17:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop trying to infringe upon our rights!

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 8:23:02 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose HB150. Stop this constant attack on our 2nd Amendment. You took an Oath to PROTECT the Constitution, now HONOUR YOUR OATH! Thank you.

Noela von Wiegandt

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 8:41:21 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose repealing the authorization to use a rifle or shotgun outside of the state for 75 days. Many hunters need to take their own rifle or shotgun when going on hunts outside of Hawaii. Also, hunters may loan a rifle or shotgun to a friend who is going on a hunt outside of Hawaii. This would require the loan to be more than 12 hours. This bill will only hurt law abiding citizens? Do you think the "bad guys" are going to abide by it. How is this bill going to be enforced? I oppose this bill and urge you to do the same.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 9:18:32 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Linda Hoaglund	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 150 to keep firearms out of the hands of individuals who have not undergone background checks nor have a license to own a gun. Background checks and gun licenses are meaningless without HB150 to make sure they're enforced.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 9:27:25 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We should be able to share our firearms with whoever we want. You are making it hard for people new to the 2A community to experience and decide if they want to get into firearms. We shouldn't need permission from the government to exercise our constitutional / God given rights. The 2A is NOT a second class right.

Aloha,

I am providing written testimony in **opposition** to HB150.

Restricting the lending of firearms only to individuals who are 21 or over and have a registered firearm or permit in Hawaii is overly restrictive and will not in the least stop criminals.

HB150 would prohibit people from outside of the state from coming to Hawaii and borrowing a firearm for competition or hunting. Even If they wanted to acquire a permit that would require in-person visits to HPD and a 10-day waiting period.

What even constitutes "lending?" No definition is provided. If a person wants to bring friends to the range to introduce them to safe and responsible use of firearms, does letting them use a firearm at the range qualify as "lending?" Is the firearm owner now in violation if none of said friends have a registered firearm or permit?

All HB150 does is encumber law-abiding citizens with additional restrictions for lending a firearm. This will in no way reduce criminals or crime related to illegal use of firearms. Oddly, bills to implement automatic, minimum sentencing for felons in possession of a firearm have not progressed through the legislature, which would actually prevent crime.

Mahalo.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 9:39:49 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Oppose

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 9:51:47 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill. There is no language to what lent or lending is defined by. Also in the case of self defense and I have a friend who doesn't have his safety affidavit updated for the year but has ample experience with firearms because of work experience. I can't lend him one of my firearms until he can attain his own? No thanks, strongly oppose.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:00:57 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:03:39 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB150. Law abiding gun owners shouldn't be punished for crimes committed by violent criminals.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:05:34 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Shall NOT be infringed!

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:08:16 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Lending a rifle or shotgun for a period not to exceed 12 hours. Travel to another island to go hunting takes well over 12 hours. Please make sensible laws and enforce the ones that we have.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:08:21 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

My constitutional rights do not stop- Shall NOT BE INFRINGED!

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:15:24 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing today because I strongly oppose HB150 and would like to provide reasons for why this bill would greatly infringe on the rights of citizens while not preventing any crime or hindering any potential harm caused by an individual with a firearm in Hawaii as well as abroad. This bill is actually dangerous and would directly end up causing less firearm safety training and likely lead to a less safe state.

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There are many other much more likely scenarios that this bill would cause unnecessary negative results if passed. I believe the lawmakers who wrote this bill have zero understanding of what it means to own firearms, to go hunting or to have respect for our community. This bill is an assault on logical, sensible people who do not commit crimes of violence and it will only harm those good people. Criminals will still steal guns, make unserialized home made firearms and even buy out of state and simply not register once arrived in state.

