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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 308  
RELATING TO FIREARMS  
Before the Senate Committee on  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 3:00 PM  
State Capitol Conference Room 225, Via Videoconference  
Testifiers: Mike Lambert

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) strongly supports Senate Bill 308. This bill expands the existing ban on pistols with detachable magazines exceeding ten-round capacity to include all firearms with detachable magazines that can hold more than ten rounds of ammunition. This expansion strengthens Hawaii's commitment to reasonable firearm regulations and enhanced public safety.

The DLE supports this measure as it addresses a critical gap in current firearms legislation. While existing law restricts high-capacity magazines for pistols, other firearms with similar capabilities have remained outside these restrictions. This bill creates consistency in firearms regulation and eliminates potential loopholes that could be exploited to circumvent the intent of the original magazine capacity restrictions.

From a law enforcement perspective, limiting magazine capacity across all firearm types can help reduce the potential for mass casualty incidents. High-capacity magazines enable sustained firing without reloading, which can increase casualties in shooting

incidents. This legislation aligns with established public safety practices while respecting the rights of responsible firearm owners to maintain firearms with standard-capacity magazines.

The implementation of this expanded restriction will enhance DLE's ability to enforce magazine capacity laws uniformly across all firearm types, creating a more effective and equitable regulatory framework.

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

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### **COMMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 308**

A BILL FOR AN ACT  
RELATING TO FIREARMS

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 225  
Via Videoconference  
415 South Beretania Street

Honorable Chair Elefante, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committees on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs The County of Hawai‘i, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney submits the following comments regarding Senate Bill No. 308.

This bill was drafted with the intention to amend Section 134-8 of Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) to ban all detachable magazines having a capacity greater than ten-rounds.

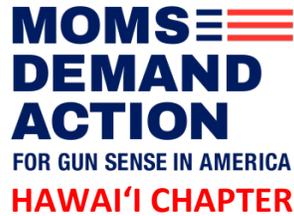
Our Office recommends deferring this measure due to the ongoing legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of the United States and the 9th Circuit Court. There are several significant cases currently under review, including pending decisions and petitions for writs of certiorari, which directly concern the constitutionality of state regulations on firearms and accessories. The outcomes of these cases could have an impact on how state-level firearm regulations are shaped and enforced, and it would be important to wait for these decisions before advancing further legislation on the matter.

We fully recognize and share the public’s concern regarding gun violence and agree that it is crucial that we take steps to address this issue and ensure the safety of our citizens. However, we believe that a large portion of firearms-related offenses are committed by individuals who have a history of violent behavior or have already been prohibited from owning firearms. These repeat offenders often contribute significantly to the problem, and we believe that focusing on these offenders would be a more effective approach to reducing gun violence.

According to Hawai'i Police Department ("HPD"), a total of 196 criminal investigations were initiated under violations of HRS Section 134-7 (Ownership, possession, control prohibited) between 2022 and 2024 resulting in 315 offenses charged.

House Bill No. 137 (Relating to Firearms), which has yet to be set for a hearing within the Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee, requires that felons in violation of the prohibition against owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm or ammunition be subject to a mandatory prison term. Currently, a felon found in possession of a firearm or ammunition is eligible for probation unless his new offense is committed within a limited, defined look-back period.

The County of Hawai'i, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney remains committed to pursuing justice with integrity and commitment. For the foregoing reasons, the County of Hawai'i, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney respectfully submits these comments regarding Senate Bill No. 308. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



Feb. 12, 2025

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

My name is Erica Yamauchi, and I live in the Kaimukī area. As a gun violence survivor, business owner, mother of two children in our public schools, and adjunct faculty member at the University of Hawai'i, **I'm writing today in strong support of Senate Bill 308.**

Hawai'i has a 10-round magazine limit on magazines capable of being used in a pistol. We appreciate that this bill expands the current law to apply to high-capacity magazines (more than 10 rounds) that work with any kind of firearm, including long guns.

This is important because we know that, when shooters use a high-capacity magazine:

- Nearly 5x as many people are shot,
- Nearly 2x as many people are killed, and
- Nearly 10x as many people are injured.

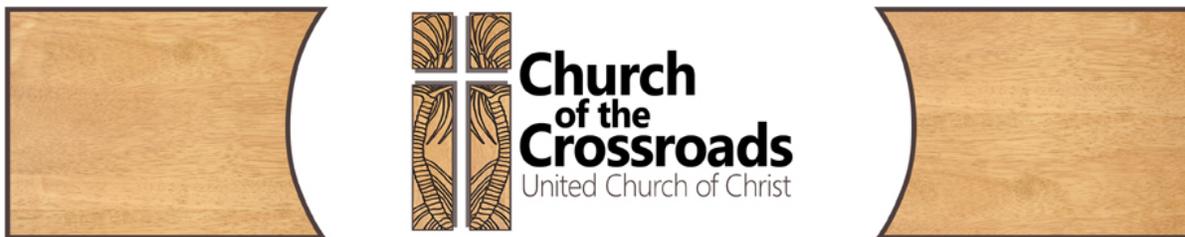
Our lower incidence of gun violence historically here in the islands hasn't been by accident, but due to sound public policy and commonsense gun safety laws.

On behalf of our three local groups on Hawai'i Island, Kaua'i and O'ahu, and our 2,000+ supporters across the islands, I urge you to pass this bill.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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

Erica Yamauchi, Volunteer State Co-Lead



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

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

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

Hawai’i is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that **fails** to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns and large magazines for those weapons. Our current law only applies to assault pistols/revolvers, and large detachable ammunition magazines (more than 10 rounds) for pistols. We need to restrict ALL weapons to only 10 rounds (maximum) to help avoid the risk of mass shootings with LCMs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

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

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 1:06:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rachel Logan	Testifying for Moms Demand Action - Hawai'i Chapter	Support	In Person

Comments:

**Aloha,**

**Thank you for hearing my testimony today in support of SB 308. Hawai'i has long prohibited assault pistols and I think it should set the same standard for assault rifles and high capacity magazines. My main issue with these weapons is that their gunfire is not survivable. I might stand a chance against another weapon, but not these. They can devastate a body in a second, and have been used in almost all of our country's deadliest mass shootings. This bill would allow people to keep the weapons they already own, and they would still be able to legally purchase a large variety of weapons suitable for hunting and feral wildlife control, including some semiautomatic rifles.**

**The bottom line is, military grade weapons do not have a place in civilian life for the average citizen. There's a vast amount of other guns available that meet the need for sport, hunting, or protection, we do not need to own rapid-fire military grade weapons. Please pass this bill to set a standard for safety across the state.**

**Mahalo,**

**Rachel Logan**



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

February 12, 2025

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and members,

**In furtherance of Brady's goal to reduce firearm violence across Hawaii, the Hawaii Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence is proud to offer its strong endorsement of SB 308.**

For decades, Hawaii leaders have prioritized the safety and well-being of the people of Hawaii by enacting and implementing proactive, research-informed policy solutions that prevent gun violence, save lives, and spare entire communities from loss, trauma and cycles of violence. However, the data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as of 2024 is disturbing:

- Every year, 34 people in Hawaii die by firearm suicide.
- Every year, 15 people in Hawaii are victims of firearm homicide.
- On average, 55 people in Hawaii are killed by gun violence each year and an average of 30 of those deaths occur in Honolulu County.
- Every 7 days, someone in Hawaii is shot and killed.

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

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

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Nehmad  
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*Submitted via web portal*

**RE: SB 308 (Rhoads): Relating to Firearms - SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and Honorable Members of the Committee:

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

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

High capacity magazines enable a shooter to fire many bullets without pausing to reload. **Hawaii *already* acknowledges that giving shooters the ability to unload dozens of rounds in seconds is an abhorrent danger.** This state currently has a 10 round magazine limit on magazines that are capable of being used with a pistol, but the law does not explicitly apply to magazines that can be used with a rifle or shotgun. This bill brings helpful clarity and uniformity to the magazine rules Hawaii has embraced.

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

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

Civilians should not be able to purchase high-capacity magazines for any firearm, and **the public agrees – in a 2024 survey of registered voters across O’ahu and the neighbor islands, 80% said high-capacity magazines that exceed 10 rounds should be banned, including 65% of gun owners.**

For these reasons listed above, Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action, and Students Demand Action strongly support SB 308.

Sincerely,

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DATE: February 11, 2025

TO: Honorable Legislators

FROM: Christopher D. Thomas, Attorney at Law

RE: Public Comment and Testimony Regarding SUPPORT of SB308

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

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

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

As a sport-shooter and hunter, I have engaged in both activities with both high capacity magazines and magazines limited to a few rounds. A high capacity magazine is not necessary to enjoy responsible gun ownership and use; high-capacity magazines are best designed to kill as many humans as possible in a short period of time. Ban them now, before they are used for their designed purpose, in Hawaii.

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

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



**To:** Members of the Hawaii Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
**From:** Agustin Cabrera, Giffords State Legislative Manager  
**Subject:** Support for SB308  
**Date:** February 12, 2025

*Submitted via email*

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My name is Agustin Cabrera and I am a State Legislative Manager with Giffords, the gun violence prevention organization founded by former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords. I write to you today in support of SB308 which would expand Hawaii's existing ban on pistols with a detachable magazine with over a ten-round capacity to any firearm with a detachable magazine with over a ten-round capacity.

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

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

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

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

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

Studies have found that the, now expired, federal ban on large-capacity magazines helped to prevent violence and the use of high-capacity magazines in crime during the 10 years in which it was in effect. During the 10-year period the federal assault weapons and large-capacity magazine ban was in effect, mass shooting fatalities were 70% less likely to occur compared to the periods before and after the ban.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Martha Bellisle, "High-Capacity Magazines Get New Scrutiny as Congress Returns," ABC News, September 2, 2019, <https://abcn.ws/2IHd7uE>.

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

At the state level, research has also shown that states with large-capacity magazine bans experience 48% fewer mass shootings—and 61% fewer domestic violence-related mass shootings—compared to states without such laws.<sup>3</sup>

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Agustin Cabrera*

**Agustin Cabrera**

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#### **ABOUT GIFFORDS**

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

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

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

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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:48:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Brady respectfully urges the Committee to support the passage of this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:57:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
amy agbayani	Testifying for Hawai'i friends of civil rights	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We syronlybsupport SB308 . Our state must stop the sale and proliferation of these dangerous weapons in our islands.

Amy Agbwyani

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:21:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 due to its being unconstitutional and an infringement of the Second Amendment. This bill will instantly make criminals of thousands of gun owners. There are tens of thousands of rifle magazines in the state of Hawaii that exceed the 10-round capacity. The AR-15 and variants are the most common.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:16:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose SB308. This bill will make it more difficult for law abiding citizens to defend themselves and the ones they care for. Please do not give those that do not obey laws an advantage.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:29:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Mery Ann Luna, I am the President and Founder for SDM Training Group and Bows N Bullets. I strongly oppose bill SB308.

I'd like to quote a statement in our Hawaii Firearms Law. "Hawaii Statute defines the militia as "every resident able-bodied citizen of the United States who is seventeen years old or older and under forty-six years of age and all other able-bodied residents of that age who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States," and further defines an "unorganized militia" consisting of "those members of the militia who are not members of national guard, the naval militia, or the state defense force." Women are not excluded. Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 121-1."

From what I understand and what I have taught many citizens, should there be a need for assistance due to lack of military personnel, they would be called upon to help protect their state and/or country. Should this bill be passed, you, as our legislature, are setting up law-abiding Hawaii residence to fail should any of them be called to assist. To defend our nation, people need to have the right tools to do as we need them to do.

I strongly oppose bill SB308. I do not want my kids, nieces or nephews, brothers and sisters, and family and friends to not have the tools they need to protect themselves, their ohana, and the state and country we love.



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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:10:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dale Hayama	Testifying for Young Guns	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We strongly oppose SB308. The Bill is a direct violation of our 2nd Amendment Rights. Bans like this have already been ruled as Unconstitutional. Defending it's legitimacy in court, would waste a lot of tax-payer dollars, which I am not willing to pay!

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**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:45:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The Hawaii Rifle Association opposes Bil SB308.

Opposition is based on the fact that many rifles have in common detachable magazines of more than 10 rounds. These magazine are one of the most common accessories.

There is no correlation between magazine capacity and public safety.

We support lawful use of firearms including sporting and recreational shooting. Recreational and competitive shooters of which many our members of our organization, use these common accessories.

Reducing gun crimes and allowing for safe shooting venues including recreational shooting ,competitive shooting and hunting should be a priority for public safety professionals and legislators.

Aloha,

Glennon T. Gingo

Board Member

Hawaii Rifle Association

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:25:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jay Franzone	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

My name is Jay Franzone, I live in town, just down the road on South King. I am a Bloomberg American Health Initiative Fellow, focusing on violence at Johns Hopkins University. I've been fortunate to call Hawai'i home for the past few years. My fiancé, who is Native Hawaiian, is applying to JABSOM this cycle, with hopes of returning to Kaua'i to serve the community where he was raised. I rise today in support of SB 308 because I care about the well-being of our community.

Gun violence is a public health crisis, and high-capacity magazines (HCMs) are a clear risk factor for the deadliest shootings. Research has consistently shown that restrictions on HCMs can significantly reduce both the frequency and lethality of mass shootings. A review of mass shootings between 2015 and 2022 found that mass shootings involving high-capacity magazines resulted in six times as many people shot per incident compared to those without.

When more bullets can be fired without reloading, more lives are lost.

Hawai'i has some of the strongest gun laws in the country but our current law expressly bans high-capacity magazines that can be used with pistols. Functionally, however, many such magazines are also compatible with rifles. Our state already recognizes the danger that high-capacity magazines pose, and our law should explicitly prohibit magazines that hold more than ten rounds for use in any firearm. SB 308 is a helpful clarification that reiterates Hawaii's current and strong opposition to high-capacity magazines.

Mass shootings may be rare in Hawai'i, but the impact of a single incident would be devastating. We should not wait for tragedy to act. The evidence and the public pressure are clear. This bill would ensure our laws are aligned with what we know keeps communities safe.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terriann Mohideen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB 308 - SUPPORT

Good afternoon. My name is Terriann Mohideen and I am a mother and a resident of of this community. I urge you to **Support SB 308** expanding the assault pistol ban to any firearm with a detachable magazine of over 10 rounds . The majority of our deadliest mass shootings in the US have been with weapons such as this. Please protect all of us here in Hawai'i by passing this bill.

Thank you.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 3:19:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rich Bailey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons law (Haw Rev Stat. 134-8) that fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and large capacity magazines for these weapons. Assault rifles are used for so many tragic mass shootings in our nation. Their military features are designed for battlefields, not for civilian use on our islands. Every assault rifle sold in the state is an opportunity to wreak mass violence against our residents.**

That is why I support banning these weapons in our state.

Please pass SB308 pending in the Hawaii Legislature to fill these gaping holes in our assault weapons law. Let's ban the sale or transfer of assault rifles, assault shotguns and large capacity ammunition magazines for those weapons.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Richard D Bailey

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 3:32:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Need to limit rounds to decrease the possibility of a mass shooting event

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 3:32:53 PM

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

Comments:

Need to limit rounds to decrease the possibility of a mass shooting event

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 3:45:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Richard Tillotson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Aloha,**

**I urge you to support SB308. Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons law (Haw Rev Stat. 134-8) that fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and large capacity magazines for these weapons. Assault rifles are used for so many tragic mass shootings in our nation. Their military features are designed for battlefields, not for civilian use on our islands. Every assault rifle sold in the state is an opportunity to wreak mass violence against our residents.**

**Please vote to lessen the chance of another firearms tragedy in Hawaii. Support SB308!**

**Thank you for considering my testimony and mahalo for your service.**

**Richard Tillotson**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 3:46:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It is unbelievable that Hawaii is the only state in the US that does not have a law banning assault rifles, assault shotguns, and large capacity magazines for such weapons! We know of the tremendous havoc, sadness, and death suffered by people in other US cities caused by the use of assault weapons by individuals.

We must do what we can to prevent such tragedies from occurring in Hawaii. SB308 is crucial in that prevention. My entire family and I support this bill. Please pass it.

Sincerely, Evelyn Hao

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 3:52:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jenny Silbiger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

**Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons law (Haw Rev Stat. 134-8) that fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and large capacity magazines for these weapons. Assault rifles are used for so many tragic mass shootings in our nation. Their military features are designed for battlefields, not for civilian use on our islands. Every assault rifle sold in the state is an risk for the mass violence against our residents - who are our friends, colleagues, and family members. I implore you to please pass this bill and protect us. There is simply too much gun violence in our society!**

**Thank you for your attention to this matter.**

**Sincerely,**

**Jenny Silbiger**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 4:43:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lindsay Chambers	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB308 to prohibit high-capacity detachable magazines for all firearms, closing a dangerous loophole in Hawai'i's gun laws. This measure is essential to public safety and reducing the risk of mass violence in our communities.

Firearms are now the leading cause of death among children in the U.S., with firearm-related deaths increasing 41.6% from 2018 to 2021, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. High-capacity magazines, designed for military combat, allow shooters to fire continuously without reloading, making mass shootings deadlier and harder to stop. Every second matters in an active shooter situation. Restricting these magazines can slow shooters down, giving law enforcement and victims a better chance to intervene and escape.

Hawai'i has the opportunity to take a stand for our keiki. Research consistently shows that firearm restrictions help reduce gun-related homicides, suicides, and unintentional shootings among children and teens. This bill is a necessary step toward a safer future, where families don't have to fear gun violence in schools, parks, and public spaces.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 4:44:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Ho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Sen. Elefante and Sen. Wakai, and Members of the Senate Public Safety Committee!

I submit this testimony in total support of SB 308, proposing a ***Ban*** on assault weapons, and huge magazines for use in these weapons. **Assault weapons are used for so many tragic mass shootings in our nation. Their military features are designed for battlefields, not for civilian use on our islands.**

**Please follow the example of the House Judiciary Committee, which unanimously approved HB893, banning all assault weapons in Hawai‘i.**

*Our way of life in Hawai‘i is already under assault in so many ways; we should not have to worry about the possibility of senseless mass shootings in public and private places.*

*Mahalo nui for your action!!*

*Cheryl O. Ho, Nu‘uanu*

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 9:06:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Coralie Matayoshi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Tragically, Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons law that fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and large capacity magazines for those weapons. Assault weapons have been used in too many mass shootings including at schools. Their military features are designed for battlefields, not civilian use. There is no good reason to allow assault weapons and ammunition in Hawaii, and even if there were, these reasons couldn't possibly outweigh the potential threat to human life. Please support SB308 to make Hawaii safer for everyone, especially our children.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 7:08:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bruce Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB308 banning any firearm with a detachable magazine of 10 rounds or more. These types of weapons have no place in Hawaii's civilian environment, and were never envisioned in by the nation's founders when they wrote the Bill of Rights. Please pass this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 9:47:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sue Hornik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Please close the loophole! Hawaii is the only state that has an assault weapons law that doesn't ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and large capacity magazines. These modified weapons of war are meant to kill as many of us as possible and are responsible for so many tragic mass shootings across our country, slaughtering children at school, shoppers at malls and worshippers in churches and synagogues. Please act before we have a tragedy here. What are you waiting for?**

**Please support SB308**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 12:35:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
L. Richard Fried, Jr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please reject assault weapons. There is absolutely no reason to have them allowed in HI-still one of the lowest states for gun violence. There should be absolutely no opposition to this potentially lifesaving measure. L. Richard Fried, Jr.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
Hearing on Feb. 12, 2025 at 3:00 pm

SUPPORTING SB 308

My name is John Kawamoto, and I support this bill.