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The writers of this bill are gravely unaware of the procedures with the permit to acquire a firearm and the firearm registration documents. A permit to acquire a rifle is good for one year. A handgun is for a very short time and both expire. Permits to acquire are supposed to be turned in to police departments after expiring. Registration documentation for firearms posses personal information and serial numbers of said firearms. Owners should not be expected to show this to someone just to shoot someone's firearm at a range or to go hunting. This information should remain locked away and it is not something a firearm owner would have to ever have on them currently and should not be required. This is unnecessary. If a crime is being committed with a firearm then the document will not help prevent it. It would all be something found after the fact and is an unnecessary hoop to jump through to make anti firearm rights activists who support these bills happy.

This will eliminate firearm training for anyone without a permit to acquire or registered firearm in Hawaii if passed as written. Many people borrow firearms for courses as well and would prevent that from taking place as well.

This bill will not pass muster with the 2nd amendment and the Supreme Court Bruen decision. This is something I will pursue legal action against as will thousands of other Hawaii citizens. This will end up costing massive amounts of Hawaii tax payers money only to see it go to waste when the bill is shot down. Firearm training is pertinent for safe firearm handling. Handing someone a firearm is loaning a firearm.

Negative effects:

Hunters loan a rifle out, sometimes for more than 3 - 7 days, even for a trip to mainland for hunting by family members or very close friends.

Permit to acquire is turned into police after they expire and are not usually held by legal firearm owners after they expire. Also, once expired it would not be a legitimate document.

Firearm registration has private personal info listed on it and shouldn't be required to be shown to anyone just to shoot their firearm at a range or to go hunting.

What do people do when on vacation and someone is house sitting? Is that considered loaning a firearm since they are allowing access to their house where firearms could be present? There is no mention about whether the firearms are loaned if in a locked safe or case.

What if someone goes away for a time and feels safer leaving a firearm with a trusted person rather than in their home. Safes can be cracked or stolen. This would make everyone potentially less safe if a burglar breaks in and steals said firearm(s)

Spouses without firearms registered to them or permits to acquire cannot even hold their spouses legal firearm and wouldn't be allowed to protect their life with it if absolutely necessary without risk of being a criminal.

Loaning does not require the owner to not be present. Just handing a firearm to someone at the range would be considered loaning and would need to have proper documents.

Who is going to check on this? What will this stop? Someone could easily commit crimes still and only the law abiding person who is caught because they don't know of the law change would be harmed by this bill.

This bill makes criminals out of good honest people.

Redundant law:

It is the responsibility of a felon or prohibited person to know what laws they are breaking. It is their fault if they trick a law abiding person into loaning them a firearm. That is already a crime being committed and is the fault of the criminal and not the law abiding innocent person.

Using a loaned firearm to commit a crime is already illegal and would have consequences for the criminal in said act.

Loaning a firearm to a known criminal is against the law. If you can prove someone knew that they were loaning a firearm for the commission of a crime, such as allowing a felon to even just hold it, then that is already illegal.

I would not be allowed to shoot a gun until 21 with either a permit to acquire or a registered gun. This would limit any safety training I could get until then and make me less safe when the time comes to buy my first firearm.

I urge you to please consider the facts I've listed above and vote no on HB150 and any variants/ amendments proposed. This bill puts my family in harms way and makes me feel less safe as a Hawaii citizen. This bill demonizes firearm safety training and creates a less safe Hawaii. Please vote no on HB150.

HB150 fails to account for at least two pertinent things.

**First of all**, it often takes longer than 12 hours to go hunting on-island. It isn't uncommon to be in the field for over 12 hours, not even counting the round-trip drive and prep time, and the butchering that needs to follow a successful hunt. If somebody is waking up before dawn, driving up a mountain, and then hiking in the dark to be in-position when legal hunting hours start, it must be reasonable to loan them the gun the day before. It's very easy to have the gun for longer than 12 hours, and that's still obviously much less time than what it'd take to go hunting or sport-shooting off-island. Why couldn't somebody on Maui loan a gun to somebody going hunting on Lanai or Molokai? Why couldn't somebody loan a gun to somebody going to a shooting tournament on the mainland?

**Second of all**, this would throw the current policy regarding "spousal joint registration" for a loop. Present police department policy, for Maui at least, is to provide and encourage spousal joint registration on handguns, because current law is written stringently enough, in at least some authoritative opinions, that if a husband leaves his pistol in the house while their wife is at home, then the wife is in possession, and that would allow for prosecution of an illegal loan of a pistol. But when I recently asked MPD to jointly register a long gun, they refused to do so, saying that it wouldn't matter because of the extended loan window on long guns. And perhaps it wouldn't ever matter as long as a spouse never leaves the house for longer than two weeks... Which is rather crazy to think that simply leaving the house for a certain period of time could open the door to criminal prosecution... But in that case, it's beyond unreasonable to make it a crime for a spouse to leave the house for longer than 12 hours.

Frankly, it's already asinine to be able to charge somebody with possession of a gun that is registered to somebody else in the household yet that had never even left the house. This is one of the sillier laws we already have. HB150 would take something barely functional and push it to a breaking point.

Are the police departments going to be obliged to jointly re-register thousands of long guns like they do handguns? Are they going to do that before this new bill goes into effect? Is the intention of this bill to require every married couple to have "his-and-her" gun safes they can't legally tell each other the combinations to?

Please oppose this bill, as it doesn't take into account the realities of the current legal landscape in Hawaii. Also, it'd be fantastic if a legislator could try and make current bad laws workable and intuitive next year, rather than take current bad laws and ratchet them further into absurdity.

-Cassidy Kohout, Kihei

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:36:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Here are several reasons why a law that drastically restricts the sharing of firearms among law-abiding citizens might be considered an infringement on constitutional rights, particularly under the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution:

1. Second Amendment Interpretation:

The Second Amendment states: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Many interpret this to mean that the right to "keep and bear Arms" includes not just possession but also the ability to share or transfer firearms among law-abiding citizens for personal protection, sport, or other lawful purposes.

2. Right to Self-Defense:

Sharing firearms can be seen as an extension of the right to self-defense. If one cannot share firearms with family members or friends, it might limit their ability to provide for their safety in situations where they might not have immediate access to their own firearms.

3. Historical Context and Tradition:

Historically, the sharing of firearms among community members was common, especially in times of militia service or communal defense. Laws that restrict this practice could be seen as inconsistent with historical practices that the Second Amendment was meant to protect.

4. Property Rights:

Firearms are personal property, and laws that prevent the sharing of personal property among consenting adults could be viewed as infringing upon property rights, which are also protected under the Constitution.

5. Freedom of Association:

The ability to share firearms might also be linked to the First Amendment's freedom of association, where people associate for mutual protection or recreational activities involving firearms. Overly restrictive laws could be seen as limiting these associative rights.

#### 6. Legal Precedents:

Court decisions like *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) and *McDonald v. City of Chicago* (2010) have affirmed that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to bear arms for traditional lawful purposes, which could include sharing among law-abiding citizens. Drastic restrictions might be challenged as unconstitutional under these precedents.

#### 7. Equal Protection Clause:

Such a law might also raise issues under the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause if it's applied in a way that discriminates against certain groups or if it's seen as an irrational means to achieve a legitimate government interest.

#### 8. Overreach of Government Authority:

Critics might argue that such restrictions represent an unnecessary expansion of government control over what should be private, lawful transactions between citizens, thereby infringing on individual liberties.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:47:08 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill. It is ludicrous, and will not accomplish anything, It's just harrassment for law-abiding gun owners. It is also not enforceable by any means. What a waste of time for everybody!

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:56:37 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas and Committee Members,

I oppose HB150.

Kind regards,

Teri Kia Savaiinaea

District 45, Wai'anae resident

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 11:00:51 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

As a hunter, I am in opposition to this bill as it will negatively impact the hunting community.

To "loan" or "lend" your rifle to someone does not state that the firearm owner needs to be outside of a specified proximity to the borrower. The act of transferring physical possession of the firearm to another party could be considered lending of the property.

If a parent and child are out hunting and the parent hands the rifle to the child, it would be in violation of this bill because it restricts loaning the firearm to "an adult who is twenty-one years or older".