Mass shootings are becoming more and more prevalent. They are now so common that people have become numbed to news about the, and the media rarely reports them anymore. According to the Gun Violence Archive, there have been 600 or more mass shootings annually in the U.S. in recent years.

Mass shootings occur in schools. In malls. At places of worship. Public gatherings. Hospitals. Mass shootings can happen anywhere, and anyone could be a victim.

The gun devotees got their way to make guns easily available, starting in 2008 with the U.S. Supreme Court's thoughtless Heller ruling that overturned 200 years of precedent. That opened the floodgates.

There was a time when gun devotees admired guns for hunting. Today's gun devotees, however, admire firepower. They want high capacity magazines, which are not designed to hunt wild animals for food, or for self-defense, or for target practice. High capacity magazines are often used in rifles in mass shootings.

It's no surprise that gun devotees are blaming others for the mass shootings. They blame parents. They blame societal attitudes. They even blame the police. They want to deflect attention away from themselves because they are the ones who should be blamed. They want high capacity magazines, but they don't have any reasonable proposals for reducing the mass shootings or other gun violence. All they can say is that it's their right to own guns.

It is true that people have a right to own guns, but there is no right to own high capacity magazines. The control of high capacity magazines does not breach the right to own guns. Hawaii already controls high capacity magazines for pistols, and this bill simply extends that to all firearms.

I urge the committee to pass this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 3:36:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Failing to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns and large capacity magazines in Hawaii just doesn't make sense to many, who realize these weapons can be used for mass shootings. We are can assume that there will be tragic consequences at some time if these weapons in violent circumstances, given the statistics in our nation.

We need many guardrails to lower and prevent mass killings. This is one that makes sense for the welfare of our community and its citizens. We are the last State in the union that hasn't passed a ban.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 5:13:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**It perplexes me Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons law (Haw Rev Stat. 134-8) that fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and large capacity magazines for these weapons.**

**Let us close that loophole and continue to make Hawaii a safe state for everyone to live in.**

**I support SB308.**

**Mahalo- from a voter in McCully.**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 8:36:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ron Matayoshi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support of SB 308 related to firearms.

Enough is enough ... no more mass killings and no more bending to gun advocates because you take their campaign contributions.

Thank you for voting to Support SB 308.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:41:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support SB 308 to ban all assault weapons in Hawaii. Assault weapons are used for so many mass shootings across the nation and their features are designed for military operations not for civilian use in our island state. Every assault weapon in our state is an opportunity to wreak mass violence in our state. Hawaii only has one Level 1 trauma center and any mass shooting would quickly overwhelm their capacity and put residents in further harm. Please pass this bill.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 4:37:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a parent and an educator, I thank you for passing this bill to keep Hawaii as safe as possible. It is critically important to keep our community safe from mass shootings. The majority of mass shooters in the U.S. have used assault weapons. This bill allows people to keep their current weapons, and should satisfy hunters as well. There is no reason not to pass this common sense bill. Thank you very much!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 11:58:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steve Glanstein	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I'm writing in support of SB308 which would simply restrict obtaining, manufacturing, or possessing weapons with a capacity of more than 10 rounds. This excess capacity should be reserved for **military who have to fight wars and use weapons of war**. Hawaii is not in a war nor do we depend upon armed civilians with large capacity weapons. The Second Amendment supporters fail to recognize that weapons with this destructive capacity **did not exist in the 18th century**. This is common sense gun legislation and I urge the Senate to pass the bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:01:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Samantha Preis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

As a parent of school age children there is nothing more terrifying than getting a call from the school that there is a threat. A few weeks ago bullets were found in the bathroom at my child's school. Knowing there is a shooting every week on average in the US I kept my child home the next day. Imagine the damage a regular gun may cause and then imagine the damage a high capacity firearm could cause.

Legislators may not be able to stop every individual from carrying out a shooting but you CAN limit the damage by banning high capacity firearms. There is no need for anyone to have that. It doesn't make sense for hunting or home protection. It only serves to indulge a collector's fancy at the risk of everyone else's safety.

Mahalo,

Samantha Preis

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:22:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hawaii has a proud history of strict firearm laws and a correlating low incidence of gun violence. Please vote to pass this measure to help keep us in good standing.

Judith C. White, Psy.D.

Kapaa

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:49:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a resident of the State of Hawaii and support Bill SB 308.

It is a sensible bill and it will reduce the chances of mass murders

Please approve and implement this Bill.

Mahalo

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:53:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Senate Committee Members:

I strongly support SB 308 and urge you to pass this law. SB 308 is an essential tool to reduce the risks of gun violence in Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen Worthington, Kula, Hawaii

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 1:49:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lynn Otaguro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to support SB308 to expand the ban on pistols with a detachable magazine with over a ten-round capacity to any firearm with a detachable magazine with over a ten-round capacity. The reasons for banning large capacity magazines to pistols applies to other firearms. We have seen the use of large capacity weapons in mass shootings. In places in our community, our schools, businesses, places of worship, the capability of firing in such large capacity, poses a danger. Please support SB308 to keep our communities safer.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:08:49 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hitomi "Mimi" Demura-Devore	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Dear Committee Members,**

**I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 308 which establishes prohibitions on assault rifles, assault shotguns, and .50 caliber rifles, expands the ban on high-capacity detachable magazines, and establishes exceptions.**

**I am a social worker and a mother of two young adults. When I was raising our children, every time I heard the news of school shootings and mass shootings in other states, I was heartbroken as I thought about other parents who lost their children or whose children were injured both physically and emotionally. I imagined how I might feel if my child texted me and told me that there was a shooter in their school. They grew up practicing preparing themselves for such a situation at school. There is no reason that our keiki on the islands have to fear for their lives or for their parents or anyone to have to worry about such a horrific tragedy happening to them.**

**When I heard that our state of Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons law that fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and large-capacity magazines for these weapons, I was astonished and scared. There are already many crimes with guns in our state, and I don't want to see any mass shootings in our community.**

**Please pass SB 308 to keep our state safer so that we do not have to witness the same horrific traumas that happened on the mainland in Hawaii. I thank you for protecting the people you represent.**

**Sincerely Yours,**

**Mimi Demura-Devore**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:24:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Mahalo for allowing input, but I think this bill is obviously needed!

aloha

Bobbie and Bill Best, Wailuku

**SB-308**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a citizen and mother of two watching the numerous mass shootings take place in our country and at our children's schools is extremely challenging. These shootings take place in public spaces and many people have been killed. I do not want an increase in public danger for Hawaii, my home. High-capacity weapons have no place in public spaces and must be carefully regulated. Our theaters, parks, churches, hospitals, libraries, sidewalks, stores, beaches, schools, and homes are not war zones or spaces where weapons are needed for self-defense but are instead spaces for living together. Please protect all of us by regulating weapons in public spaces. I ask you to take action to protect life. Protect our island home.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:10:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
PHYLLIS J UNEBASAMI	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

**I strongly support SB308, which proposes banning firearms with more than 10 rounds. Limiting magazine capacities to 10 rounds is a sensible measure that can reduce the potential for mass casualties and enhance the safety of our communities.**

**I also want to emphasize the importance of taking proactive measures, rather than waiting for tragedy to strike and reacting after the fact. We have witnessed the efforts currently underway to implement stricter measures regarding fireworks in the wake of the recent tragedy. While these measures are essential, we must recognize that addressing issues before they escalate into irreversible harm is the wisest approach. This same forward-thinking mindset should guide our actions with regard to firearms. By passing SB308, we can continue to prioritize safety in Hawaii. I urge you to support this important bill.**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:20:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 because it violates our second amendment rights

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:40:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chad K Taniguchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB308. Keep Hawaii safe.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:25:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Natalia Lukey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony on STRONG SUPPORT of SB308

My name is Natalia Lukey and I believe no civilians should own or hold a gun because I care about the safety of our community, specially of our children. There is an increase in mental health problems due to social, economical, and political instabilities in the country and having a gun accessible during a moment of desperation might lead to horrible tragedies. The statistics of mass shooting in the U.S. are terrifying! I don't want to hear these tragedies in the news anymore. Next time could be me, you or our loved ones! Please ban guns whenever it is possible.

Thank you,

Natalia

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:42:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bryan Gomes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this bill to help keep Hawaii safe from gun violence. Mahalo!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:24:59 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:10:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a resident of Hawaii writing in support of SB308.

Firearms equipped with high-capacity magazines make instances of violence exceptionally deadly. High-capacity magazines allow a shooter to shoot away without even having to pause to reload. Shootings involving high-capacity magazines result in more fatalities and injuries than those that do not. From 2015 to 2022, the mass shootings in which four or more people were killed that involved a firearm equipped with a high-capacity magazine resulted in nearly five times as many people shot per incident on average.

This threat to our public safety has no place in our communities. Please pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Allegra Giacchino

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**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:08:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elna Nagasako	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of SB308.

Elna Nagasako

Makiki

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:59:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Vanessa Ruderman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Vanessa Ruderman, and I live on Hawai'i Island. Mahalo for hearing my testimony in support of SB 308, which would close this dangerous gap in Hawai'i law, by expanding the Ban on High Capacity Magazines.

Please help us protect our community by passing SB 308.

**SB-308**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am testifying in support of SB 308 to expand the ban on high capacity magazines. I am here as a mother, grandmother, retired educator and as a concerned citizen. Hawaii’s current gun laws restricting assault style pistols are a step in the right direction however as Americans, we cannot deny that many of our mass shootings and those that occur in schools have been with assault style weapons that go beyond pistols. While Hawaii has not had a mass shooting we are seeing gun incidents on the rise. Assault style weapons are weapons made for war and should not be in the hands of American citizens. Realizing that life in America can be a place where people feel marginalized, ignored and hopeless, acts of violence for attention and revenge are not a rare occurrence.

My own experience as an educator dealing with school shootings as well as “intruder drills” began in 1999 with Columbine. Schools began to secure campuses and allot time to practice for a violent intruder. I was teaching in a school in the Midwest that was enclosed and my classroom had no windows so while I was in disbelief and shock, I felt that I might have a chance if I could get to my doors early enough to lock us all inside. Twenty years ago I moved to Hawaii and began teaching at a new school on an open campus in a classroom that was full of windows overlooking the lush greenery and beautiful Koolau mountains. As I practiced these “intruder drills” with my students I questioned how I would be able to protect them in this environment. I was told to lock the doors, barricade my students behind desks and try to cover the windows with whatever I had available.

One year, the school I taught at went into a full lockdown with an armed individual on our school campus. We barricaded ourselves behind desks, in full view of windows, and locked the doors. We were locked inside for hours and students were forced to use trash cans to relieve themselves. We tried creative ways to get lunches to them so they could eat while under lockdown. I remember feeling vulnerable and a great deal of responsibility to care for my students. I also remember the anxiety in the classroom during the lockdown. The safety and mental health of our keiki and those who work on school campuses who fear they may be murdered in a school shooting needs to be a primary concern. A ban on all assault style weapons is necessary. It would at least give teachers, staff and students a few extra minutes to protect themselves.

Over twenty five years ago, I started teaching students about how to keep safe from a school shooting and now in 2025 my youngest grandson came home and told us at the dinner table that they had an “intruder drill”. So many years have passed and we are still at the same

place. While I know that there are responsible gun owners who defend the 2nd Amendment, I am saddened that we are willing to sacrifice the lives of so many of our most valuable citizens for those who feel it is their right to carry a military style assault weapon. Being able to live without the fear of being murdered at a mass shooting by an assault weapon should also be an American right. I urge you to support SB 308.

Respectfully,

Kathy Thomas

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Adam Ruderman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Adam Ruderman and I live on Hawaii Island.

I am a school teacher. I teach a lot of classes about the U.S. government and our Constitution. There is just no way--no way--that the Founding Fathers intended the 2nd amendment to offer high capacity firearms to the public. Madison would be shocked we are even considering this.

**SB-308**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
William J M. Evans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Why would any normal citizen need a high capacity magazine? These are designed strictly for killing people. They are not useful for hunting or any other purpose than killing people, killing lots of people, and killing or maiming them very fast. Only a sworn member of the military ever needs to kil a lot of people quickly. These capabilities must not be in the hands of private citizens on account of a serious mis-reading of the 2nd Amendment. Full stop.

**SB-308**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Luanna H Meyer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support expanding the ban on detachable high capacity magazines for pistols, prohibiting such magazines fith as many as 10 rounds. No law-abiding citizen has any legitimate need for this capacity to maim and kill.

**SB-308**

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

Comments:

I support SB308 to protect people from gun violence, and the risk of being killed, injured, or traumatized from experiencing gun violence. Gun violence continues to spread and has become more common in Hawai‘i. It is preceded by perpetrators who suffer from mental health or emotional crisis, and a gun provides a reactionary and false solution, and perpetuates trauma within families and communities.

Boys and men are most susceptible to experiencing gun violence, and it pervades neighborhoods with low income and education levels.

Help victims and prevent more people from arrest and incarceration through reactionary use of guns. Support this bill to limit shooting capacity. This is one of among many tools to create healthier and safer communities.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:08:23 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Valerie Wayne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Please pass this bill to keep our citizens safe! The worst shootings in our nation occur with assault rifles, and we don't want them to happen here. Assault rifles belong on the battlefield, not in Hawaii's homes and on our streets. Our current law fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and large capacity magazines. Let's pass this bill and prevent mass violence in our state.**

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**SB-308**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chris Marvin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB308. As a former military officer and combat wounded veteran, I know that there is no need to have a magazine with more than 10 rounds. As a concealed-carry permit holder and a gun violence prevention advocate, I know that more rounds will cause more death and injury. If we've already made this law for one type of firearm, it's crucial that we extend it to all types. We've had a mass shooting every year for the past two years, don't make it there.

with Aloha,  
Capt. Chris Marvin  
US Army, retired

**LATE**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:16:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jon Abbott	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I vehemently OPPOSE SB308. Banning Magazines over 10 rounds for rifles and shotguns will do nothing to improve public safety.

I am the chief plaintiff in the lawsuit that will overturn the 10 round pistol magazine ban here in Hawai'i. If you pass this bill we will expand the scope of our lawsuit to include this new unconstitutional regulation and seek injunctive relief and damages for every citizen harmed by this egregious legislation.

The Bruen decision clearly defined arms that are in common use to be protected by the Second Amendment to the US Constitution. There are hundreds of millions of these magazines in the hands of law abiding citizens with over 100-300 THOUSAND here in Hawai'i alone. They are in Common Use.

I urge this committee, Especially my Senator Carol Fukunaga to vote NO on this appalling bill - SB308.

I am available for questions.

Jon Abbott

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:20:08 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David P. Alvarado Jr.	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

In **STRONG OPPOSITION** to SB308; with the states current infringments on our current 2nd amendment rights, which have been already described as some of the most strict in the nation, furthering such restrictions seems frivolous. Everyone in Hawaii loves to say "this ain't the mainland" so poudly, however the hawaii politicians (like the ones responsible for introducing such legislation) want so desprately to model hawaii after those failed cities wtih the most gun control while simotainiously having the most gun violance. Bills such as these do not serve the people, only to satisfy some personal adgenda of ELECTED leaders who are supposed to serve WE THE PEOPLE.

I Jason T Wolford am writing to express my **strong opposition** to **SB308**, which seeks to expand the ban on detachable magazines over **ten rounds** to include **all firearms**, not just pistols. This bill unfairly penalizes law-abiding citizens while failing to address criminal activity.

### **Concerns with SB308:**

#### **1. Criminalizing Law-Abiding Citizens**

- Under this bill, thousands of responsible firearm owners in Hawaii could instantly become **felons** for merely possessing legally acquired magazines.
- Many of us have owned these magazines for years without issue, using them for lawful activities such as self-defense, sport shooting, and hunting.

#### **2. No Grandfather Clause or Amnesty**

- The bill **does not provide exemptions** for legally purchased magazines. This means that individuals with legally acquired property could face criminal prosecution **without any means of compliance other than surrender or destruction** of their property.
- In contrast, other states that enacted similar restrictions included **grandfather clauses** or buyback programs, which this bill fails to consider.

#### **3. Multiple Charges for Multiple Magazines**

- If someone owns **20 magazines** over ten rounds, would they be charged with **20 separate violations**?
- Under existing Hawaii firearm laws, **each magazine could be considered a separate offense**, potentially leading to **multiple felony charges** for a law-abiding gun owner.
- This excessive punishment is disproportionate and targets responsible citizens instead of criminals.

#### **4. Magazines Can Be Permanently Modified**

- Many firearm owners would be willing to **permanently modify** their magazines to hold **10 rounds or fewer**, yet the bill does not clearly address whether such modifications would be legally acceptable.
- Clarification is needed on whether modification would prevent criminal liability.

#### **5. Does Not Address Crime or Public Safety**

- Criminals, by definition, do not follow gun laws. Restricting magazine capacity does **not** deter violent crime, as seen in other jurisdictions with similar bans.
- Law enforcement should focus on **targeting illegal firearm possession** rather than punishing responsible gun owners.

## **Request for Action**

I urge you to **oppose SB308** and instead consider policies that focus on **actual criminal activity** rather than criminalizing law-abiding citizens. If this bill proceeds, it must at minimum:

- **Include a grandfather clause** for current owners
- **Allow for permanent modifications** to comply with the law
- **Clarify penalties** to prevent multiple felony charges for possession of multiple magazines

This bill, as written, **turns responsible gun owners into criminals overnight** and will have **no measurable effect on reducing crime**. I ask that you vote **NO on SB308** and protect the rights of Hawaii's law-abiding citizens.

**SB-308**

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

Comments: I oppose SB308.We should be able to shoot belt feed if anything.Whats the harm?Women abort baby on a regular basis in hawaii but nobody lifts a finger.

**SB-308**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308

This bill affects my ability own magazines which I use for competition shooting, self-defense and to teach classes with. It bans the most common magazines and requires the costly modification of existing magazines which could also make them unreliable.

This bill is extremely unconstitutional and will adversely affect law abiding gun owners. Please focus your efforts on criminals making laws that penalize them (and enforcing those laws) without affecting legal gun owners in any way.

The US Supreme Court is currently considering taking an appeal Snopes v Brown which will determine the unconstitutionality of Maryland's assault weapon ban.

<https://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/snope-v-brown/>

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/search.aspx?filename=/docket/docketfiles/html/public/24-203.html>

Todd Yukutake

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill because it bans standard equipment sold by the manufacturer. This limits my ability to purchase many types of competition and self defense (not "assault weapon") style firearms. This bill will create an unnecessary law that does not make me feel safer but rather less safe. What if I'm in a situation that I need to defend myself against multiple gang members? I would prefer to have a higher capacity magazine in order to escape with my life.

**SB-308**

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

Comments:

here's a quote from the proposed bill: "The purpose of this Act is to expand the ban on pistols..."