Limiting the amount of time that a person can loan their firearm to 12 hours goes against existing Hawaii hunting regulations. Hunting hours are allowed from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Most days in Hawaii consist of more than 12 hours of sunlight. A lot of Hawaii residents also travel between islands to hunt and typically spend multiple days away from home.

<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting/mammal/>

Prohibiting the lending of a firearm to a person without an existing firearms registration would create a violation of the existing HRS 134-3 which states when firearms registrations can be disclosed.

[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol03\\_Ch0121-0200D/HRS0134/HRS\\_0134-0003.htm](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol03_Ch0121-0200D/HRS0134/HRS_0134-0003.htm)

All registration data that would identify the individual registering the firearm by name or address shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone, except as may be required:

- (1) For processing the registration;
- (2) For database management by the Hawaii criminal justice data center;
- (3) By a law enforcement agency for the lawful performance of its duties; or

(4) By order of a court.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 11:04:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose. Right to bare arms shall not be infringed.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 11:07:29 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. You are again trying to overstep your bounds. Keep you hands off of our right to keep and bear arms. Stay out of our business. We don't need you nosing into our lives. This is a free country and you work for us. We are law abiding citizens and don't need you standing over our shoulders telling us what we can and can't do.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 11:16:26 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 11:39:59 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alika Valdez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 11:42:36 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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The writers of this bill are gravely unaware of the procedures with the permit to acquire a firearm and the firearm registration documents. A permit to acquire a rifle is good for one year. A handgun is for a very short time and both expire. Permits to acquire are supposed to be turned in to police departments after expiring. Registration documentation for firearms posses personal information and serial numbers of said firearms. Owners should not be expected to show this to someone just to shoot someone's firearm at a range or to go hunting. This information should remain locked away and it is not something a firearm owner would have to ever have on them currently and should not be required. This is unnecessary. If a crime is being committed with a firearm then the document will not help prevent it. It would all be something found after the fact and is an unnecessary hoop to jump through to make anti firearm rights activists who support these bills happy.

This will eliminate firearm training for anyone without a permit to acquire or registered firearm in Hawaii if passed as written. Many people borrow firearms for courses as well and would prevent that from taking place as well.

This bill will not pass muster with the 2nd amendment and the Supreme Court Bruen decision. This is something I will pursue legal action against as will thousands of other Hawaii citizens. This will end up costing massive amounts of Hawaii tax payers money only to see it go to waste when the bill is shot down. Firearm training is pertinent for safe firearm handling. Handing someone a firearm is loaning a firearm.

Negative effects:

Hunters loan a rifle out, sometimes for more than 3 - 7 days, even for a trip to mainland for hunting by family members or very close friends.

Permit to acquire is turned into police after they expire and are not usually held by legal firearm owners after they expire. Also, once expired it would not be a legitimate document.

Firearm registration has private personal info listed on it and shouldn't be required to be shown to anyone just to shoot their firearm at a range or to go hunting.

What do people do when on vacation and someone is house sitting? Is that considered loaning a firearm since they are allowing access to their house where firearms could be present? There is no mention about whether the firearms are loaned if in a locked safe or case.

What if someone goes away for a time and feels safer leaving a firearm with a trusted person rather than in their home. Safes can be cracked or stolen. This would make everyone potentially less safe if a burglar breaks in and steals said firearm(s)

Spouses without firearms registered to them or permits to acquire cannot even hold their spouses legal firearm and wouldn't be allowed to protect their life with it if absolutely necessary without risk of being a criminal.

Loaning does not require the owner to not be present. Just handing a firearm to someone at the range would be considered loaning and would need to have proper documents.

Who is going to check on this? What will this stop? Someone could easily commit crimes still and only the law abiding person who is caught because they don't know of the law change would be harmed by this bill.

This bill makes criminals out of good honest people.

Redundant law:

It is the responsibility of a felon or prohibited person to know what laws they are breaking. It is their fault if they trick a law abiding person into loaning them a firearm. That is already a crime being committed and is the fault of the criminal and not the law abiding innocent person.

Using a loaned firearm to commit a crime is already illegal and would have consequences for the criminal in said act.

Loaning a firearm to a known criminal is against the law. If you can prove someone knew that they were loaning a firearm for the commission of a crime, such as allowing a felon to even just hold it, then that is already illegal.

I urge you to please consider the facts I've listed above and vote no on HB150 and any variants/ amendments proposed. This bill puts my family in harms way and makes me feel less safe as a Hawaii citizen. This bill demonizes firearm safety training and creates a less safe Hawaii. Please vote no on HB150.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 11:43:16 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

THE SECOND AMMENDMENT SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED...

C'MON FOLKS - THERE'S 1000 OTHER THINGS YOU COULD PUT YO ENERGIES  
TOWARD - NOT CHIPPING AWAY AT OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS...

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 11:45:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support HB150.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 12:00:47 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 12:08:34 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 12:48:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB150 which drastically restricts sharing of firearms among law-abiding adults. This infringes against our God given 2nd Amendment rights and is totally unconstitutional.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 1:00:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Hawaii State Lawmakers,

I am writing in opposition of HB150 and urge you to oppose this bill as well. I am a law-abiding citizen of The United States of America and Hawaii, a taxpayer, registered voter, a husband, father, grandfather and also an owner of legal firearms. I own them because I admire the technology and enjoy using them at firing ranges and hunting. I also own them to exercise my right as a US Citizen and Hawaii Citizen per the Constitutions of The USA and the State of Hawaii. I am a constituent of yours and by denying me these rights you are misrepresenting me. interestingly enough, as I have spoken to many who share my opinion of these basic rights, many are in the dark about what our state legislation is doing in denying our rights. As such, I would expect a groundswell of outcry against this law, if it passes. That will result in legal action, likely to the Supreme Court, and much cost and greater division in our country. It may also result in law abiding citizens breaking the law unintentionally. People who do no harm to others, being harmed by this law. These things would be detrimental to us all.

Specific arguments against HB150 –

1. Infringement on Rights & Ineffectiveness
  - o HB150 restricts law-abiding citizens' ability to loan firearms while doing nothing to prevent crime.
  - o Existing laws already prohibit felons from possessing firearms and criminalize the use of loaned firearms in crimes.
2. Negative Consequences on Safety & Training
  - o Restricts firearm safety training by preventing non-permit holders from handling firearms, reducing preparedness.
  - o Spouses, family members, and military personnel would be unable to train or use firearms for self-defense.
  - o Criminalizes simple, legal firearm use such as a spouse using a firearm in self-defense or a parent training their child.
3. Harm to Hunters & Outdoor Activities
  - o Hunters frequently borrow firearms for trips, often longer than 12 hours, which this bill would make illegal.
  - o Hunting guides would be unable to loan firearms to out-of-state visitors, harming legal businesses.

- Hunters traveling to other islands or out of state would face restrictions on borrowing necessary equipment.
- 4. Unrealistic Documentation Requirements
  - Permit to acquire firearms expires and is often turned into authorities, making compliance difficult.
  - Firearm registration contains personal data and should not be required to be shared.
  - Gun stores couldn't let potential buyers handle firearms without a permit, creating unnecessary barriers.
- 5. Unclear & Overreaching Language
  - The bill's definition of "loaning" could criminalize innocuous actions, such as handing a firearm to a friend at a shooting range.
  - Uncertainty over situations like house sitters having access to firearms or leaving firearms with a trusted person for safekeeping.
- 6. Fails to Address Crime While Punishing Law-Abiding Citizens
  - Criminals will still acquire guns through illegal means, rendering the law ineffective.
  - Only law-abiding citizens unaware of the change would face penalties.
  - The bill imposes unnecessary restrictions while failing to prevent firearm-related crime.
- 7. Conflict with Second Amendment & Legal Challenges
  - The bill is unconstitutional under the Supreme Court Bruen decision and will face legal challenges.
  - Enforcing the bill would waste taxpayer money on lawsuits that it is unlikely to survive.