Are you baning pistols or magazines? Because whoever wrote this apperas to be confused.

in either case, this bill is unconstitutional and I oppose it.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:52:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee,

I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to **S.B. 308**, which seeks to expand Hawaii's current ban on detachable magazines over ten rounds from applying only to pistols to **all firearms**, including rifles and shotguns. I respectfully urge the Committee to **immediately defer this bill** for the following reasons:

**Key Concerns with S.B. 308:**

- 1. Criminalization of Law-Abiding Citizens Without a Grandfather Clause**  
This bill would immediately make **tens of thousands of legally owned rifle and shotgun magazines illegal overnight with no provision for current owners**. There is **no grandfather clause**, no buyback program, and no clear compliance process, meaning responsible gun owners would suddenly face legal jeopardy for possessing magazines that were previously lawful.
- 2. No Evidence That Magazine Bans Reduce Crime**  
There is **no data to support the claim that banning magazines over ten rounds reduces violent crime**. Most criminals **do not comply with magazine bans**, and this measure only affects **law-abiding citizens** who use these magazines for lawful purposes.
- 3. Conflict with U.S. Supreme Court Rulings**  
The Supreme Court's decisions in **District of Columbia v. Heller (2008)** and **New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen (2022)** reaffirmed that firearm restrictions must be consistent with **historical firearm regulations** and cannot impose **undue burdens on lawful gun ownership**. High-capacity magazines are in **common use across the United States**, making a ban legally vulnerable under **Second Amendment protections**. Similar laws in **California, Illinois, and New Jersey are already facing legal challenges**, with courts questioning their constitutionality.
- 4. Hawaii's Existing 10-Round Pistol Magazine Ban is Already Being Challenged**  
Hawaii's **ban on pistol magazines exceeding ten rounds is currently being challenged in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals**, with plaintiffs arguing that such restrictions violate the Second Amendment. Expanding this restriction to **all firearms** will likely compound the legal vulnerabilities and increase the risk of **costly litigation for the state**. Courts have already questioned whether magazine capacity restrictions align with the **historical tradition of firearm regulation**, making the expansion of such a ban legally precarious.

5. **This Bill Has Been Introduced Repeatedly Without Justification**

S.B. 308 is not a new proposal; **similar bills have been introduced multiple times over the past decade**. Despite these efforts, **Hawaii has not seen these magazines or firearms commonly used in crimes throughout the state**. The continued push for this ban, despite a lack of supporting crime data, raises concerns about whether this legislation is **addressing an actual issue or simply targeting law-abiding firearm owners**.

6. **Disproportionate Impact on Competitive Shooters and Hunters**

Many firearms used for **hunting, sport shooting, and competitive events** come standard with magazines over **ten rounds**. Restricting these magazines would:

- Prevent residents from competing in **national and international shooting sports**.
- Limit the effectiveness of **self-defense firearms**, as standard-capacity magazines often hold more than ten rounds.
- Place **Hawaii at a disadvantage** compared to other states that allow standard-capacity magazines for lawful activities.

7. **Enforcement Challenges and Widespread Non-Compliance**

Other states with similar bans, such as **California and New York**, **have seen extremely low compliance rates**, with law enforcement struggling to enforce magazine restrictions. Determining whether a magazine is legal (e.g., permanently modified or not) creates **burdensome enforcement issues** and diverts resources away from addressing **actual violent crime**.

## **Conclusion:**

S.B. 308 is an **unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction** that punishes law-abiding gun owners **without addressing any real public safety concerns**. Given the **lack of crime data supporting this ban**, the **constitutional challenges it is likely to face**, and the **undue burden it places on law-abiding citizens**, I respectfully urge the Committee to **immediately defer S.B. 308**. Hawaii should focus on enforcing **existing laws** and addressing **actual causes of violent crime**, rather than penalizing responsible firearm owners for possessing common, standard-capacity magazines.

**SB-308**

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

Comments:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SB-308**

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

Comments:

The Supreme court has found that a 10 round limit is arbitrary and not constitutional. Magazines can be changed in a fraction of a second with practice. The real problem is criminals and not honest citizens with any kind of firearm or weapon. Go after the criminals.

**SB-308**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marvin Pascual	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-308**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mary Healy	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-308**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

I vehemently OPPOSE this bill SB308. So this bill will criminalize self defense? So I guess that if a bad guy kills my family members or any citizen, and the firearm owner defends them and takes the bad guy out, the owner will get arrested? What is wrong with this? Unfortunately, the authors of this bill drank too much of the lefts kool-aid. Once again, another attempt to Violate the 2nd Amendment, in a very bad way, people will die, because citizens will do nothing to protect their fellow man if you pass this bill, out of fear of retaliation from bills like this. I honestly do not know what is wrong with you folks. Remember, we live in the Aloha State, but at this rate I think that we should be called "the sitting duck" state. VoteNO on SB 308.

Thank you

Noela von Wiegandt

**SB-308**

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

Comments:

I oppose. Besides the current Abbot vs. Lopez lawsuit that is pending, there is no grandfather clause.

Wait till that lawsuit is finish before trying to pass any more laws.

**SB-308**

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

Comments:

I oppose this.

**SB-308**

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill being modified to apply to any firearm. It does not keep anyone who is already disregarding and/or ignoring current laws or future laws from obtaining standard magazines or parts for standard magazines with capacity over the proposed limit of this bill.

It will only put the law abiding citizens at further disadvantage should they be faced with an unlawful person in possession of standard capacity magazines while those law abiding citizens only have lower capacity magazines.

**SB-308**

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

Comments:

I am an amputee so banning magazines that hold enough rounds to defend my self from multiple attackers puts my self and my family at risk. It is very difficult for someone that has less fingers to reload. A standard capacity magazine that holds 30 rounds allows me to feel safe that I can protect my self If milyiple individuals try to viciously attack me. Banning standard capacity magazines in a constitutional infringement on the second amendment.

Aloha,

I am providing written testimony in **opposition** to SB308.

The provision to ban detachable magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds does nothing but instantly criminalize law-abiding firearms owners. There are likely hundreds of thousands of legally owned standard capacity magazines in the hands of Hawaii residents. There is no grandfather clause and thus, anyone who doesn't know about SB308 will face misdemeanor charges, potentially felony implications.

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), through the NYSRPA vs. Bruen decision (2022), recently established "text, history, and tradition" as the new standard for jurisprudence regarding the Second Amendment. SB308 provides no historical analogs to justify its consideration. Reaching further back, the SCOTUS decision in District of Columbia vs. Heller (2008) noted that arms in common use for lawful purposes cannot be banned. Magazines are considered arms, by definition, and thus a ban on standard capacity magazines is, by and large, an arms ban. SB308 demonstrates a blatant disregard of numerous SCOTUS decisions and should not be considered for approval.

Mahalo.

**SB-308**

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

**SB-308**

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

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB308

SB308 is an unnecessary and unjust restriction on law-abiding gun owners. Banning firearm magazines over 10 rounds will not effectively address gun violence or make our communities safer. Criminals who are intent on harming others will simply find ways to obtain high-capacity magazines through illegal means. This ban unfairly punishes responsible gun owners who use higher capacity magazines for self-defense or competitive shooting sports. Limiting magazine capacity also undermines the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and their families. Instead of focusing on ineffective and arbitrary bans, we should be addressing the root causes of violence and working towards solutions that will truly make a difference in our communities. I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SB308 and uphold your commitment to our state's and country's constitution.

**SB-308**

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

Comments:

I oppose because it goes against the second ammendment

**SB-308**

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It defies Americans 2nd amendment rights and is unconstitutional

**SB-308**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill it is an attack on our second amendment rights

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 4:53:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

Good morning/or afternoon,

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Allan Sebastian

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 5:14:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this because it violates our 2A rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 5:16:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 5:23:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly appalled SB308 As it is A direct violation of our second amendment rights

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 5:26:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noah van Aardenne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it is a direct violation of our second ammendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 5:39:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 it violates my second amendment rights!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 5:46:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The second amendment is a right and is not to be interpreted any other way.

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.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 5:54:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Sounds like it could violate the constitutional right to bare arms.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 6:09:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 6:35:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Whom It May Concern,

I oppose HB308 as it violates my constitutional rights for the 2nd Amendment: the right to keep and bear arms. As an Army Veteran, I swore to defend and protect the constitution of the United States and the American way of life. I rely on the 2nd Amendment to not only protect myself but my loved ones and property. Something that our forefathers have fought bravely and sacrificed themselves to protect these rights.

Mahalo for taking the time to hear my testimony.

Aloha,

Josh

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 6:42:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richy Chang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Hawaii State citizen of the United States, I **oppose SB308** as it is a infringement of the rights given by the 2nd amendment in the US constitution. SB308 would affect both law enforcement and civilians alike and deem them as felons.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 6:43:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308. It violates our second amendment rights. Lawful gun owners are not criminals. Criminals dont get guns legally. These tyoe of gun laws and regulations will make criminals out of law abiding citizens of the United States of America over night. It makes 0 sense, and there out 2nd amendment right "shall not be infringed".

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 6:45:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

2nd amendment right!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 6:59:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it directly violates our Second Amendment rights!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 7:04:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello and thank you very much for your time. I highly oppose of this bill as it very strongly violates our second amendment rights. You would literally be banning nearly every firearm made in this day and age. I appreciate your time and beg you to throw out these bill thank you

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 7:13:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB308 it violates my constitutional rights

Kristy Cruz

Hilo, HI 96721

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 7:56:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Senators of the committee,

I strongly oppose sb308 as this bill is unconstitutional, we have never had any situation where a firearms magazine capacity has been an issue. "Shall Not Be Infringed" was written pretty clear in the bill of rights.

Mahalo

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 8:09:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it violates my 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 9:16:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

Erik Walter, Waikoloa 96738

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 9:44:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Please respect my 2nd Amendment rights. I have served my Country/Community and have enjoyed target shooting for over thirty years and have always been a responsible firearms owner. Elements of this Bill would label me a criminal.

Please focus on the real criminals committing crimes in our neighborhoods, not the law-abiding citizens that enjoy the shooting sports. I work hard to be a good citizen...please treat me as such.

Thank you for your service to the State of Hawaii.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 9:48:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308

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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:01:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

this is unconstitutional.... i am a law abiding citizen. go after criminals make them give up their weapons and magazines

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:10:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 this bill!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:23:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**Dear Senators,**

**Please do not pass these restrictions on firearms that the public owns.**

**These restrictions excessively burden the public who have a right to self-defense from having access to their tools where ever they may face a dangerous confrontation. Why do you feel it necessary to limit the public’s ability to defend themselves when the aggressors, criminals, have no such limitations? Criminals can do anything but we the public have limitations? Who are you protecting with these ordinances anyway?**

**Perhaps you should read the 2nd Amendment and the 14th Amendments before you jump to the wrong conclusions regarding the rights of the People who you are violating.**

**Why spend the taxpayer’s time and money defending laws that are clearly against the U.S Constitution or even passing these ordinances in the first place? Everyone has the right to self-defense not just the criminals who break the laws and seem to have access to firearms with few consequences. The police do not have the responsibility to ensure the safety of the individual citizens and most of us can’t afford private armed guards. Most of us have a difficult time affording our basic daily needs. What about the people who deal with dangerous individuals every day at the bus stop? Who protects them? This proposal will embolden the criminal element in our neighborhoods. They will know we can’t defend ourselves and things will only get worse for the public. Do not limit our ability to transfer our firearms to our children upon our passing, they have every right to our private property.**

**Magazine limitations only put the defender at a disadvantage over their aggressors who don’t need to reload after the 10th shot.**

**We must carry the most effective tool for self-defense that we can obtain with our limited financial abilities. The current rules in place for the concealed carrying of a firearm are very burdensome for the public. Each individual, tax payers who pay for everything, deserve the ability to exercise the rights guaranteed by our creator and codified in the U.S. Constitution. I don’t understand why you believe it necessary to turn our rights into privileges with this proposal.**

**The U.S Constitution, the Buren, and the Heller decisions are not suggestions nor are they just for the other 49 states, they are the law of the land. These new regulations are not about public safety, but about taking the power from the public and giving it to the criminal element. Do not pass this bill. Each Senator who votes in favor of this proposal votes against our constitutional rights and should be held accountable. Do not change our existing laws to make them more restrictive for the taxpaying people of Hawaii. Do not pass this bill.**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:34:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose! This is plain over reach!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:36:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop infringing on your constituents' rights. All bills for any type of gun control are unconstitutional. This will get taken to court and the state roll lose. Wasting taxpayer money is all politicians know how to do. Stop.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:55:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 11:07:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill.

This will not make Hawaii or it's population ANY Safer! As We all can witness Criminals don't follow laws or bills. This just removes law abiding legal gun owners ability to hunt big game and also offer a protective buffer against any criminal element intending to use your laws and bills against US ALL. Law enforcement officers cannot always be there to provide protection for everyone. This types of frivolous bills can by cause and effect create worse situations .Do not Enable it.. Mahalo for your time

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 11:17:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 11:54:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It's always the Democrats violating the 2nd Amendment.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 11:55:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

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**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 11:56:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 12:09:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly Oppose SB308!

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

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**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 1:08:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 as it goes against the 2nd amendment in our constitution. Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the country and also has one of the lowest gun crime rates in the country. Creating more laws won't affect criminals as criminals don't care about laws. It will only affect law abiding citizens. I implore all you senators to oppose all these bills and uphold our constitution like you all were voted in to do.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 3:15:53 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

i oppose bill SB308. so for no true reason you want to make well over a hundred thousand leggaly bought magazines illegal. so what now after hundreds or thousands of dolles legaly spent to buy legaly perchased magazines you are telling us o well you are shit out of luck F you and your rights and money we dont give a shit about you low life gun owners. altho gun crime is low in hawaii you dont need more than 10 rounds TRY TELLING THAT TO A POLICE OFFICER. o ya thats rught we citizens are beneth them and apparntly you. just more overreach by the kings and queens of hawaii

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 6:32:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 7:45:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb308 and believe it infringes on my 2nd amendment rights. It only targets law abiding citizens and makes it harder for me to purchase guns to defend myself and family if this was to go into effect. Instead of creating more restrictive gun laws enforce the ones we have already.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 8:27:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

How is this bill gonna make law enforcement and the military exempt while us law abiding citizens suffer and get treated like criminals ? I hope this bill gets shot down or tried as a Supreme Court case. It's completely unconstitutional and if not criminal !!!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 8:46:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Why take away our rights from responsible people who owns these items. Go after the drug dealers and crackhead who pollutes our community. That is one of the reasons why we own such thing to protect our life and property from these people.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 9:02:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments: This bill is negates our constitutional rights

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:12:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308.

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

Mahalo,

Tyson Ishibashi

Mountain View, HI 96771

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 9:12:53 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill, these bills do not makes us safer. It's striping our rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:19:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It is another move from government to strip away our rights and criminalize lw abiding people. Kill this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:22:36 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

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**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:50:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kai nalu kelly-poznansky	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

SB308's ban on firearm magazines over 10 rounds is unconstitutional and directly infringes on our Second Amendment rights. The right to bear arms is a fundamental individual right that should not be arbitrarily limited by the government. Restricting magazine capacity hinders law-abiding citizens from effectively defending themselves and their families, which goes against the core principles of the Second Amendment. This bill unfairly targets responsible gun owners and undermines their ability to exercise their constitutional rights. It is essential to uphold and protect the Second Amendment as a cornerstone of our democracy, and SB308 clearly violates this fundamental right. This bill is a blatant disregard and violation of our president's executive order on 02/07/2025

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 12:21:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha this testimony is in relation to SB308.

I oppose this bill as I do not believe this line of achieving more firearm safety has stood up to the test of time. In states where they have similar capacity restrictions and mass shootings, their news articles show they perpetrator they simply had back packs or duffel bags filled with loaded state legal capacity magazines. They simply reload and continue on. Those news articles report a similar number of people still being hurt/injured/killed in those mass shootings as before the magazine bans took effect. Due to a number of these news articles reporting similar things I do not believe limiting magazine capacity is having any real measurable effect on mass shootings and should be abandoned. Other, hopefully scientifically researched, methos should be pursued so there will be a more measurable effect on the real world.

An additional reason is more of a personal survivability thought process. If I choose to have a firearm as one of my self defense tools to answer lethal force with lethal force. I would want to give myself the best chance to protect my life and my family's lives. Multiple news articles locally and nationally report criminals in possession of state illegal magazines while committing their crimes. If I am in the situation where those crimes threaten my life and the life of my family and I am having to react to the bad situation, as usually seems to be the case in the news articles, then I do not want to be at a disadvantage. If the criminal presenting a lethal threat to me has way more rounds in their magazine and I only had time to grab my firearm with a much more limited capacity, I will be at a severe disadvantage, not to mention the cases where I would be up against more than one criminal with a firearm. To me equal footing as far as magazine capacity would be to have the same number of rounds in the magazine that the criminal(s) have.

For these reasons that make sense to me, I feel that this avenue of increasing firearm safety is one that should be abandoned in lieu of finding more scientifically effective ways.

Thank you for your time.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 1:05:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 SB308, which seeks to expand the ban on pistols with a detachable magazine exceeding ten rounds to include any firearm with a detachable magazine exceeding ten rounds. This bill is an overreaching and ineffective measure that will burden law-abiding citizens while doing little to deter crime.

One of the primary concerns with SB308 is its enforceability. Banning magazines based solely on capacity is extremely difficult to regulate and will likely lead to arbitrary enforcement. Criminals, by definition, do not abide by firearm laws, meaning they will continue to obtain and use high-capacity magazines illegally. Law enforcement resources should be directed toward addressing violent crime, not restricting the rights of responsible gun owners.

This legislation unfairly penalizes law-abiding citizens who utilize standard-capacity magazines for self-defense, competitive shooting, and recreational activities. Many commonly owned firearms come standard with magazines exceeding ten rounds, and this bill would turn responsible gun owners into criminals overnight for simply possessing standard equipment.

Instead of imposing further restrictions on law-abiding citizens, legislators should focus on addressing the real issue: why are violent criminals not being held accountable for their actions? More should be done to prosecute and incarcerate offenders who misuse firearms rather than targeting responsible gun owners who follow the law.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to oppose SB308 and prioritize policies that effectively combat crime without infringing upon the rights of law-abiding citizens. Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,  
Wayne Asam

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 1:34:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

Kelly Campbell

Hilo, 96720

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 2:25:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am opposing this bill due to the fact it is unconstitutional.

thank you.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 2:41:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am opposing this bill because this is unconstitutional!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 3:11:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is 2A infringement

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 4:27:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It is against my 2A rights

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 4:39:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a law abiding, tax paying citizen. I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of my 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 4:44:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

ChatGPT said:

I strongly oppose Hawaii SB308, which seeks to impose restrictions on firearm magazines by limiting them to 10 rounds, rather than allowing the use of the standard capacity magazines that come with every firearm. This bill unfairly increases the barrier to lawful gun ownership, as it forces responsible citizens to purchase additional, smaller capacity magazines at significant cost, when the standard magazines that come with firearms are perfectly legal and designed for efficient use.

Moreover, restrictions like these have already been struck down in other courts, as they infringe upon the fundamental rights of law-abiding citizens. Banning standard capacity magazines not only burdens gun owners but also fails to achieve any meaningful reduction in crime or violence. In fact, such restrictions disproportionately impact responsible gun owners who follow the law, without addressing the underlying causes of violence or illegal gun use. This bill stands in direct opposition to both common sense and constitutional rights and should be rejected

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 4:51:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 5:26:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clifford mello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB308, which seeks to expand the ban on detachable magazines with a capacity exceeding ten rounds to include all firearms. This legislation does not align with constitutional principles, national standards, or the priorities that truly matter to the people of Hawaii.

**Hawaii’s Gun Policies Are Out of Step with the Nation**

Hawaii’s extreme firearm restrictions already place it among the most regulated states in the country. Despite these laws, Hawaii is not immune to violent crime, proving that restricting the rights of law-abiding citizens does not deter criminals. The argument that more prohibitions will enhance public safety is misleading and ignores national data.

The U.S. Supreme Court has made it clear in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) and *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* (2022) that the Second Amendment protects arms “in common use” for lawful purposes such as self-defense. Standard-capacity magazines, often exceeding ten rounds, are used by millions of Americans for home protection, sporting, and lawful carry. Banning them puts Hawaii even further out of step with constitutional law and national precedent.