HB150 is unnecessary, restricts lawful firearm use, reduces safety, harms hunters and training efforts, and does not effectively prevent crime. The bill would create criminals out of law-abiding citizens while doing little to address real issues.

General arguments against all current proposed gun legislation in Hawaii are –

The bills are unnecessary, ineffective, and infringing on Second Amendment rights.

The legislation targets law-abiding gun owners rather than criminals.

The laws will create legal traps for gun owners through vague wording and overreach.

The bills are politically motivated rather than factually justified.

Crime prevention should focus on criminals, not restricting legal gun ownership.

It poses the question of why this bill is being considered. Some will say to make us safer. I disagree. The problem is not an inanimate object. It is our society that has fostered desperate individuals or enemies of our country who enter illegally with mal intent. This bill will make it illegal for law abiding citizens to own safe and effective firearms for hobby, hunting or defensive

use but will do nothing to stop the proliferation of illegal firearm possession. Indeed, this bill will render those of us who desire to follow the law, defenseless against those who would possess them illegally!

This bill is not founded on fact and reason but rather fear and myth. Please step back from the brink and let's work together as Americans and Hawaiians to heal our society and maintain the basic rights that our respective constitutions guarantee. Vote no on HB150!

Thank You!

Aloha,

Sam Cavitt

Kihei, HI

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 1:01:43 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dawn O'Brien	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committe of Hawai'i's Representative Leaders,

TYSVM for taking the precious time to read this, I appreciate you doing your due diligence greatly.

I am in strong opposition of HB150 using our tax payers' dollars to greatly restrict our Constitutional right to bear arms. WHY IS THIS HAPPENING? WHAT GOOD DOES IT BRING? NONE! Historically every society that has banned weapons amongst its citizenry has turned quickly to tyranny & mass violence by the leaders. NO THANK YOU!

Further, why is this even a proposed law in our state that comes under the Constitution (law) of the United States of America? The irony is that you are considering a law as lawmakers to act in a way to disobey the federal law. This DOES NOT make sense and it is counter-productive also.

In summary, I fully & strongly oppose this bill and ask sincerely that you represent the majority of the tax-paying residents of Hawaii--whether they voted for you or not--and also oppose this illegal law proposition in HB150. Thank you so much.

Mahalo & Mālama Pono,

Dawn O'Brien

Lifelong resident of Hawai'I

President, HOPE HI, Inc.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 1:05:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha members of the house committee I am writing to voice my strong opposition to bill 150 which proposes new restrictions on lending fire arms here are my key concerns:

this bill would place an additional layer of regulation on law, abiding citizens who wish to share firearms for legitimate activities like hunting sport, shooting or personal safety training. It could criminalized simple acts of community and family sharing, which are often done with good intentions and under safe conditions.

HAWAII already has some of these strictest gun laws in the nation. This bill seems redundant when the state has mechanisms in place to regulate firearm ownership and use. Adding more restrictions does not necessarily equate to increase safety, but could lead to over regulation.

implementing and enforcing this bill would be challenging. Would every instance of lending a firearm necessitate, a permit check or a registration verification? this could lead to significant administrative burdens and potentially invade the privacy of the individual.

in times of emergency, such as natural disasters were immediate self-defense might be necessary. This bill could hinder quick access to firearms for protection. The ability to lend a firearm could be critical in such scenarios

the bill might disrupt educational opportunities where firearms are taught for safety sport or cultural practices in Hawaii where communal activities can involve firearms. This legislation could inadvertently affect cultural traditions without offering substantial safety improvements.

there is no clear data or evidence presented that this specific regulation would reduce gun violence or misuse. Without such data it seems this bill could be more about controlling behavior than enhancing safety.

this bill could lead to a scenario where citizens field their activities are under undue scrutiny, possibly discouraging the sharing of firearms even in safe, educational contexts.

the requirement for a permit or registered firearm might disproportionately affect individuals in the process of becoming legal gun owners or those unfamiliar with the system potentially excluding them from community activities.

the US Constitution's second amendment states, "a well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state the right of the people to keep and bare arms shall not be infringed"HB 150s restrictions on lending firearms could be seen as an infringement on this right particularly in contacts. We're lending is for lawful purposes like self-defense sport or cultural practices. Romeo affirm the individual right to possess firearms for traditionally lawful purposes. This bill might be viewed as overly restrictive, potentially opening the state for future legal challenges.

while the 10th amendment allows states to regulate firearms beyond federal law such regulations must still align with the protections afforded by the US constitution HB 150s approach to firearm lending might be scrutinized for not adequately respecting the constitutional rights of individuals to bear arms for non-infringement purposes, especially when these rights have been upheld in federal courts.

the bill could set a precedent for further encroachment on second amendment rights leading to a patchwork of regulations that confuse rather than clarify the legal landscape for gun owners in Hawaii.

there is a risk that this bill might encourage more restrictive interpretations of gun laws in the future, which could progressively narrow the rights protected under both state and federal constitutions without clear public safety benefits.

I urge you to consider how HB 150 might interact with the constitutional rights of Hawaii's citizens. While the intent to ensure safety is commendable, we must balance this with the constitutional rights to keep and bare arms. We should see legislation that does not undermine the principles of the second amendment or lead to the legal ambiguities that could be exploited or misinterpreted Mahalo for your consideration of these additional points in your deliberation

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 1:13:23 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lois Langham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill to protect Hawaii residents from gun violence by anonymous users.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 2:49:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill due to another restriction being placed on LAW ABIDING Citizens. Again Criminals don't follow the Law.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 4:06:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This would make most hunters criminals especially young learning hunters. Please instead focus on laws that would target criminals.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 4:10:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stand in Support

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 4:12:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
ISAIH K REYNOLDS	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is a blatant infringement on a person's 2nd Amendment Right. I oppose this act. You are keeping those who are able to legally use and handle firearms from being able to borrow or use firearms. How is someone supposed to know if owning a firearm is right for them without borrowing and testing out any type of firearm. If you are not a felon or violent criminal you are legally allowed to have and use a firearm with no restrictions. This puts hunters who borrow firearms for in-state and out-of-state hunting in impractical time constraints. This act does not keep those who intend to do harm or cause serious injury from committing such horrible acts. You do not stop or reduce any gun-related crimes, deaths or bodily harm by passing this act. I strongly oppose this Act.

Isaih Reynolds

Hilo, HI 96720

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 4:29:25 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill does not address an existing problem. I've had to borrow a firearm over multiple days several times when hunting on a neighbor island. Please focus on legislation that doesn't waste our time or resources

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 7:02:31 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 150.It is unconstitutional and doesn't do any Justice for us law abiding citizens.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 7:23:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it does not enhance public safety only burdens law abiding citizens.

Does it really make sense that a criminal looking to commit a crime is going to ask to borrow a gun from a law abiding citizens?

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 7:28:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

No. Just stop it!

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 8:13:52 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

No

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 8:24:15 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB150

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 8:27:47 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 8:31:29 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I don't support HB150

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 8:43:18 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
james wallace	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments: I oppose HB150.We should be able to share firearms to whoever we want.Only communist would support this bill.We are USA!!!!2nd Ammendment is unsuppercedable!!!

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 9:29:18 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

NO

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 9:31:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose. This seems to be more attempt to chip away at the 2nd amendment.

Thank you.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:12:00 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Vote No on HB150. This bill infringes on our Constitutional 2nd amendment rights.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:37:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I provide testimony NOT in support of HB150.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:41:13 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 150, which seeks to impose new restrictions on the lending of firearms in Hawaii. Here are several reasons why this bill should be reconsidered:

1. Infringement on Second Amendment Rights:

The right to bear arms is a fundamental right enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. This bill unnecessarily limits the ability of law-abiding citizens to share firearms for lawful purposes like hunting, sport shooting, or self-defense training. By requiring a permit or registered firearm for borrowing, it essentially criminalizes common practices without substantial justification.