**The Aloha Spirit Is About Respect, Not Government Control**

Some have argued that gun control aligns with the “Aloha Spirit,” implying that restricting firearm rights is necessary for peace and safety. This is a false narrative designed to gaslight the public. The Aloha Spirit is about respect, unity, and responsibility, not excessive government overreach. Law-abiding gun owners are not the problem, and treating them as such contradicts both the spirit of community and the principles of individual liberty.

If the goal is truly public safety, education and enforcement against actual criminals should be the priority—not further restrictions that affect only those who already follow the law.

**Freedom and Education Over Prohibitions**

The solution to violence is not prohibition, but education and responsible governance. Instead of restricting constitutional rights, the legislature should focus on:

- Enforcing laws against violent criminals rather than criminalizing lawful gun owners.
- Expanding education on responsible firearm ownership rather than pushing ineffective bans.
- Addressing root causes of violence, including mental health, drug addiction, and economic struggles, rather than distracting the public with unnecessary gun laws.

## **The Rule of Law and Legislative Responsibility**

Hawaii's elected officials took an oath to uphold the Constitution, yet SB308 directly undermines that duty. The rule of law is not about political ideology—it is about respecting the fundamental rights of citizens.

Additionally, President Trump's recent executive order on "Protecting Second Amendment Rights" (Feb. 7, 2025) reinforces that firearm restrictions must be legally justified and consistent with constitutional protections. State laws must reflect national legal standards, not contradict them.

## **Conclusion**

SB308 is not about public safety—it is a political maneuver that punishes law-abiding citizens while doing nothing to stop violent criminals. Hawaii should be focusing on real issues that impact its residents, such as crime prevention, economic stability, and education, rather than pushing an agenda that is out of step with the Constitution and national precedent.

I urge you to reject SB308 and stand for education, freedom, and responsible governance—not ineffective prohibitions that do nothing but erode constitutional rights.

Thank you,

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 6:35:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Francis Andrew Tumalin Repuya	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Instead of punishing law abiding citizens, wouldn't it be better to target criminals who create ghost guns which are used in many firearm related crimes?

How does a ten round magazine limitation prevent some 17 year old or 30 year old from running around the island with a ghost gun?

Rather than limiting the rounds in a magazine of a firearm it would be a better move to use state funding to locate and terminate websites that harbor the files to 3D print ghost guns and give harsher punishment to those possessing ghost guns or firearms with no serial numbers.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 7:34:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Pitman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB308, which seeks to expand the ban on pistols with a detachable magazine exceeding ten rounds to include all firearms. While I respect the intent to enhance public safety, this measure places undue restrictions on law-abiding gun owners while failing to address criminal misuse of firearms.

**1. No Evidence That Magazine Capacity Limits Reduce Crime**

There is little to no evidence that limiting magazine capacity reduces crime or gun violence. Criminals who intend to cause harm will not adhere to capacity restrictions, and law-abiding citizens will be left at a disadvantage in self-defense situations where multiple rounds may be necessary.

**2. Undermining Self-Defense Rights**

Many responsible gun owners rely on standard-capacity magazines for home defense and personal protection. A ban on magazines exceeding ten rounds arbitrarily limits a citizen's ability to effectively defend themselves and their families, particularly in cases of multiple attackers.

**3. Burden on Law-Abiding Citizens**

Expanding the magazine capacity ban to all firearms creates an unnecessary burden on lawful gun owners, sports shooters, and collectors. Many commonly used rifles and handguns come standard with magazines exceeding ten rounds, making this bill a de facto ban on widely owned firearms.

**4. Criminals Will Not Comply**

Those who engage in criminal activities do not abide by magazine capacity laws. This law only restricts responsible firearm owners while doing little to deter those who intend to break the law. Instead, law enforcement efforts should focus on illegal firearm trafficking and violent offenders.

**5. Existing Laws Already Address Gun Violence**

Hawaii already has some of the strictest firearm regulations in the nation. Rather than imposing further restrictions on law-abiding citizens, resources should be allocated to enforcing existing laws and addressing underlying social issues contributing to violent crime.

## **Conclusion**

I urge the committee to reject SB308 and instead focus on legislation that effectively targets criminal activity without infringing on the rights of responsible gun owners. Addressing gun violence requires a comprehensive approach that prioritizes enforcement and intervention rather than broad restrictions on law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 7:44:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Duclayan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill SB308**

Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill SB308, which seeks to expand the ban on pistols with a detachable magazine with over a ten-round capacity to any firearm with a detachable magazine with over a ten-round capacity. As a staunch supporter of the 2nd Amendment, I believe this bill infringes upon the fundamental rights of law-abiding citizens to bear arms and protect themselves.

The 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This right is essential for self-defense, the protection of property, and the preservation of individual liberties. By restricting the presence of firearms with detachable magazines, SB308 undermines the very principles upon which our nation was founded.

**Legal Justifications:** The 2nd 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". The Supreme Court has affirmed this right in landmark cases such as District of Columbia v. Heller (2008), which recognized an individual's right to possess firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense within the home. Additionally, McDonald v. Chicago (2010) extended this protection to state and local governments. These rulings underscore the importance of the 2nd Amendment in safeguarding individual liberties against government overreach.

In Hawaii, the state constitution mirrors the U.S. Constitution in protecting the right to keep and bear arms. However, recent rulings by the Hawaii Supreme Court have challenged this interpretation. For example, the court has emphasized the "spirit of Aloha," prioritizing the safety and well-being of residents over the unrestricted right to carry firearms in public. Despite this, the federal rulings in Heller and McDonald remain applicable, reinforcing the individual right to bear arms.

Furthermore, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has recently ruled in favor of protecting 2nd Amendment rights in cases such as Teter v. Lopez, which declared Hawaii's ban on butterfly knives unconstitutional. This ruling highlights the ongoing legal challenges to restrictive firearm laws in Hawaii and underscores the importance of upholding constitutional rights.

There is no substantial evidence to suggest that the presence of legally carried firearms with detachable magazines poses a significant threat to public safety. Law-abiding citizens who choose to carry firearms do so responsibly and with the intention of protecting themselves and others. Criminals, on the other hand, are unlikely to be deterred by such restrictions and may even be emboldened by the knowledge that law-abiding citizens are disarmed.

It is also important to consider the potential unintended consequences of this bill. By creating additional restrictions on firearms, SB308 may inadvertently make these areas more attractive targets for those with malicious intent. The presence of armed, responsible citizens can serve as a deterrent to criminal activity and enhance the overall safety of our communities.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the implications of Senate Bill SB308 and to uphold the constitutional rights of Hawaii's citizens. The 2nd Amendment is a cornerstone of our democracy, and any legislation that seeks to undermine it must be carefully scrutinized. I respectfully request that you vote against SB308 and protect the rights of law-abiding citizens to bear arms.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Duclayan

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 8:11:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose as I believe it restricts citizens from protecting themselves, their home and their family at their fullest capabilities

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 6:42:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha to all honorable legislators of the state of Hawaii,

My name is Martin Humpert and I vigorously oppose SB308, And I hope you do too.

This Bill is clearly written in defiance of existing Supreme Court decisions, and therefore is unconstitutional on its face. The authors of this bill are clearly showing their extreme contempt for the civil rights of the citizens of the state of Hawaii by daring to propose such an outrageous measure. SB308 seeks to use, a smokescreen of fear tactics to deprive US citizens, honest US citizens, of their property, ability to protect themselves, and civil rights.

Every mechanical device known to man can be used for good or evil. A hammer can be used to build a house just as much as it can be turned into a weapon for a deadly assault. There are multiple recent news articles about just such "hammer crime" based attacks upon the citizens of Hawaii and the United States. But nobody is seeking to ban hammers.

The state of Hawaii has a long history of neglecting the mental health needs of minorities and the poor. This is a shameful legacy that speaks volumes of the failings of our elected officials to do the right thing. Instead, our legislatures seek to bar and confiscate the property of the most law abiding demographic in our nation, the American gun owner. By some twisted form of logic American gun owners are seen as representing the source of an evil that in reality has been allowed to grow by virtue of the neglect exhibited by our elected officials. To this I say, fund mental health programs and stop attacking the US Constitution.

SB 308 will empower criminals that do not follow the law. SB 308 will see honest citizens kept at a disadvantage when criminals confront us. SB 308 will turn honest citizens into criminals. Therefore, If you care about the US Constitution, if you care about the rights of honest citizens, if you care about the ability of minorities to have the means of self protection at hand, then you will oppose SB 308.

Thank you.



**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 8:31:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hawaii currently has some of the strictest firearms laws in the nation and this is just another law that turns law abiding citizens into criminals and does nothing to address the criminals we currently have. Try enforcing our current laws before making new ones..

Thank you...Sheldon Agena

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:33:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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. This bill doesn't affect the criminals, criminals don't follow the law. That's why they are criminals. Stop punishing law abiding citizens and infringing on their 2nd amendment rights. There is no evidence a bill such as this helps protect your citizens at all.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:50:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it further violates the 2nd amendment

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 11:00:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As stated in the 2nd amendment of our constitution, "right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed". The government is restricting magazine capacity only to set a precedence to further restrictions. Who is the government to say how many rounds we can have in a magazine used to protect ourselves? How did they come up with a 10 round limit? Once the government is allowed to set these arbitrary limits, they will further restrict to less than 10 rounds. This proposed law will not save lives. It only goes after the law abiding citizen.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 11:16:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Michael W. Sawamoto

PO Box 60382

Ewa Beach HI 96706

Testimony in Opposition to SB308

I oppose this bill in it's entirety.

I urge the Committee to vote "No" on SB308.

Respectfully yours

Michael W. Sawamoto

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 12:21:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The supreme court has already ruled that magazines are protected under the second amendment, also a bill similar to this has already been ruled unconstiutional in the state of oregon. This proposed unconstitutional bill is flawed and should not be passed.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 12:54:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 12:57:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 this bill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 3:48:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB308's ban on magazines holding more than 10 rounds is unconstitutional, a violation of Second Amendment rights, and hinders the ability to protect one's self against armed criminal elements that would certainly not limit themselves to the restrictions this bill proposes. In this way, this bill only serves to undermine the rights and self defense capabilities of law abiding citizens and for this reason, I oppose SB308 and urge the legislature to do the same.

Joseph Vesperas

Hilo Hawaii 96720

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 4:00:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 6:36:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**Name: Willy Colt**

**February 9, 2025**

**Profession: DOE, Teacher**

**Zip Code: 96789**

**Position: Opposed to SB308**

**Purpose of firearm ownership: Historical, Collecting, Self-Defense, Sports and Recreation**

**Dear Hawaii State Legislature,**

**“Hawaii's gun laws are seventh strongest among the 50 states ... and Hawaii's gun death rate is the fifth lowest.” - Hawaii Business Magazine, 2025**

**While Hawaii’s gun laws are not the strongest in the nation, it doesn’t have to be. The laws are very strict as they are now. Adding another law which bans pre-existing guns and legally obtained guns is flawed and unenforceable.**

**It would be like making motorcycles illegal because they caused, “29% of Hawaii traffic fatalities in 2023.” - Hawaii Department of Transportation**

**If SB308 is passed into law it would take away my freedom of choice. That would be poor judgment. A tool such as a hammer or scissors does not make the owner a criminal. Neither should guns nor firearm accessories make its owner a criminal. Criminal behavior makes a criminal.**

**Do not allow SB308 to become law. Do not take away my freedom.**

**Best regards,**

**Willy Colt**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:49:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 disagree with this bill as an infringement of my 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:12:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308.

Refer to the language of the 2nd amendment. It's simple.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:43:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I require all you all to stop this nonsense of limiting men and women's access to 'arms' and focus your energies on issues that matter. Such as renovating critical infrastructure, help people to more easily build a home, reviewing old acts, codes, statutes etc and eliminating those that are antiquated and do not apply to anything any more. Bills such as SB 308 are ludicrous! YOU will not save any lives by passing and implementing acts, codes, statutes like this!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:45:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments: I oppose all gun laws

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 10:51:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this cause it's a direct violation of our rights

February 9, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose all new gun related bills being presented during the 2025 legislative sessions. I could cite the Second Amendment of "Shall Not Be Infringed" but that seems to fall onto deaf ears with our current Hawaii Legislators. I am more concerned with the impact these new and modified bills will have on law abiding citizens of Hawaii. If these bills are passed, they will only act to punish law abiding citizens who are being grouped in with criminals by Hawaii Legislators. This could be compared to a Correctional Officer who "takes away recreation time from a whole housing unit because of the disruptive behavior of a few individuals rather than deal only with the individuals involved. That is unacceptable and so is what Hawaii Legislators are doing by introducing these bills.

If Hawaii Legislators are truly dedicated to protecting the citizens of Hawaii, then they should be more focused on updating Hawaii's self defense laws allowing citizens to better protect themselves. With Hawaii Law Enforcement being as understaffed and taxed as it is, allow citizens to defend themselves. Unfortunately, most violent crimes are committed by individuals who do not fear current or future laws or the consequences of their actions.

In conclusion, and to be clear, I strongly oppose the following bills being presented at the 2025 legislative session, to include but not limited to SB401, SB363 and SB308.

Thank you for your time.

Michael Kekaha

Makawao, Hawaii

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 11:35:37 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill SB 308. Because you are infringing on my Second Amendment Rights to Bear Arms. Such as MSR/ Modern Sporting Rifle/ AR15 which is the most popular Rifle in America. It has a detachable magazine common pistol of today comes with detachable magazines. You are forcing Legal Gun Owners to become Criminals with this Bill. You are Restricting every single Gun Owner the Right to Protect themselves against Criminals. Who does not care about such Gun laws and making us easy targets for harm death serious injury and bodily harm. Home invasion car jackings plus the limitations of only 10 rounds. That is stupid. Criminals will carry as many rounds as they want. Yet you want Law Abiding Gun Owners to only have 10 rounds. You are tying our hands. Hawaii Gun Laws is So Restricted in such a way from the past years and have not changed with the passing of time.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 12:10:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**Oppose**

This seems to be a re-hash of bills that have failed many times in prior years. Nothing has changed. It should fail again this year.

Why? This is pointless. A magazine can be changed in about 3 seconds. Even less with some practice. So one 30 round magazine = 3 10 round magazines + 6 seconds. Does that really change anything? Is this supposed to stop or prevent mass shootings? The strict purchasing and registration requirements in Hawaii already accomplish that.

Suddenly declaring a legal item to now be illegal seems like a government takings situation. What kind of buyback program will purchase the legally acquired magazines already out there? How will this be funded? Or will existing hi capacity magazines be grandfathered in? None of these mags are serialized.

**Oppose**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 12:22:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is a direct violation of my 2nd amendment rights. As an American citizen I do not support this bill or any bill directed towards taking my freedoms away!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 12:23:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph Stenaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The intent of SB308 is to reduce the lethality of rifles and prevent mass casualties by banning higher capacity rifle magazines, this approach **is fundamentally flawed**. Banning higher capacity rifle magazines would not address the root causes of violence, infringes on the rights of law-abiding citizens, and fails to achieve reduction in gun violence. The proposed higher capacity rifle magazine ban in **SB308 is not needed for our state and should not advance for Senate vote**.

First, it is important to understand that banning higher capacity rifle magazines would not effectively prevent violent crimes. Proponents of the rifle magazine ban argue that limiting the capacity of magazines would reduce the number of rounds a shooter can fire in a brief period, thereby providing more opportunities for intervention. However, this line of thinking fails to acknowledge that individuals intent on causing harm can easily adapt. Shooters could simply carry multiple smaller magazines and swap them out quickly, rendering the higher capacity magazine ban ineffective. As a retired Navy officer this fact is true as a magazine change can be done VERY rapidly. Furthermore, most gun owners do not use rifles or magazines in the commission of crimes. Limiting rifle magazine size based on the actions of a few individuals unfairly punishes responsible gun owners who use their rifles for legal purposes, such as hunting, sport shooting, or self-defense.

Additionally, banning high-capacity magazines would be an infringement on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. The right to bear arms is enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, and it extends to owning the tools necessary for self-defense, hunting, and recreation. High-capacity magazines are a legitimate part of many firearms, especially semi-automatic rifles, which are popular among gun owners. These magazines enable users to engage in sporting activities and are particularly useful for those who rely on them for personal defense in situations where multiple threats may be present. Restricting access to these higher capacity magazines limits an individual's ability to adequately defend themselves or participate in legitimate activities. With the current political climate, restricting higher capacity rifle magazines will be quickly overruled by higher courts to include the US Supreme Court.

Moreover, a higher capacity rifle magazine ban overlooks the broader issue of gun violence. Mass shootings, while tragic, make up a small fraction of overall gun-related violence. **The real issue lies in addressing the root causes of violence, such as mental health, poverty, and social alienation**, rather than imposing blanket restrictions that do little to address these factors. Studies have shown that magazine capacity does not significantly reduce casualties in mass

shootings. In fact, the 1994 Federal Assault Weapons Ban, which included a provision limiting magazine capacity, **had little to no measurable effect on the frequency or lethality of mass shootings. The ban was allowed to expire in 2004, and research indicated that there was no meaningful change in gun violence rates during or after the ban's implementation.** Lastly, a 2019 Rand study could find **NO correlation between high-capacity magazine bans such as those proposed on rifles in SB 308 to reductions in firearm homicides or injuries.**

Finally, banning higher-capacity rifle magazines would create unnecessary obstacles for law-abiding gun owners without improving public safety. Instead of focusing on symbolic measures that may not work, Hawaii should prioritize more effective strategies, such as better background checks, improved mental health care, and addressing the root causes of violence. Efforts to criminalize specific types of firearms accessories such as higher capacity magazines are unlikely to have the desired impact on reducing gun violence and will only serve to alienate responsible gun owners.

In conclusion, banning higher capacity rifle magazine is a bad idea because SB308 fails to address the real causes of violence, infringe on individual rights, and would have negligible effect on mass shooting outcomes. A more comprehensive and balanced approach is needed to tackle the complex issue of gun violence in our society. **Vote no to SB308.**

Thank you for your time

Joseph Stenaka

Waikiki

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 12:32:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill violates the Second Amendment Rights and whoever wrote it should be fired immediately consistently infringement on people's right is becoming a real issue .

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 12:42:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. This is unconstitutional and is wasteful time spent creating these bills. You will also make so many people loose money by making all their magazines illegal

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 1:19:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha

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

Thank you

Norberto Dumo

Hilo HI 96720

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 1:26:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308. It violates 2nd Ammendment of the U.S. Contition. It will do nothing to curve violence created by criminals. Thank you.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 1:26:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Lau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is **Robert Lau**, and I am submitting testimony in **strong opposition** to **SB 308**, which seeks to expand the ban on pistols with detachable magazines over ten rounds to include all firearms.

This bill is an **unnecessary and unconstitutional overreach** that punishes law-abiding gun owners while failing to deter crime. **Hawaii already has some of the most restrictive firearm laws in the country**, and further limiting magazine capacity will only hurt responsible citizens rather than criminals, who do not follow these laws in the first place.

**Unconstitutional and Legally Challenged**

This bill is **directly at odds** with recent federal court rulings. Just last year, **U.S. District Judge Roger Benitez ruled that California’s ban on standard-capacity magazines is unconstitutional** (*Duncan v. Bonta*), stating that it violates the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. The judge recognized that **magazine capacity limits put individuals at a disadvantage when defending themselves against criminals**, who do not adhere to these restrictions.

Furthermore, **the 9th Circuit Court has already struck down similar bans** in California, signaling that such laws will **not hold up under constitutional scrutiny**. If SB 308 is enacted, it is almost certain to face legal challenges, wasting taxpayer dollars on lawsuits the state is unlikely to win.

**Standard Capacity, Not High Capacity**

The **majority of modern firearms come with magazines exceeding ten rounds as standard**. Restricting these magazines does not make our communities safer—it only **limits the rights of responsible gun owners while giving criminals an advantage**. Law-abiding citizens should not be forced to defend themselves with inferior equipment due to arbitrary government mandates.

**Fails to Address Crime**

There is **no credible evidence** that magazine capacity limits reduce violent crime. Criminals do not care about legal restrictions, and they **will continue to obtain and use standard-capacity magazines regardless of this law**. Instead of targeting lawful gun owners, **Hawaii should focus on enforcing existing laws and addressing the root causes of crime**.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the committee to **reject SB 308**. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Mahalo,  
Robert Lau**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 2:54:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I opposed Hb 308.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 6:25:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

## Comments:

Hello, and thank you for reading my testimony. I urge you to oppose SB308. If passed, this bill will make thousands of Hawaii residents subject to criminal prosecution. Just the mere possession of a rifle magazine exceeding 10 rounds will be a crime. In order for current owners of these type of magazines to make them legal will cause a financial burden. This bill does nothing for public safety and if passed criminals who use firearms for unlawful purposes will not obey the law. I again urge you to oppose this bill. Thank you.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 6:50:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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, violates precedent in past Supreme Court rulings including Caetano, Heller, and Bruen, and would unfairly infringe upon the rights of Americans. Representatives who support this bill are not representing the people of Hawaii but rather the agendas of anti-gun, anti-American-values national organizations such as Everytown Et al. Each new year we the people have to fight to protect our second amendemnt rights here in Hawaii as representatives like the ones who have introduced this bill seek to restrict and infringe upon those rights. These actions are not going unnoticed. We must vote to replace those lawmakers who place the interests of anti-gun national organizations over the rights of the people.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:13:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven T Takekoshi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this legislative proposal.

The ban on standard capacity magazines, which have been in common use, impacts law abiding citizens who exercise their Constitutional right through the enjoyment of their firearms in hunting, training, or other shooting related hobbies. In the unlikely event that a law-abiding citizen must utilize a firearm in self-defense or the defense of others this proposal puts them at a disadvantage. Multiple studies show that even professionals like law enforcement officers, who enjoy standard capacity magazines over ten rounds, have reduced accuracy under duress which a defensive firearm scenario is likely to cause duress. Handicapping a law-abiding citizen from the best chances of successful defense and protection is unconscionable, yet this is your proposal? On this alone, this proposal should be rejected out of hand.

I believe we all can agree that taxes in Hawaii are already too high and affect the affordability of living here for the residents. This is why year over year we see an exodus of our families and friends, while the legislature does nothing to affect the high cost of living. There is not an endless supply of money and I believe we can agree we must prioritize our resources and actions to address these priorities which affect us here in Hawaii. We all know affordability and cost of living, traffic, mental health and homelessness, economic opportunity, and education are areas which need critical attention, yet this body focuses on almost a dozen firearms related proposals which many of the aforementioned issues are root causes of the issues these firearms proposals claim to correct, yet do not address the root causes. Perhaps our limited resources could be focused in priority. In case you have not noticed a recent election occurred and the American people want action, accountability, and transparency from their elected officials this proposal is far from that.

There are already legal challenges to firearm and magazine capacity bans which the State of Hawaii is either party to or has enjoined through amicus brief. Adding another legislative proposal which will likely be challenged requires resources, time and money, from our government. In other words, it costs the Hawaii taxpayer. Shouldn't this body focus on priorities not waste our limited resources on special interest gun control agendas that will likely be overturned by the courts at substantial cost to our State? Perhaps we could roll back your gross pay increases enacted in the last session and use those funds to support the special interest waste of resources to address lower priority issues?

Respectfully,

Steve Takekoshi

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:28:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:29:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is an infringement on my rights as a law abiding taxpayer paying citizen. If this bill is passed I will have no other choice but to sell all of my properties and claim residency in a state that protects my rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:40:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**Hi my name is Andrew Ken Wong and I've been living in Hawaii for 36 years on the island of Oahu. I would ask that members of this hearing understand that this bill does more harm to the community and the law enforcement who protects it. Let me start with the estimated population as of 2024 for the state of Hawaii which is 1,446,146. The estimated police force (patrol officers, sheriffs, supervisors, and detectives) is about 3,000 as of 2024. Now throw in the fact this state gets visitors all year round which as of reported in 2023 totals up to 9,657,607. Why am I bringing up these numbers? In the case of *Deshaney v. Winnebago County Department of Social Services* (1989) it was ruled that the STATE was not obligated to protect a child from his abusive father and in the case of *Warren v. District of Columbia* (1981) it was ruled the police was not obligated to protect a woman from her husband who had violated a restraining order. Another case I would like to point out is *CASTLE ROCK v. GONZALES* [04-278], 545 U.S. 748 (2005) which again the police was not obligated to arrest a husband who violated a restraining order. All this makes sense why they are not obligated because it is physically impossible for a force of about 3,000 officers to somehow protect about 11,000,000 people's lives. That would mean each officer would be responsible for about 3,660 lives. More officers are not the answer as that job requires a certain aptitude and qualities that the masses do not. Instead, it would fall on to law abiding citizens to help protect their communities and even law enforcement. For law abiding citizens to do that we need tools to be effective, not more restrictions or bans. Law enforcement and military are issued standard magazine capacity which are 20 – 30 rounds for rifles and for pistols are 15 – 24 rounds. Why is it labeled high capacity when it is not in those fields? There's a reason why law enforcement and the military does not have a "standard" 10 round capacity for any of these platforms. It is needed to perform their duties and we the law-abiding citizens also need actual standard capacity magazines to perform our duties too. I hope I was able to convince you ladies and gentlemen or at least have some doubt about the effectiveness of this bill. Thank you for your time.**

**Sincerely,  
Andrew Ken Wong**

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**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:10:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is major infringement on our rights as responsible law abiding citizens of this state , and country. (2A)

I fully oppose SB 308. And you in the Senate should as well .

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:24:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

My name is Raymond Ishii and I strongly Oppose SB308 as it is a violation on my rights as given to me by our creator and guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The United States Supreme Court in the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association Vs Bruen has affirmed that the 2nd Amendment is a individual right and The Supreme Court declared that any regulation affecting the right to bear arms must be rooted in the “historical tradition of firearm regulation” in the United States.

President Donald Trump's Executive Order date 02-07-25 states as follows:

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. The Second Amendment is an indispensable safeguard of security and liberty. It has preserved the right of the American people to protect ourselves, our families, and our freedoms since the founding of our great Nation. Because it is foundational to maintaining all other rights held by Americans, the right to keep and bear arms must not be infringed.

Sec. 2. Plan of Action. (a) Within 30 days of the date of this order, the Attorney General shall examine all orders, regulations, guidance, plans, international agreements, and other actions of executive departments and agencies (agencies) to assess any ongoing infringements of the Second Amendment rights of our citizens, and present a proposed plan of action to the President, through the Domestic Policy Advisor, to protect the Second Amendment rights of all Americans.

(b) In developing such proposed plan of action, the Attorney General shall review, at a minimum:

(i) All Presidential and agencies’ actions from January 2021 through January 2025 that purport to promote safety but may have impinged on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens;

(ii) Rules promulgated by the Department of Justice, including by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, from January 2021 through January 2025 pertaining to firearms and/or Federal firearms licensees;

(iii) Agencies’ plans, orders, and actions regarding the so-called “enhanced regulatory enforcement policy” pertaining to firearms and/or Federal firearms licensees;

(iv) Reports and related documents issued by the White House Office of Gun Violence

Prevention;

(v) The positions taken by the United States in any and all ongoing and potential litigation that affects or could affect the ability of Americans to exercise their Second Amendment rights;

(vi) Agencies' classifications of firearms and ammunition; and

(vii) The processing of applications to make, manufacture, transfer, or export firearms.

Sec. 3. Implementation. Upon submission of the proposed plan of action described in section 2 of this order, the Attorney General shall work with the Domestic Policy Advisor to finalize the plan of action and establish a process for implementation.

Sec. 4. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department, agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

President Trump's Executive Order simply states that Firearms have been used since the founding of our great Republic for the protection of ourselves, our families and our freedom, and is the foundation for all the other rights we as Americans hold dear, the rights of the people must not be infringed.

The argument some may make is when the Bill of Rights were written, the only firearms technology they had were muzzle loaders. What they fail to realize is the muzzle loader was the AR-15 of its day and the AR-15 is covered by the 2nd Amendment. The same way radio, television and the internet porn is protected by the 1st Amendment, and the contents of your cell phone and computer are protected by the 4th Amendment.

SB308 if passed will have the effect of punishing ten of thousand of law abiding, taxpaying citizens of the state all of whom have passed both a rigorous criminal and mental health background checks conducted by the county Police Departments because the acts of a very few.

SB308 as written is based on the current law banning pistol magazines that hold more than 10 rounds, the current law is so poorly written that in my opinion is unenforceable. If SB308 is passed it will cause ten of thousand of law abiding, taxpaying citizens of the state all of whom have passed both a rigorous criminal and mental health background checks conducted by the county Police Departments to become felons overnight.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 308 and ask you to vote no.

Thank You

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:44:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

There are thousands of rifle magazines with greater than 10 round capacity in use by the citizens of Hawaii for protection, hunting and sporting purposes. Criminals are the threat to public safety, not magazines of any capacity owned and used by law-abiding residents of Hawaii. Please protect the constitution rights of these citizens by voting against this bill. Thank you.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:49:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose

## **Against SB308 Mag Ban**

I am against SB308, specifically the ban on this magazine ban.

My wife and I have a rifle and shotgun. We are both NRA certified (now expired) rifle and pistol instructors.

These restrictions leave upstanding citizens significantly, disadvantaged in their own home, against violent criminals who are willing to commit violent crime, will certainly not obey lesser laws of carrying weapons.

I have been working as a federal law enforcement agent/officer for the past 20 years. My wife would be passing the same background database checks as me. Whenever a firearm is purchased, the purchaser already goes through the same database checks as any law enforcement officer/agent.

**Rather than limiting upstanding citizens in their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights and their right to self defense, Hawaii should focus on laws that target criminals and their criminal behavior.**

Laws should be changed as follows:

1. Increasing the penalties of felons, especially violent and repeat offenders;
2. Limit the authority of the parole board, which is much, much too lenient.
3. Bail/bond guidelines needs to be drastically overhauled, making bond significantly higher for felons, especially violent and repeat offenders.
4. Drug court is a sham, a farce and is much too lenient. Prison or at least inpatient/in-custody rehab is much, much more effective than out-patient, and is needed for harsher drug addictions like cocaine, meth, and opioids.
5. Hawaii's judicial system is much, much too lenient, and much more lenient than, for example the US federal system. Hawaii's criminal system needs to administer much longer, tougher sentences.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. K. Fujimoto, S/A

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5. Hawaii's judicial system is much, much more lenient, than, for example the US federal system.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lori Fujimoto

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:32:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I strongly oppose SB308, as it is a direct violation of my second amendment rights

Mahalo for your time,

Tad Araki

Hilo 96720

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:42:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Fedor Polyakov	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation that seeks to expand the ban on firearms with detachable magazines exceeding ten rounds to include any firearm with such a magazine capacity.

While I fully understand the intent behind the legislation—namely, to reduce gun violence and improve public safety—I believe that this approach is both overly broad and ineffective. Here are the key points I believe should be considered:

- 1. Ineffectiveness in Reducing Gun Violence:** Research and statistics have consistently shown that magazine size is not a significant factor in the overall frequency or severity of gun violence. Most mass shootings and violent crimes are not exclusively committed using firearms with detachable magazines of over ten rounds. The focus should instead be on addressing mental health issues, better enforcement of existing laws, and preventing the illegal trafficking of firearms.
- 2. Impact on Law-Abiding Gun Owners:** This bill would disproportionately impact law-abiding gun owners, including those who use firearms for self-defense, sport shooting, and hunting. Many people own firearms with detachable magazines exceeding ten rounds for entirely lawful purposes. The expansion of the ban could result in the confiscation or destruction of lawfully owned property without addressing the root causes of violent crime.
- 3. Unintended Consequences:** Broadly restricting the capacity of firearms could push responsible gun owners to seek out illegal alternatives or circumvent the law. Moreover, it could lead to an increase in the number of unregistered, illegal firearms on the streets. A better approach would be to focus on common-sense measures that prioritize enforcement, mental health support, and education over blanket bans.
- 4. Infringement on Constitutional Rights:** The Second Amendment guarantees the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. Expanding the ban on firearms with detachable magazines exceeding ten rounds could be seen as an erosion of this fundamental right. Law-abiding citizens who responsibly own and use firearms should not be punished for the actions of criminals.
- 5. Better Alternatives:** Instead of expanding the ban on firearms with detachable magazines exceeding ten rounds, I encourage lawmakers to explore other measures that address the underlying causes of gun violence. These may include improving background checks, promoting responsible gun ownership, supporting mental health programs, and increasing funding for law enforcement to combat illegal gun trafficking.

For all these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reconsider this expansion of the firearm ban. There are more effective, targeted ways to improve public safety without infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 10:20:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha legislature i opposed billsb308 becaus it will not stop crimmlinal doing what ever they want.and will not stop crime

thank you

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:11:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Chair Elefante 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 SB-308.

This bill threatens our constitutional rights and the principles of freedom we hold dear. If enacted, SB-308 would expand the ban on firearms, further restricting the ability of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and their loved ones.

SB-308 is not about public safety. It is a misguided attempt to address gun violence by placing unnecessary restrictions on responsible gun owners. The truth is, criminals do not abide by the law, and disarming law-abiding citizens will only make them more vulnerable.

There is little evidence to suggest that magazine capacity restrictions have a significant impact on reducing crime. Criminals intent on causing harm will find ways to acquire illegal firearms. Instead of targeting law-abiding citizens, you should focus on enforcing existing laws and addressing the root causes of crime.

Respectfully, I STRONGLY encourage you to vote NO on SB-308.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:50:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mitchell H. Weber	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB308,

Nobody elected powerful billionaires to run our state. This proposed bill is a snippet of the house companion bill and its wording is straight out of Everytowns offices. Stop New Yorking our Island. "Nobody elected Bloomberg!"

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:23:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**I STRONGLY OPPOSE** this Bill. I urge all members of the Committee to **VOTE NO** on this Bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:30:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 putting forward unnecessary bills like this and instead improve our judicial system to keep real criminals off the streets.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:30:37 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is unconstitutional. You are in violation of your oath

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 10:19:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

oppose

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:38:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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, ban on high capacity magazine is ridiculous.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:42:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:08:15 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

There is no legitimate reason to ban these firearms under the 2nd Amendment which you are supposed to uphold. Focus on the actual crime and homelessness and cost of living in this state instead of focusing on law-abiding citizens and restricting their rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:22:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308. Unconstitutional against our 2nd Amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:31:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support SB308 which bans pistols with magazines with over 10 rounds

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:52:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:05:49 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:09:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB308, which seeks to extend the ban on high-capacity magazines to all firearms in Hawaii. This bill is a misguided and ineffective attempt to address gun violence, and it will only serve to punish law-abiding citizens while doing nothing to deter criminals.

The term "high-capacity magazine" is a misnomer. These magazines are standard equipment for many commonly owned firearms used for self-defense, hunting, and sport shooting. Restricting magazine capacity does not prevent criminals from acquiring firearms or ammunition; it only limits the ability of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves.

Criminals, by definition, do not follow the law. Those intent on committing harm will find ways to circumvent this restriction, including obtaining illegal magazines or simply using multiple magazines. This law will only create a burden for law-abiding gun owners who choose to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

Furthermore, there is no evidence to suggest that magazine capacity restrictions have any significant impact on reducing gun violence. Studies have consistently shown that these bans are ineffective in preventing mass shootings or other violent crimes. The focus should be on addressing the root causes of violence, such as mental health issues, illegal gun trafficking, and socioeconomic factors that contribute to crime.

SB308 is a slippery slope. Once one type of firearm accessory is banned, it becomes easier to ban others. This is a dangerous precedent that could lead to further erosion of Second Amendment rights. It punishes law-abiding citizens for the actions of criminals.

Instead of targeting responsible gun owners, the legislature should focus on enforcing existing laws and addressing the complex factors that contribute to violence. This includes improving mental health services, strengthening background checks, and targeting illegal gun trafficking.

I urge the committee to reject SB308. This bill is unnecessary, ineffective, and infringes upon the rights of law-abiding citizens. It will not make Hawaii safer.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:12:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is just another proposal to raise the ire of the firearms hobbyists. It is trying to fix a non-existent problem. This is like trying to ban sports cars because they can exceed 60 miles per hour. Please stop wasting my time and tax dollars on nonsense legislation.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 10:21:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It is our rights as a citizen and taxpayer to be able to defend ourselves. The right to bear arms is a constitutional right. Over policing has not reduced crimes but has given more opportunity for the government to punish the responsible people following policy to get in trouble. Those that will acquire guns illegally will not follow any of the policies proposed.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:17:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:30:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose. Notice how for the mag part in the house bill, neither the AG or HPD or any LEO testified in support. We call this a clue.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:46:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:02:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I stongly oppose this bill. It does NOT make us safer. it just strps away our rights.

It criminalizes resposible gun owners, expands government overreach into legal firearm ownership, FAILS to address violent crimes & makes crimnals out os law abiding citizens.

The magazines that come with the firearms are STANDARD capacity & there are MILLIONS in use, make them common. Also restricting the amount of ammunition we can have doesn't make us safer. What happens if there are multiple assailants? Will you (the law maker) be held responsible for our safety? Can you guarantee HPD will get to us intime to save our life?

Thank you for your time.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:11:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional, violates precedent in past Supreme Court rulings including Caetano, Heller, and Bruen, and would unfairly infringe upon the rights of Americans. Representatives who support this bill are not representing the people of Hawaii but rather the agendas of anti-gun, anti-American-values national organizations such as Everytown Et al. Each new year we the people have to fight to protect our Second Amendment rights here in Hawaii as representatives like the ones who have introduced this bill seek to restrict and infringe upon those rights. These actions are not going unnoticed. We must vote to replace those representatives who place the interests of anti-gun national organizations over the rights of the people.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:15:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am in opposition to this bill as it handicaps the people of Hawaii from their right and abilities to self defense. Hawaii just had a recent 2024 self defense incident in Waianae where the homeowner ran out of ammunition in defending himself and loved ones.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:23:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose on the basis that it further infringes constitutionally guaranteed rights. The unlawful pistol magazine capacity restrictions should be lifted instead.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:37:20 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The 2nd ammendment clearly states that the RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED - What part does this Legislature not understand?

LESS RESTRICTIONS - MORE FOCUS on Government FOR THE PEOPLE

I OPPOSE

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:43:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I, Yvonne Alvarado Oppose to Bill SB308

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:44:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 Bill SB308 which extends a ban on high capacity magazines to all firearms, criminalizing common self-defense and sport shooting practices!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:27:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Senate,

Please stop violating our constitutional rights in every way possible by creating these bans which have no scientific basis. The false claim of this being for public safety is ridiculous. I have served my country and been in law enforcement. You are focusing your energy on law abiding citizens and limiting our ability to protect ourselves when you know criminals don't care what your limits are. This year its 10 rounds, next year is 5 rounds, pretty soon you will be back at a wanting a total ban. Stop with the pass the bill and let them take us to court methodology. You are wasting our money on this.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:41:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill 308 seeks to impose a ban on standard capacity magazines capable of accepting more than 10 rounds. However, These so-called “high capacity” magazines are standard equipment for commonly owned firearms that many Americans legally and effectively use for an entire range of legitimate purposes, such as self-defense or competition. This Bill is a direct infringement on 2nd Amendment rights which "shall not be infringed".