2. Impact on Cultural Practices:

Hawaii has a rich cultural history with firearms, particularly in activities like hunting which are integral to many local communities. Restricting the temporary lending of rifles and shotguns could disrupt these traditions and practices,.

3. Safety and Education:

The bill's restrictions could impede safety training and education. Many individuals learn proper firearm handling under the supervision of experienced family members and friends. Limiting this practice to only those with permits or pre-owned firearms might reduce opportunities for safe, controlled learning environments.

4. Ineffectiveness Against Crime:

Criminals do not adhere to laws; they acquire firearms illegally. This bill does little to address the actual sources of gun violence, which are typically not through legal lending among law-abiding citizens. Instead, it penalizes responsible gun owners who want to share their resources legally.

5. Practicality and Enforcement:

The proposed restrictions, particularly the twelve-hour limit for lending rifles or shotguns, seem arbitrary and impractical. Enforcing such short-term lending periods would likely involve significant resources and could lead to unintended legal issues for citizens trying to comply.

#### 6. Repeal of Existing Provisions:

The removal of the authorization to use firearms outside the state or to lend them without a permit seems counterproductive. These existing provisions reflect a balanced approach to firearm use that supports both safety and personal freedom.

#### Conclusion:

Rather than enhancing public safety, this bill could alienate gun owners, create confusion, and unnecessarily complicate the legal use of firearms. I urge the committee to consider the broader implications of this legislation on constitutional rights, cultural practices, and the practicality of enforcement.

Thank you for considering my testimony. I respectfully request that you oppose HB150 and seek alternative solutions that balance public safety with personal freedoms.

Mahalo,

Ryota

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/19/2025 12:02:50 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I want my legislator to vote no on this bill. It infringes on our constitutional rights that you guys swore to protect when taking office. Vote no on this bill.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/19/2025 1:23:25 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to strongly oppose this bill. It violates my constitutional rights to keep and bear arms. This is government overreach. This flawed bill needs to be stopped and disarded.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/19/2025 3:49:26 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/19/2025 3:50:39 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/19/2025 6:04:18 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this unconstitutional and unnecessary regime policy. You cannot treat all firearm owners as criminals, it is completely ridiculous and un-American.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/19/2025 7:20:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

No. Stop trying to infringe on our rights. Keep making sure the right people own firearms and than don't violate our constitutional rights once that clearance has been made.

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/19/2025 8:52:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/19/2025 8:54:48 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Absolutely oppose HB150 and associated bills

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/19/2025 9:38:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Oppose hb150

Paul Giles

**HB-150**

Submitted on: 2/19/2025 9:39:30 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/19/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose this bill. Does this mean if my husband is out of town and I have access to a firearm registered to him with his permission and I am in danger and need to use it, we would be violating the law?

I Oppose this bill.

**HB-150**

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is an unnecessary restriction which doesn't serve to solve any actual problem.

Hawaii is not facing a crime wave involving borrowed rifles and shotguns so this bill attempts to address a problem that doesn't really exist. Most gun crimes in Hawaii involve pistols, not rifles or shotguns and almost no murders or serious gun crimes involve borrowed firearms. The only people this bill is going to affect are those who lend a rifle to a friend wanting to hunt or a friend going to the gun range. Under this bill it would be a crime to let an adult son to take my rifle to the gun range even though he would already have access to the rifle by it being in our home.

The only reasonable portion of the bill is the part that makes it illegal for me to lend out a firearm to someone I know is prohibited from possessing a firearm.

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Abraham Antonio sr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Abraham Antonio oppose this bill do to it will affect hunter that live here and come from out of state. It will also impact the youth hunting since the youth can't own a gun yet till 21 mistakes do happen out in the world and the government should not be over reaching there enough gun laws here