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:49:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This Senate bill is entirely performative. Limited magazine capacity is unconstitutional and will be proven so in short order on the federal level. Implementing this bill shows a complete disregard for the second amendment as magazines in common use are included as protected. Please use good judgment and do not pass this ridiculous measure. It always pays to be on the right side of history.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:50:33 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:52:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Marsh	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this measure because it is unconstitutional in the US.

**Points of Interest**

- Standard capacity magazines are very popular in the recreational shooting community. Each year, firearms sales within the recreational shooting community account for the majority of sales across the country. 80% of firearms sales dollars are assigned to non-hunting purposes each year, whereas only about 20% are assigned to hunting. Firearm sales are very important, as they actively contribute to the [American System of Conservation Funding](#) through taxes. These taxes are used to fund state fish and wildlife management agencies, making the recreational shooting community a driving force for state-level conservation efforts nationwide.
- In 2012, H.B. 2640 was passed in Arizona which prevents the Arizona Game and Fish Commission from being able to limit or restrict magazine capacity limits for authorized firearms.
- In 2013, New York State adopted Senate Bill 2230 which instituted a seven-round limit, and although 10 round magazines were allowed to be bought, sold, and possessed, magazines could not be loaded with more than seven rounds. A federal judge subsequently ruled that New York’s seven-round limit was unconstitutional.
- In 2016, California Governor Jerry Brown signed [S.1446](#), which severely restricts standard capacity magazines. Under this law, anyone possessing a magazine with a carrying capacity larger than 10 rounds, no matter the caliber, was required to dispose of the magazine by July 1, 2017.
  - This law has subsequently been found unconstitutional and is the focus of ongoing legal cases challenging the validity of the California ban. In 2019, the United States District Court of San Diego found the ban unconstitutional, and this decision was later upheld on appeal by the Ninth Circuit Court.
- A 2022 Ballot Initiative, [Measure 114](#), was voted on by Oregon voters during the November 8th Election. The measure was approved; however, two lawsuits have been filed arguing that the initiative is unconstitutional, and Judge Robert Raschio placed an injunction on the law going into effect.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:10:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**I OPPOSE THIS BILL**

The onslaught of anti-gun and honestly, anti-freedom bills that are being written by the legislature, clearing indicates a desire to remove as many rights of the citizens as possible.

The 2nd Amendment states, **SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED..** This does not say may limit ammunitions, publicize personal data, magazine size or any such nonsense that these bills are trying to put through.

We **DO NOT** agree to having our rights peeled back, one at a time. This is a blatant disregard for the freedoms that are protected and insured by the Constitution. Any of these bills that are put through, will be fought in court.

Stop wasting your time and our money on these attempts to make the lives of the people of Hawaii worse.

Laurie Langton

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:39:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 Representing We the Citizens of Hawai'i~

TY for your service to represent the people of Hawai'i!

I stand in strong opposition to this proposed bill as it infringes upon law-abiding citizens' privacy rights to legally acquire ammunition for defending ourselves. You have no Constitutional right to strip the citizenry of our right to defend & protect ourselves.

In conclusion, i strongly oppose this proposed bill & encourage you to do the same.

Mahalo, Aloha & Godspeed,

Dawn O'Brien

Lifelong tax-paying resident of Hawai'i

President, HOPE HI, Inc.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:45:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 1:16:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha all,

Please stop trying to infringe on our Constitutional rights. Please do your research...all violent crimes and murders are being perpetrated by criminals. Law abiding citizens owning firearms are not the ones committing crimes. Magazine capacity limits do nothing to stop crime.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 1:42:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This attempt at undue restrictions on standard capacity magazines must STOP! It is not we law abiding citizens that should be the focus of your efforts.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 1:43:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 sb308. Year after year we see the same types of Legislation that tries to ban standard capacity magazines but worded differently. Law abiding citizens will not commit the crimes that criminals will do. Criminals will get these illegally and on the black market. Punishing the law abiding citizen is unconstitutional. Please spend our tax money responsibly and stop infringing on our constitutional rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:12:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop trying to take our freedoms and 2nd amendment.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:30:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB308.

If i ever have to defend my life and for some reason dont have enough ammunition and need to reload, im screwed. imagine if this rule applied to LEOs on the field. this would not go in their favor.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:33:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:33:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing today in strong opposition to SB308. This bill is an direct infringement of all firearm owners 2nd amendment rights. A magazine has been determined by courts to be an integral piece of equipment necessary for the functioning of a firearm and is a protected piece of "arms." This would make it necessary for the item to be protected under the 2nd amendment of the United States of Americas Constitution and the Hawaii State Constitution. The ability for the free people to keep and bear arms is an inalienable right. This is not a privilege and cannot be taken away by a government for the law abiding citizens of this nation.

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

easy to get and hide and laws are not followed by criminals. These laws ONLY put law abiding citizens in danger and only limit capacity for law abiding individuals.

I personally own many magazines that are standard capacity. The financial burden this state will put on my family to make us all less safe is unwarranted and not fair and makes me truly worried and causes duress and infringes on my daily pursuit of happiness. Every year my wife and I consider moving when these bills are submitted because they make us feel less safe, at risk for legal action if we make a mistake following the confusing bills. Bills like this literally take money from our pockets in order to jump through the legal hoops we as law abiding citizens are forced to adhere to in order to appease those in power. The possession of a standard capacity magazine is my right to own as an American citizen and is protected by the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution. I have never caused harm or committed a crime with a firearm and should not be treated as a criminal. This bill will only make the ownership of my legally possessed standard capacity magazines a crime and will not make anyone safer.

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

I would like to encourage you to take a deeper look at this and think critically for a moment. A 10 round magazine is smaller than a 30, 45, or 100rd AR15 magazine. They can be more easily concealed on someone's person. A back pant pocket can carry at least one on each side. If wearing cargo pants/ shorts they can have 4-6 on each lower leg pocket. Traditional upper side pant or shorts pockets could hold another 2-3 or more each depending on how deep the pocket is. They can fit within all jacket pockets and lead to a person concealing more ammunition. Standard capacity 30rd AR15 magazines would protude out and be seen if carried the same way. Another factor to consider is that I and anyone who practices can change a magazine out in less than one second. Think about that for a minute. One second to have another 10 rounds. So it takes me longer to fire 10 rounds than it does to change to another magazine. What does this prevent? This bill is for feelings and based on fear but isn't logic based. Is there any proof in any single study showing that limiting magazine capacity causes less injury by firearms? Will limiting capacity reduce suicide? Will limiting capacity stop an active shooter from attempting an evil act of violence? I'd argue that an evil criminal would simply just keep their standard capacity magazines and choose to use them because they obviously do not care about laws. Another point to consider beyond concealment of the magazines is the fact that a larger standard capacity magazine sticks out further down on the AR15 making a shooters profile smaller when laying down. The gunman who shot at President Trump would have had a lower profile when

shooting and be more concealed against law enforcement with a 10 round magazine than the 30 round or larger magazines. This makes the shooter safer, literally making it harder to stop them. If a target is smaller, would it then be logical to say it would be harder to aim and hit that target? Let me help you with the answer. As an experienced trained shooter, the answer is yes; it would be harder to stop someone with a smaller profile than someone who would be forced to stick out more when shooting from a position laying down.

The idea of this bill is that it makes firearms less dangerous for the community. I would argue that facts and reason proves that is factually incorrect and as shown above, in some cases would do the exact opposite. I would encourage the senate to look to data. Has any state with magazine capacity limits prevented harm by enacting such bills into law? The answer is No. There are arguably millions of standard capacity magazines in Hawaii currently as most firearms owners choose to have many for just a single registered firearm. Most, nearly all are used safely and have not caused a public health crisis. The cost burden placed upon those who would change the magazines to only accept 10 rounds would be immense and is ridiculous to think this won't negatively affect all those forced to do so. This state is extremely safe and law abiding firearm owners only add to that and are not the problem. Our government should convict and punish criminals who cause harm or attempt to cause harm. If they use a firearm in a crime then use the law to punish The Criminals and not punish law abiding citizens for others actions.

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

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

Mahalo,

Chase Cavitt

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:53:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 3:07:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 3:08:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

By passing these bills you are infringing on my 2nd amendment rights and, making me a criminal without committing any crimes.

**SB-308**

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

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Hawkins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposition to SB308

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

As a father, Registered Nurse, U. S. Navy Veteran, I can understand the notion to keep Hawaii safe. What I cannot understand is the constant attack of the Second Amendment. The United States Constitution, what I swore an oath to, and continue to protect and defend, guarantees that certain inalienable rights are not infringed. Yet legislators, that clearly do not represent ALL peoples but more so their people. WE the people demand that the Second Amendment face no more attack or violation. Simply put, and I know you all know, “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.”

SB308 extends the ban on detachable magazines exceeding ten rounds to all firearms. This severely impacts law-abiding citizens who rely on standard capacity magazines for self-defense and sport shooting. Criminals do not obey magazine capacity laws, and limiting law-abiding citizens’ access to effective defensive tools only puts them at a disadvantage against violent offenders. If these magazines are deemed too dangerous for civilians, why should they remain available to government agencies but not to the people they serve? In *NYSRPA v. Bruen (2022)*, the Court emphasized that gun regulations must be based on historical precedent. There is no historical basis for prohibiting commonly used, standard-capacity magazines. The effort to limit detachable magazines for all firearms directly contradicts Supreme Court rulings.

Again, please accept this opposition to SB30 and do not pass this legislation.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 3:35:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

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

Jesse Swanson

Keaau 96749

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 3:40:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 3:41:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 because it infringes on my second amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 3:45:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a voting person, and a LEGAL firearms owner, i OPPOSE SB308. I already am upset as to why as part of the UNITED STATE OF AMERICA we are "second class citizens" in regards to our "detachable" magazines for our handguns. Manufactures have had to make Magzines just for the state's that require this which is NOT in the MAJORITY but the MINORITY. As stated in another bill, Hawaii Has ONE OF THE LOWEST rates of gun violence. We SHOULD NOT Take away rights from LEGAL GUN Owners. The UNLICENSED and one that ARE NOT ALLOWED to own firearms will ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO GET THEM. Taking away a LEGAL RIGHT from a LEGAL PERSON is CRAZY.

I hope you will take this from a LEGAL gun owner's point into consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Aloha!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:00:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:02:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB308 is a direct infringement on my second amendment rights

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:03:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:09:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:20:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Oppose sb308

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:31:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:38:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE 308

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:44:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB308...

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:44:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Just another infringement on the law abiding citizen. What will this accomplish? Absolutely NOTHING. Criminals will still have mags that hold more than 10 rounds. Heck Criminals now have handguns with more than 10 rounds. Wasn't that illegal already? Did the original law restricting handgun mags to 10 rounds stop any criminal from using mags with more than 10 rounds? Did the age limit stop the recent crimes committed from under age youths from obtaining firearms that they used in their crimes? All these bills and laws do is infringe on law abiding citizens rights as an American.

If this bill is passed it should be equal across the board. No exemptions. Law enforcement, and every agency whether federal or state or private, should also have the restrictions placed on them as well. If this bill is passed it should apply to all NO EXEMPTIONS. THIS BILL IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. Once again these type of bills only accomplish ONE thing strip the law abiding from our rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:45:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Federal courts have already determined that magazines are a protected part of the arms.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:54:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The proposed ban on high-cap magazines defies common sense. Criminals don't abide by any gun laws so this bill only serves to hinder law-abiding citizens from protecting themselves and their properties. One is at a distinct disadvantage when the "bad guy" who ignores the law carries more bullet capacity than the intended victim. Thus it stands to reason that you should not pass this asinine bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:54:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:56:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly appose SB308 as a direct violation of my second amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:00:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:04:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill it doesn't align with my constitutional rights to bare arms

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:04:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Warren kulberg; Laupahoehoe HI 96764	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional and is an infringement o. My second amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:14:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing concerning SB 308. I strongly oppose this bill. This is another infringement on our Second Amendment rights.

Regards, Steve and Linda O'Neill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:17:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 SB 308. Magazines of 10+ rounds have been around since the 1940s. The notion that “this brings rifles into line with the pistol restriction” is a non sequitur. Many rifles made since the 1970s come with a Standard magazine of with a capacity of over 10 rounds. This measure will not keep criminals or those bent on harming innocents from acting. All this will do is place further restrictions on law abiding tax payers for no good reason.

V/R

Kevin J. Cole, Mililani, Col USAF Ret

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:20:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

## Comments:

Aloha as a citizen of Hawaii for 29 years born and raised here. I'm opposing this bill because, it one will only hurt the law abiding citizens, that are legally owning pistols or rifles which may have detachable magazines, and wish to exercise their 2nd constitutional right. Doing so infringes on our right and empowers criminals to have the upper hand. And weakening law abiding citizens. We are not the problem neither are mags with higher capacity then 10rds. Criminals are the problems and more efforts should be focused on fixing the real issues causing criminals to act as they do. And not focused on infringing on and weakening our citizens.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:27:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:34:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB308 because it violates my second amendment rights and does nothing to stop criminals for committing crimes

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:34:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:44:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:59:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose SB 308 as it is a direct violation of the 2nd amendment.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:59:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanayama, Galen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly opposed to SB308. This bill effects only the law abiding, even making criminals of those who don't irreversibly modify or dispose of previously legal standard capacity magazines. It is sad that Hawaii's politicians are so determined to erode the second amendment. I wish their focus would be on deterring and punishing criminal acts instead of on possession of harmless, inanimate objects

Thank you,

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:01:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill which is going against my 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:08:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose against SB308 due to its direct violation of our second amendment rights.

Roy Gillis

Keaau, Hawaii 96749

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:20:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello!

I am writing testimony in opposition for this bill SB308. This bill is a blatant infringement on law abiding citizens ability to exercise their 2nd amendment rights. This would get rid of approximately 80% of modern firearms leaving tube fed magazines and revolvers and single shot firearms. Hawaii already has strict firearms laws as is. Giffords law center to prevent gun violence has already rated HI at a A-. I think that is pretty good as is right now. The law abiding citizens go through all the permitting process' and registration and now with this bill we are being punished. People couldn't shoot USPSA, IDPA, or IPSC matches at Kokohead action bays for sport shooting anymore. I don't really understand the purpose of this bill? What is this bill trying to accomplish? The 2nd amendment clearly states, "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED."

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:20:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to SB 308.

This bill would ban standard capacity magazines capable of accepting more than 10 rounds. These magazines are standard equipment for commonly owned firearms that many Americans legally and effectively use for legitimate purposes, such as self-defense or competition, and do not need to be restricted.

Mahalo

William R Smith

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:22:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 will do nothing to deter criminal behavior. All it does is make it more difficult for law-abiding citizens to exercise their 2nd Amendment rights. This is an example of lawmakers' efforts to "hang the hardware," which is easy, as opposed to going after criminals, which everybody knows is a real problem. Guns are inanimate objects, but every year we waste time on the same issues. Surely you have more important things to do!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:34:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly appose sb308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment right.

Logan chamberlin paho, Hi 96778

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose SB 308. Firstly, this bill would violate the United States Constitution, Hawaii State Constitution and the United States Supreme Court Bruen decision, which states firearm laws need to comply with the historical text and tradition of the time the United States constitution was ratified. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the government to show proof that the bill/law has historical precedence from the time the United States constitution was ratified. SB 308 has no mention of any historical precedence. In addition, this bill would make tens of thousands of legally owned items illegal. This would be the equivalent of making Honda and Toyota vehicles illegal in the state.

Thank you,

Jordan Au

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:41:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Shall not be infringed.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:42:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Testimony Opposing SB308

Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today in strong opposition to SB308, as it is a direct violation of my Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. The right to self-defense and the ability to protect my family is fundamental, and any legislation that seeks to infringe upon that right must be met with firm resistance.

SB308 imposes unnecessary restrictions that do not target criminals but rather law-abiding citizens who exercise their constitutional rights responsibly. The Second Amendment is clear: "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." This bill does exactly that--placing undue burdens on law-abiding citizens while doing little to address actual crime.

Rather than punishing responsible gun owners, we should focus on enforcing existing laws against those who misuse firearms illegally. Restricting my ability to protect myself and my loved ones only makes us more vulnerable, not safer.

I urge you to oppose SB308 and stand in defense of our constitutional freedoms. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Shanoa K. Chamberlin

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**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:50:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a violation of second amendment rights and has no affect whatsoever on safety.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:54:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose this bill.

-Angie

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:01:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a law abiding citizen and responsible gun owner, I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:02:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 SB308. This bill is an infringement on both the second amendment of the United States Constitution, and Article one; section seventeen of the Hawai'i State Constitution. The language and the intent of this bill are, unconstitutional. SB308 is a solution for a problem that does not exist.

Most detachable magazines for semi automatic rifles have a standard capacity of thirty rounds, and are necessary tools, required by the people; the militia, to be able to keep and maintain the security of a free state. As citizens of the United States of America, it is our inalienable right, and our obligation, to have the best means, to defend ourselves and our loved ones, from terror and tyranny, whether it be foreign or domestic. Taking away our right to bear arms, will lead to the failure of democracy, destroying our current rule of law, and will ultimately lead to the fall of the United States of America.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:04:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:05:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:07:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:08:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:14:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a DIRECT VIOLATION of our 2nd ammendment as an American citizen.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:35:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a violation of my 2nd amendment right as a United States citizen.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:43:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our 2nd ammendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:46:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop wasting my time and tax payers dollars with infringing on my rights, Making law abiding citizens criminals and literally doing nothing to stop criminals from criming. I hope DOGE comes for this whole state next.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:02:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:02:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB308

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:03:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. Please stop Infringing on my 2nd ammendment right.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:03:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:05:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

Harley Erlandiz

Kapolei 96707

To the Representatives of the State Legislature,

I oppose the passing of this bill as it only criminalizes law-abiding citizens infringing on their Second Amendment right to bear arms. This bill is an overreach by the State government against the 2nd amendment of the U.S. constitution and it is absurd to even be presented in the first place.

This bill does nothing to effectively reduce gun violence or violent crime activity here in Hawaii but will embolden malicious individuals who aren't going to follow the provisions of this bill in the first place. Hawaii already has some of if not the strictest gun laws in the country, but we still have gun violence.

I sincerely hope there is some reconsideration to the progression of the passing of this bill. This legislative body could better serve its constituents by focusing its efforts and resources on improving the local economy, reduce the cost of living, or possibly enhance mental health resources in Hawaii. Those would be more effective solutions towards reducing the amount of gun violence here, but it's obvious that isn't the intent behind this bill. This bill is an overt attack against Hawaii's responsible citizens who are law-abiding firearms owners.

I'm appalled at the attempt of this legislation to supersede the amendment of the U.S. Constitution that myself among others have put years, blood, sweat, and tears to defend. As a Hawaii Resident, U.S. Citizen, Combat Veteran, and Taxpayer, once again, I strongly oppose the passing of this bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Agui". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Sincerely,

Brian Agui

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:07:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
chris p pang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill SB 308 because law-abiding citizens should be able to carry 10 rounds or more so that to defend ourselves against the criminals. There should be no restrictions for good citizens with a clean record.

Thank you

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:10:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It's against our constitution, the second right.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:12:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of the second amendment right.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:14:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Today I write in opposition to SB308. This bill shows gross government over reach and abuse of power by further infringing upon citizen's second ammendment right to keep arms and protect themselves.

Mahalo,

Samantha

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:16:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB308, no matter how much the government tries to stop the people of having these items, the people with bad intentions will always find a way to hurt others! The law abiding citizens will always loose no matter what! I bet the the amount of people who may already have these items are not willing to use them and loose their good character amongst our community! For example people could use a car and just keep running people over. Are you going to ban cars next?

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:23:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

I am here to express my firm opposition to the proposed 10-round magazine capacity restriction included in Senate Bill 308. This particular aspect of the bill not only encroaches upon the rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment but also fails to address public safety in a meaningful way. Here's why:

Constitutional Infringement:

The Second Amendment protects the right of individuals to keep and bear arms, which includes the tools necessary for effective self-defense. Limiting magazine capacity to 10 rounds for all firearms and not being interchangeable with other compatible firearms can severely handicap a law-abiding citizen's ability to protect themselves or their family from multiple assailants or in scenarios where quick reloads are impractical due to fear, stress, or physical limitations. This limitation does not align with the constitutional guarantee of effective self-defense.

Ineffectiveness in Crime Reduction:

Evidence does not support the claim that magazine capacity restrictions reduce gun violence. Criminals are not deterred by such laws; they either ignore them or acquire magazines illegally. For example, the mass shooting in Aurora, Colorado, in 2012 involved the use of high-capacity magazines, yet the shooter had already switched to smaller magazines when apprehended, showing that the capacity did not prevent the crime. Moreover, research from the RAND Corporation indicates there is no conclusive evidence that such bans reduce mass shootings or gun violence.

Self-Defense Implications:

In real-world defensive scenarios, especially in environments where immediate help might not be available, such as in many parts of Hawaii where response times can be longer due to geography, having more than 10 rounds can be crucial. Limiting magazines to 10 rounds could put citizens at a disadvantage when facing multiple threats or when under immediate danger with no time for reloads.

#### Practicality and Law Enforcement:

Law enforcement officers often carry firearms with magazines that exceed 10 rounds for good reason—to ensure they have adequate ammunition in high-stress, life-threatening situations. If such capacity is necessary for trained professionals, why should civilians, who are also responsible for their safety, be restricted? This discrepancy sends a confusing message about the utility and necessity of such magazines.

#### Enforcement Challenges:

Enforcing a 10-round magazine limit would place an undue burden on law enforcement and the judicial system. It would require distinguishing between legal and illegal magazines, leading to potential overreach in enforcement and costly legal battles over what many would argue are constitutionally protected items.

#### Impact on Competitive Shooting and Recreation:

Many shooting sports and competitions require firearms with higher capacity magazines. This bill would limit the ability of residents to participate in these activities, which are not only recreational but also contribute to the local economy through events, tourism, and related commerce.

In conclusion, the 10-round magazine ban proposed in SB308 is not only a violation of Second Amendment rights but also an ineffective measure against crime. It would disarm law-abiding citizens without significantly impacting criminal behavior or enhancing public safety. I urge you to reconsider this aspect of the bill and find more effective, constitutional ways to address the concerns of public safety in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ryota

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:26:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Christopher Kamau

17 Hoonani pl, Hilo HI 96720

Lona.kamau@gmail.com

2/10/2025

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed expansion of the ban on firearms with detachable magazines over ten rounds. This measure unfairly targets law-abiding citizens while doing little to improve public safety.

First and foremost, magazine capacity restrictions disproportionately affect responsible gun owners, particularly those who rely on firearms for self-defense. In high-stress situations, such as home invasions or attacks, individuals often need more than ten rounds to effectively protect themselves and their families. Criminals, who by definition do not follow gun laws, will not be deterred by such restrictions, leaving law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage.

Additionally, this ban would criminalize commonly owned firearms used for lawful purposes, including home defense, competitive shooting, and hunting. Millions of responsible Americans own firearms with standard-capacity magazines greater than ten rounds, and expanding this ban would unfairly infringe on their Second Amendment rights.

Moreover, there is little evidence that magazine bans effectively reduce crime or mass shootings. Studies have shown that criminals do not adhere to magazine capacity limits, and magazine

changes take only seconds, making such restrictions ineffective in preventing violent incidents. Rather than imposing further limitations on law-abiding gun owners, policymakers should focus on enforcing existing laws, addressing mental health issues, and ensuring that law enforcement has the resources needed to combat crime.

This legislation not only undermines constitutional rights but also fails to address the root causes of gun violence. I urge you to oppose this ban and instead pursue measures that target criminals while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Kamau

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:27:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill.

With all due respect, this bill is unconstitutional.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:31:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:33:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB308 in so much as the government does not , nor shall they ever, have the authority to dictate how I wish to protect myself, my family and my property. Home invasions occur with more than one criminal and as such, I want to have as much ammunition on me & in my weapon to fend off & stop such an attack. And contrary to what is shown on TV and Movies, one bullet does not stop an attacker. There also is the arguement that this bill will automatically make all law-abiding citizens, crimmnals overnight by sheer possession of already allowed magazines that carry in excess of 10-rounds. While that point is clearly obvious, I must stress my main concern is the overreach of the government dictating the means at which I choose to defend my life, those of who I care about and my property.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:40:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill will only affect law abiding citizens and NOT criminals. No bill passed will keep criminals from obtaining and keeping firearms!  
My Rights shall not be infringed.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:48:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 as it goes against our 2nd ammendment by regulating what type of firearms we are able to have. I enjoy shooting small caliber plinking with my family and this would also be affected by this bill. Hawaii has one of the strictest gun laws in the US yet we are making it harder for the law abiding citizens.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:50:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose on this bill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:49:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ka'eo Ortiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a direct violation of our 2nd ammendment rights!!!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:51:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because there is no reason to band high capacity magazines

why make law abiding citizens a criminal because they own hugh capacity magazines

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:51:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Danielle E. Sagun- Apilado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional. I oppose this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:56:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 308. The limit of 10 round magazines is ineffective in preventing gun violence, infringe on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens, disproportionately impact responsible gun owners, and may not significantly deter criminals who would likely disregard such laws while potentially leaving ordinary citizens at a disadvantage for self-defense.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:59:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 308. This bill does nothing for public safety. More people here are killed or hurt by automobiles than firearms. We don't ban V8 or V12 engines. What do we need those for when the speed limit is 65 mph.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:00:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose on this bill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:01:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB308- LEAVE OUR 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS ALONE!!!!  
FURTHERMORE, YOU SHOULD BE CONSIDERING AND LISTENING TO THE TAX  
PAYERS! WE TESTIFY AND YOU LAW MAKERS DON'T CARE YOU JUST VOTE HOW  
YOU WANT. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTING! YOU SHOULD ALL BE ASHAMED  
OF YOURSELVES! WE PAY YOUR SALARIES!!!!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:02:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308. Our constitution does not have limits on how many rounds a magazine can hold. Legal gun owners should not have to keep being restricted when it is the criminals who are the ones to use there weapons like terrorists. SB308 is punishing the people.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:02:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing today in strong opposition to SB308. This bill is an direct infringement of all firearm owners 2nd amendment rights. A magazine has been determined by courts to be an integral piece of equipment necessary for the functioning of a firearm and is a protected piece of "arms." This would make it necessary for the item to be protected under the 2nd amendment of the United States of Americas Constitution and the Hawaii State Constitution. The ability for the free people to keep and bear arms is an inalienable right. This is not a privilege and cannot be taken away by a government for the law abiding citizens of this nation.

I would be less safe in my home with limits of 10 rounds to protect myself. I am a mother of 2 and deserve to maintain the right to protect myself and family in my home or wherever I am able to have a firearm. A criminal would likely ignore any magazine capacity laws and I would be placed in a disadvantage to protect my children and myself. I see many reasons for why a standard 30 round magazine could be life saving for me in a worst case scenario. This bill would make me less safe.

A person with 10 round magazines can carry just as much ammunition as a person with 30 round magazines. I am not a highly trained shooting enthusiast like my husband but I do go to the range with him on occasion. I can change a magazine out in less than 2 seconds and he can do it in less than one second. We've timed it for fun as he does shooting competitions. This fact means that an average person would still be just as "dangerous" as this bill attempts to make them not able to be. I would not feel safer with this bill passing and argue my family and I would actually be far less safe if it does. This is disheartening and bills like this make my husband and I consider leaving Hawaii for good if they pass. This is heartbreaking but we also don't want to give up our rights for those who think they have the right to take them away.

We will pursue legal action before leaving our home and will certainly win based off of legal cases in the past that prove that magazines are an integral, common and necessary part of a firearm that is protected under the 2nd amendment. In fact we would then be allowed standard capacity magazines for handguns in Hawaii too. So this bill very much has the chance of allowing firearms owners to get the results they want if it were to pass as it would bring enough turmoil to legal firearms owners that we would band together to take legal action against the state and any unconstitutional laws inhibiting our right to keep and bear arms. Please stop harassing gun owners and encourage prosecutors and judges to do a better job at actually convicting

criminals. Maybe do more to educate about firearm safety and stop making law abiding citizens into criminals. Please vote no on SB308.

mahalo,

Tenessa Cavitt

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:16:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose on this bill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:18:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:20:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of my second amendment right.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:23:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Bruce Buffett, i oppose this bill sb308,it is unnecessary,and will not resolve any problems .

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:24:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 as this is a direct violation of the second ammendment.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:25:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose on this bill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:29:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**\*\*Testimony Opposing Hawaii SB308\*\***

To the Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Legislature:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 308, which proposes to extend the ban on high-capacity magazines to all firearms. Here are several key reasons why this legislation should be reconsidered:

1. **\*\*Violation of Second Amendment Rights:\*\***

- The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to keep and bear arms for the protection of one's self, family, and community. Extending this ban to all firearms significantly restricts these constitutional rights by limiting the capacity for self-defense, particularly in scenarios where more than ten rounds might be necessary due to multiple threats or attackers.

2. **\*\*Impact on Legal Firearm Owners:\*\***

- This legislation would criminalize the possession of standard-capacity magazines that are commonly used in self-defense, sport shooting, and for law enforcement training. Many firearms designed for these purposes come with magazines that exceed a ten-round capacity, which are not inherently dangerous but are part of the standard equipment for these firearms.

3. **\*\*Ineffectiveness in Reducing Crime:\*\***

- There is little to no evidence suggesting that magazine capacity restrictions effectively reduce crime rates or incidents involving firearms. Criminals often do not abide by gun laws, meaning that such restrictions would disproportionately impact law-abiding citizens. Additionally, magazines can be changed quickly, negating the practical impact of capacity limits during criminal activities.

4. **\*\*Sport Shooting and Competitive Shooting:\*\***

- Hawaii has a community of sports shooters and competitors who participate in events where higher capacity magazines are standard. This bill would essentially ban these activities in

Hawaii, as participants would no longer be able to practice or compete under the same conditions as the rest of the nation, potentially driving away events and tourism related to shooting sports.

5. **\*\*Law Enforcement and Public Safety:\*\***

- Law enforcement officers themselves often carry firearms with magazines that exceed ten rounds for their safety and effectiveness in the line of duty. While this bill does not directly address law enforcement, the broader implications on training, equipment standardization, and public safety are significant.

6. **\*\*Legal Precedents and Potential Overreach:\*\***

- Similar laws have faced legal challenges in other states, with varying outcomes. This legislation might not stand up to judicial review given recent Supreme Court decisions reinforcing Second Amendment rights, potentially leading to costly legal battles for the state.

7. **\*\*Public Education and Responsible Gun Ownership:\*\***

- Instead of limiting the capacity of magazines, resources could be better spent on education about firearm safety, responsible gun ownership, and mental health support to address the root causes of gun violence more effectively.

In conclusion, Senate Bill 308 would infringe upon constitutional rights, negatively impact lawful activities, and do little to enhance public safety. I urge you to reconsider this legislation and support measures that respect the rights of law-abiding citizens while addressing actual safety concerns through education, mental health support, and community engagement.

Thank you for considering this testimony.

Sincerely,

Tiare Smith

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:33:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

I am a resident of the Puna area and I oppose this bill. It is an infringement on our constitutionally protected 2nd amendment. Additionally, as you all well know, criminals will not follow the law, all you are doing here is stripping law abiding citizens of the ability to protect themselves and their families. 10 is an arbitrary number with no basis behind it.

Mahalo,

Calvin Howell

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:38:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 because this only affects law abiding citizens, this bill will not prevent crime and criminals do not follow the law unlike us who responsibly own and use standard capacity magazines, if this bill goes into effect you will make law abiding owners into felons overnight, I would like to issue an alternative, have the magazines mentioned in this bill be registered to an owner that way we can still own our magazines and criminals caught with these stolen magazines can be put away in jail, this way we can keep the good citizens of Hawaii out of jail and the criminals in the jails

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:43:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it impinges on our Second Amendment rights!!! Hawaii is already recognized as a safe place to live and visit!!! You senators should stop wasting time on bills such as these and concentrate on other more important bills!!!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:45:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is government overreach, and a continued attempt to infringe on the 2nd amendment and eventually disarm the people so they cannot defend themselves.

I truly wish no one would ever need a firearm, but since we have the threat of being invaded by other countries or terrorist groups that savagely maim and kill and kidnap people, along with armed criminals who do not care about laws, we need to be able to defend ourselves without limitation on what types of firearms or ammunition we are “allowed” to have.

Thank you.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:06:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this universal over ten round capacity magazine ban.

This bill seeks to expand the current over 10 round magazine limit that currently only applies to handguns. That restriction is already unconstitutional according SCOTUS Bruen decision, and ten round capacity magazine limits are currently being challenged all over the United States including Hawaii in court. Those cases will eventually be ruled in favor of the 2nd amendment and all magazine capacity limit bans will be reversed. It's only a matter of time, and trying to expand a failing ban is just ridiculous.

Criminals already do not follow the rules and will have magazines with capacity exceeding any arbitrary limit, no matter what. They will procure the magazines through other back door sources and they do not care about any magazine ban limit locally. The only people this law will hurt is law abiding citizens. The same law abiding citizens who are currently having their safety adversely impacted by the "ten round handgun capacity limit" already in place. In most of the United States law abiding citizens are allowed use STANDARD CAPACITY magazines over 10 rounds for all lawful sporting and defense purposes. Limiting magazine capacity of law abiding citizens does not increase safety, it actually makes law abiding gun owners less safe by forcing them to defend themselves against multiple attackers, or determined (possibly drugged or mentally unstable) attackers without proper STANDARD MAGAZINE CAPACITY to defend themselves.

Please oppose this measure for public safety.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:13:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee,

Please oppose SB308.

Mahalo!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:18:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill 10 round magazine should be allowed if the person brings in the legitimate license for a firearm for which he is purchasing The magazine for. We need to watch out how red states Have been lacking firearm laws ever since January 6 riot. Biden citizens who own guns will be needed in case things go bad do not put everyone at a disadvantage in all the blue states. I hope this never happens.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:18:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am disgusted by a proposed law that decreases my ability to ensure the safety of myself and my family.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:28:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of  
our second amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:28:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:31:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marlee Kamakaala-Miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose, and I hope you members of congress will also oppose this measure.

Magazine capacities greater than 10 rounds are standard capacity for most firearms. Standard capacity magazines give law abiding gun owners the best opportunity for effective defense.

I think we should be looking to cancel the ban on handgun magazines over 10 round capacity. Not expand the current ban to all firearms.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:39:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Nicholas Zehr

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:53:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second ammendment rights.

John Alvaro

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Kamuela, HI 96743

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:10:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

[Senate Bill 308](#) would impose a ban on standard capacity magazines capable of accepting more than 10 rounds. These so-called “high capacity” magazines are standard equipment for commonly owned firearms that many Americans legally and effectively use for an entire range of legitimate purposes, such as self-defense or competition.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:52:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please do not consider this bill. It only will put a victim of gun violence at a disadvantage to a perpetrator that has no regard for the law.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:55:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly Opposed

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:32:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:52:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:59:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It violates my second amendment rights. I will vote against any politician who supports this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:52:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 3:02:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

Kerstan Yamashita

Hilo,Hawaii,96720

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 4:08:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Don Juan Kuponon Pasion	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

California is a perfect example of how limiting standard magazine capacity does not improve public safety. If you would do some research for yourself you will understand. Hawai'i does not need to copy other states to feel like they are safe.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 4:12:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 4:52:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop trying to violate our 2nd amendment!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 5:00:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 4:52:36 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We the people oppose this bill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 5:40:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:25:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Shall not be infringed.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:27:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Ugh, these magazine restrictions on guns are just ridiculous! It's like they think limiting how many rounds a magazine can hold somehow magically makes the world safer. But let's be real here, if someone's determined to do harm, they'll just carry more magazines or find other ways around it. It's not the number of bullets that's the issue, it's the person pulling the trigger. And for law-abiding gun owners, these restrictions are just a headache. They make it harder to defend yourself effectively or enjoy shooting sports. Why should we be punished for the actions of a few? It's all just a bunch of feel-good legislation that doesn't tackle the root of the problem but sure does make exercising our Second Amendment rights a pain in the neck.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:20:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing testimony in opposition of SB308. This bill would expand Hawaii's round count for magazines to no more than 10 rounds. While this has already been the case for handguns, it has not been the case for rifles. Rifles have been sold with 30 round magazines to consumers in Hawaii for decades and additional magazines have been readily available. The NSSF Report from 2024 found that there were more than 448 million magazines with a capacity of 30 or more in circulation in the US. This number would indicate that this is a item in common use for the public. With not grandfather clause attached, the number of law abiding citizens that would become criminals overnight is staggering. In addition, the ability to enforce this law would require a incredible amount of funds and resources while our police departments are already severely understaffed to serve the communities at their needs.

Please join me in opposing SB308, thank you for your time and attention.

Davin Asato

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:32:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable members of the committee,

I oppose the proposed ban on magazines that hold more than 10 rounds. While I understand the desire to improve safety, this measure does not address the root causes of violence. Criminals, who are the real threat, will not be deterred by limits on magazine capacity. They will find ways to obtain what they need regardless of restrictions.

There is a reason our police officers are not restricted in the number of rounds they can carry: they need the ability to protect themselves and respond effectively in dangerous situations. If our police officers need this, why should we, as citizens, be denied the same protections? Especially when response times can be long in Honolulu.

This ban unfairly impacts law-abiding citizens who use larger magazines for self-defense, sport shooting, and hunting. Instead of limiting magazine capacity, we should focus on addressing mental health issues, and enforcing existing laws.

I urge you to reconsider this ban and focus on meaningful solutions that truly enhance public safety. Criminals won't be follow the law you are only hurting law abiding citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:35:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it is a violation of my second amendment rights

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:36:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:49:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Just another infringement (on an already endless list of previous infringements) on our god given and constitutionally protected 2nd amendment rights by needlessly making it more difficult for law abiding citizens to exercise their right while making them criminals without committing a crime. Legislators need to stop writing and pushing unconstitutional bills. Those who do should be considered unfit for their positions and grounds for their removal.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:53:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill sb308 strongly. If passed it should include law enforcement also.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:10:43 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:15:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:17:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill, please do not pass. Doing so only empowers criminals over law abiding citizens. Supreme Court has ruled that this is unconstitutional, yet Hawaii seems fit to try and pass this as fast as possible in defiance to those rulings. All it does is strip me of commonly used standard capacity magazines for my rifles.

OPOSE

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:17:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:27:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308. Hawaii citizens need the tools necessary to safeguard the state from foreign dangers.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:33:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

Ross Akiona

rosskaleo@yahoo.com

Mountain View,Hi 96771

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:07:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:16:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Infringement on Second Amendment rights and has no practical basis. This reduces the ability to defend oneself and well as effectively makes many current firearms owners criminals. Absurd that this is being entertained and proposed instead of focusing on the source of crime.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:17:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It's another infringement on our rights. We have the right to protect our family's and this bill makes that a harder thing to do.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:22:53 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello,

This bill is an infringement on my Second Amendment rights and should not pass. I am opposed to this bill.

Very Respectfully,

Quinn Shiroma

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:24:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Miles Chong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly **oppose** SB308!

This arbitrary bill clearly violates a fundamental and constitutionally protected right, and unfairly targets lawful and responsible gun owners!

Miles Chong

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:28:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 SB308

Paul Giles

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:28:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill and all future bills like this. It is a violation against my 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:30:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:31:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The stock magazine that comes with most rifles are 30 capacity. Having more ammunition doesn't equal dangerous. Ultimately it is the person handling the firearm that is responsible for safety and welfare. This bill being introduced just proves how far out of touch our politicians truly are from the real world. Please oppose this.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:33:51 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

Timothy John Hehemann

(808) 740-2828

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:37:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Legislator's,

I oppose SB308. This bill infringes upon the rights of citizens per the 2nd Amendment and the 14th Amendment, which consider it a fundamental right, not a right a modified by the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Erik Eck

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:45:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Brian Ley County GMAC commishioner Distric 4

I strongly oppose SB 308. How many times does the courts have to rule these bans are unconstitushional? Stop wasting everyones time and pass laws that will do something about the rising crime rates and goverment corruption

Strongly oppose SB 308

Brian Ley County GMAC commishioner distric \$

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:48:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To the Honorable Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, I strongly oppose SB 308.

This bill would impose a ban on standard capacity magazines capable of accepting more than 10 rounds. These magazines are standard equipment for commonly owned firearms that many Americans legally and effectively use for an entire range of legitimate purposes, such as self-defense or competition. This bill penalizes responsible firearm owners as individuals with a disrespect for the law will not abide by this. I request that you oppose SB 308, and we look for ways to stop individuals participating in criminal activities. They are the ones that will use a knife, bat, firearm or vehicle as an instrument to cause harm to others.

Thank you for your consideration.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:50:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Thank you for your consideration.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:06:20 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William chase	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly **OPPOSE** this bill. This is another attempt by the state to nanny its law abiding citizens.

Below is the order signed by the President of the United States, this will have a trickle down effect to the states that make up the Republic.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

*2/7/2025*

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. The Second Amendment is an indispensable safeguard of security and liberty. It has preserved the right of the American people to protect ourselves, our families, and our freedoms since the founding of our great Nation. Because it is foundational to maintaining all other rights held by Americans, the right to keep and bear arms must not be infringed.

Sec. 2. Plan of Action. (a) Within 30 days of the date of this order, the Attorney General shall examine all orders, regulations, guidance, plans, international agreements, and other actions of executive departments and agencies (agencies) to assess any ongoing infringements of the Second Amendment rights of our citizens, and present a proposed plan of action to the President, through the Domestic Policy Advisor, to protect the Second Amendment rights of all Americans.

(b) In developing such proposed plan of action, the Attorney General shall review, at a minimum:

(i) All Presidential and agencies' actions from January 2021 through January 2025 that purport to promote safety but may have impinged on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens;

(ii) Rules promulgated by the Department of Justice, including by the Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, from January 2021 through January 2025 pertaining to firearms and/or Federal firearms licensees;

(iii) Agencies' plans, orders, and actions regarding the so-called "enhanced regulatory enforcement policy" pertaining to firearms and/or Federal firearms licensees;

(iv) Reports and related documents issued by the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention;

(v) The positions taken by the United States in any and all ongoing and potential litigation that affects or could affect the ability of Americans to exercise their Second Amendment rights;

(vi) Agencies' classifications of firearms and ammunition; and

(vii) The processing of applications to make, manufacture, transfer, or export firearms.

Sec. 3. Implementation. Upon submission of the proposed plan of action described in section 2 of this order, the Attorney General shall work with the Domestic Policy Advisor to finalize the plan of action and establish a process for implementation.

Sec. 4. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department, agency, or the head thereof;

or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:14:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB308 is an infringement on my and others 2nd amendment rights. By passing this act you are not reducing or stopping those who wish to do harm or criminals from being in possession of these magazines to commit harm or violent crimes. You are restricting and hurting those who are law abiding and giving more power to those who wish to cause harm and disobey the laws. I strongly oppose this Act.

Isaih Reynolds

Hilo, 96720

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:15:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing in opposition as magazines restrictions will not impact criminal actions with firearms and will be detrimental to the responsible armed citizens. Magazine capacity bans have no impact on the criminal populace as they seem to be able to get restricted pistol magazines despite current regulation. Rifles and long guns in general are rarely used in criminal actions and the citizenry are using these commonly manufactured and available magazines without issue. This action is an expanding overreach and detrimental to the second amendment rights of the citizenry

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:18:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Pa'akaula Kalawai'anui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this measure, SB308 as it infringes on our constitutional rights, prohibited ownership of something readily available and greatly proliferated throughout the state, and it will do absolutely nothing to NOTHING to combat crime.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:19:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha:

According to the office of the Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i, for years now there have been more lawfully registered guns in this state than the total resident population, yet Hawai'i continues to rank at the very bottom of gun crime nationally according to FBI statistics.

This is entirely due to the law abiding character of gun owners here, not the incessant unconstitutional measures that the ruling party inflicts upon its lawful citizens. SB308 is clearly another example of such an unlawful act, whose sole purpose is to torment and rob the citizens of Hawaii of their Bill of Rights, as there is blatantly no countervailing public policy basis for it whatsoever.

Depending on the survey, somewhere between 40% and 70% of the population here is seriously considering leaving this state.

This is incontrovertible evidence of the effects of decades of anti-business, anti-growth and increasingly anti-constitutional governance, yet as SB308 shows, there clearly are legislators who feel that their time would be better spent obeying extremist public policy groups and attacking our Bill of Rights rather than upholding their oath of office - and so the people, a lot of people, simply have no choice but to vote with their feet, and they are doing so in increasing numbers.

We call on those legislators of goodwill, who retain their commitment to the lawful rights of the people, to vote against all bills of the ilk of SB308, and keep the focus of the Legislature on pulling this state out of the crisis it is in.

Mahalo

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:26:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose Bill SB308

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:31:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It's just more restrictions on law abiding citizens.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:31:24 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Seriously??? NO, NO, NO!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:34:40 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB308.**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:33:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB308 as it's a direct violation of our second ammendment rights.

Ian Silva O'okala 96774

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs (PSM)  
Hearing: Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.  
Regarding: **SB308 (Relating to Firearms)**  
**Voter Position: OPPOSITION**

Senators of the PSM Committee,

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

**Public Harm Imposed by SB308**

**SB308** focuses on artificial firearm magazine capacity restrictions that is repeated within the House Chamber's **HB893**. **SB308** also seeks to injure firearm owners with malicious modification requirements in the same manner that **HB893** seeks to injure firearm owners via firearm magazine modifications. Provisions in Section 2 of **SB308** seeks to ban standard-capacity ammunition magazines and magazine tubes designed for rifles and shotguns. **SB308** negligently instructs firearm owners to modify detachable ammunition magazines to accept no more than ten rounds for rifles in addition to pistols and certain shotguns that use detachable magazines. Modifying an ammunition magazine against original manufacture specifications not only can void a warranty, but it can also cause the firearm to malfunction during its firing cycle. Firearm ammunition misfeed and other dangers can pose a risk to the firearm owner whenever they operate their firearms using modified magazines. Such ill-advisement shows that magazine capacity reductions do not constitute valid public safety, but in reality, magnifies a definitive public harm.

**Focus on Stopping Current Criminal Activity**

**SB308** doesn't have a measurable effect on criminals seeking to commit public harm. The measure won't magically stop a violent criminal from using a firearm magazine in excess of ten rounds. Moreover, the negligent suggestion to modify firearm magazines contradicts the very tenants of public safety, prompting the need to halt **SB308** in the interest of public securing public safety and reduce unnecessary injury.

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of **Senate District 23**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:49:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill would affect those using their legal firearms in competitive sports on the local and national level.

Passage would do little to curb illegal use of firearms.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:50:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Thank you.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:52:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308!!!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:54:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308.

Magazines with a capacity of more than 10 rounds is not the problem when it comes to gun crimes. Guns are not the problem when it comes to crimes committed by criminals who use them. Criminals do not care what laws are on the books. They commit crimes because they choose to break the law. Also, when a shooting happens most of the time, we find out that mental illness is a contributing factor in most mass shootings. Your laws will not stop crime, it will not deter crime and will only affect those of us that choose to follow the laws that you have pushed on us. Hawaii gun owners should not be required to remove from their possession legally acquired property because some day you, one of a handful of citizens out of over a million people living in this state are lucky enough to have been given this opportunity to hold one of the few Senate Seats by your district. Stop trying to steal our rights from us, and work to keep criminals in jail and hold them accountable for their actions.

Bradnon Leong

President

Lessons In Firearms Education

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:08:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308. This bill goes against all 2nd ammendment rights and stands to criminalize lawful citizens. DO NOT PASS SB308!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:13:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 because as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:20:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Matthew Salboro, oppose Bill308.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:22:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308. This bill is not needed as it will criminalize thousands of legal law abiding firearms owners here in Hawaii. This bill will only fuel the underground black market just the same as the fireworks ban in Hawaii. This Bill also further infringes on our 2nd amendment rights as United States Citizens.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:23:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am submitting testimony in opposition to SB 308. The proposed changes to HRS-134 will not make the community safe or criminals less lethal. This bill attempts to criminalize firearm parts our citizens possess that have been legal since our founding.

The number of crimes involving the arbitrary magazine capacity made up for the purpose of this bill does not warrant the outright banning of commonly owned magazines in the state. Equally, the fact that a magazine is an attachment on a firearm does not make it more deadly than other methods of cartridge supply.

This is a feel-good measure that is unconstitutional and takes attention away from the mental health and drug crisis that plagues our communities, as criminals do not follow the law. Do not waste taxpayer money as court cases like this will meet their demise at SCOTUS.

This bill goes too far and creates felons overnight.

Please vote no on SB 308.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:24:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of my second amendment rights, and all of our second amendment rights as Americans citizens.

We as Hawaiian American Citizens living out in the middle of the Pacific Ocean need to be fully capable of exercising our Second Amendment rights, and to be well equipped for self defense against threats both foreign and domestic.

History in Hawaii has shown that criminals with guns are still a threat to the safety of all law abiding citizens. And we as law abiding citizens need to have our second amendment rights upheld for our own personal safety.

And History in Hawaii has also shown that war can strike at any moment, and therefore we need to be extra prepared and well equipped, in the event of such a threat, especially in these unsettling times.

I am a Hawaiian, a Kanaka, and an American citizen, and I strongly oppose SB308.

Aloha

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:26:49 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308.

Government overreach is a problem in our state and specifically in the many gun control bills this session.

We don't want our 2nd amendment rights infringed in any way. Those rights are protected by the US Constitution.

Stop trying to turn honest citizens into criminals.

Vote NO on SB308.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:36:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

Dubin Whitaker

Kailua Kona, Hi 96740

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:39:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Only law abiding citizens will follow the law and use low capacity magazines. Criminals would still be able to obtain standard capacity magazines. This will only further infringe on the rights of hardworking law abiding citizens and will do absolutely nothing to make our communtiy safer.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:44:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose of this bill as it is our constitutional right to carry firearms. The minute the government starts to put limitations on how big or how much ammunition a firearm can have, limits our constitutional rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:44:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this initiative as it is an infringement of a US citizen's 2nd ammendent rights.

I agree with the current ban on pistols as they are easlily concealable but feel it is an overreach by the governement to extend to any other firearm based on an emotional basis rather than a factual review.

Enforcement of the current laws on the books is preferred.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:50:54 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rozalynn Marae Erickson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Unconstitutionality and Second Amendment Violation**

The Second Amendment guarantees that “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” The Supreme Court’s decision in *Bruen* established a clear standard for evaluating firearm regulations: any restriction must be “consistent with the Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.” This means that unless a law is grounded in historical precedent from the time of the Founding, it is unconstitutional.

**1. No Historical Basis for Banning Commonly Owned Firearms**

- The firearms targeted in this proposal—semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, and .50 caliber rifles—are in common use by civilians for lawful purposes, including self-defense, hunting, and sport shooting.
- *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) held that banning firearms in “common use” violates the Second Amendment. The *Bruen* decision reaffirmed this principle, making it clear that broad bans on commonly owned firearms are unconstitutional.

**2. Unlawful Expansion of Magazine Restrictions**

- High-capacity magazines are widely owned and used for self-defense, home protection, and competitive shooting.
- There is no historical tradition of restricting magazine capacity; therefore, such restrictions fail the *Bruen* test.
- Recent federal court decisions, such as *Duncan v. Bonta* (2023), have found that bans on high-capacity magazines violate the Second Amendment under *Bruen*.

**Supreme Court Precedent: Bruen and Its Impact**

In *Bruen*, the Supreme Court struck down New York's restrictive concealed carry law, ruling that gun regulations must be historically justified. The decision emphasized that modern firearm restrictions must align with historical traditions of gun ownership. The proposed prohibitions do not meet this requirement because:

- There is no historical tradition of banning entire categories of commonly used firearms.
- There is no precedent for restricting magazine capacities based on arbitrary limits.
- Firearm restrictions must be evaluated based on whether they respect the individual right to self-defense—a right that these bans severely infringe upon.

## **Conclusion**

This proposal is a direct assault on the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens and contradicts clear Supreme Court precedent. By banning commonly used firearms and restricting magazine capacity, it imposes unconstitutional limitations on the Second Amendment. Given the legal clarity provided by *Bruen*, any such restrictions are bound to be struck down in court. Lawmakers should focus on enforcing existing laws and addressing criminal misuse of firearms rather than infringing on the rights of responsible gun owners.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:53:51 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to SB308,

We currently have a 10 round magazine capacity limit in place for Handgun/Pistols. Many times criminals that have committed acts of violence or behavior already don't follow the laws in place.

Law abiding citizens already know how difficult it is to acquire and maintain gun rights. It is a responsibility to understand that gun rights are available for us to use for hunting, self defense, and recreational competition. The underlying problems at this time is Suicide awareness, criminal behavior/activity, and firearms education.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:57:52 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose

My grandfather didn't scramble for cover on his ship during Kamikaze attacks while clutching a picture of grandma so that one day I would surrender my guns.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:02:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

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

Aaron Tabarejo

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:03:21 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill; it is against our Constitutional rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:11:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha: I OPPOSE a ban on standard capacity magazines capable of accepting more than 10 rounds. These magazines are standard equipment necessary for an entire range of legitimate purposes, such as: Self defense, competition, feral animal control and hunting. This proposed ban is a violation of Hawaii citizens second amendment rights to keep and bear arms. Please vote NO! Mahalo.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:24:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not consent to the further criminalization of citizens of the state who are legal, law abiding gun owners exercising their first amendment rights. The second amendment was written to guarantee a citizens rights to defend themselves even against their very own government. Your attempts to neuter these rights and criminalize all aspects of gun ownership go against the essence of what the second amendment is about. I do not consent.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:26:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I would like to share my testimony as in opposition of this bill as this is the over each on second amendment rights. As Hawaii is one of the most strictest gun law states I think it's a complete overreach of government to our God-given right as a US citizen as it is written in the constitution, the right to bear our arms. Also, as a citizen of Hawaii, I'm not too sure why The government is extending their over reach on this bill as well as Bill SB401. Again I I am in opposition of this bill as well as SB401

mahalo,

Trey yoshizumi

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:26:54 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as a direct violation of our second amendment rights!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:29:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

A STANDARD capacity magazine for an AR 15 is a 30 round magazine.

This bill fails the text, history and tradition standard.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:29:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to SB308. It criminalizes legal gun owners and further illegally restricts our 2nd amendments rights. It criminalizes common self-defense and sport shooting practices.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:30:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it infringes on my Constitutional rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:34:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill, SB308, as it takes away my rights to the Second Amendment and only hurts law abiding citizens such as myself.

Mahalo nui loa,

Jon Tanouye

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:36:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB308!

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

Thank you

**SB-308**

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

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

## Comments:

Limiting magazine capacity would infringe on the second amendment simply by the words in the amendment. Beyond that, the Bruen decision made it clear that if something is in common usage, it cannot be made illegal. 30 round detachable magazines are in common usage. The first repeating arms invented utilized a tube to feed additional rounds into chamber. These tubes would often carry more rounds than 10, making this bill null.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:40:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to SB308 as it is a gross violation of our second amendment rights.

-Michael Mitchener

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:43:15 AM

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

Comments:

For your considerations.

This is a meaningless bill designed only to inconvenience lawful firearm owners.

There has been no event in Hawaii that would urge such a bill to be written and passed other than an oblique attack at Second Amendment protections. it is merely someones attempt to get at political opposition.

No one cares what Califronis does, they are a lost cause. Hawaii should be above that and think for itself.

Robert McCarthy Kailua Kona

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:53:44 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is absurd. Banning property the people already own will not reduce crime. This is a solution to a non-existent problem and violates the takings clause of the Constitution

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:10:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill SB308, it goes against my second amendment right.

Paul Stanley Jr.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:14:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To Public Safety Committee Members,

I want to be put on record that I strongly oppose SB308. Limiting magazine capacities does not reduce crime. Locking up repeat offenders do. Please do not pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Martha Kiyabu

Young Guns

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:17:33 PM

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

Comments:

i feel that by implacing this law you will by default making most if not all service members in the state of hawaii felons dude to the government issueing us all 30 magazines that can fit inside of some of the rifles able to be purchased by civilians. This bill will also make over 9 thousand hawaii resadents felons over night.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:17:59 PM

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<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. This is government overreach. This interferes with hunters and sportshooting practices.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:20:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it clearly infringes on my second amendment right. You guys need to focus on real problems going on in Hawaii! The theft and drug problem is a joke. The homelessness, and so much more things need to be fixed. I'm not paying your salary to take away my rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:50:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 because it violates the second amendment on the principle that the government cannot infringe on my right to bear arms. This is an attempt to make it more difficult for me to defend myself, my child, and my home. I strongly urge you to oppose this bill.

I appreciate your consideration,

Brittany Anderson

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:55:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Doi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good Morning,

I am submitting testimony in fierce opposition to SB308. These self interest bills that this committee pushes every single year is a constant infringement on our Second Amendment rights and to be quite frank is a waste of taxpayer money and time. Why this ban will be ineffective can be for a multitude of reasons but I will list a few:

- **Disadvantage to Law-Abiding Citizens**  
Magazine bans primarily impact law-abiding citizens, who are restricted from exercising their Second Amendment rights in a way that ensures they have an adequate defense. Law-abiding gun owners, who take proper safety precautions and use firearms for self-defense, hunting, or sport, are disproportionately impacted by magazine bans. Meanwhile, criminals and individuals intent on harm are not deterred by laws that restrict the size of their magazines, as they are already operating outside the bounds of the law.
- **Historical Context and Real-World Examples**  
History shows that bans on certain firearms or accessories rarely yield the intended results. The 1994 Federal Assault Weapons Ban, for example, did not significantly reduce mass shootings or gun violence. During and after the ban, incidents of mass shootings continued, suggesting that restricting magazine capacities was an ineffective measure. As the ban expired in 2004, crime did not see a noticeable spike, further demonstrating the limited impact such restrictions have on overall safety.
- **The Ineffectiveness of Capacity Limits in Reducing Violence**  
There is no definitive evidence to show that limiting magazine capacity significantly reduces firearm-related deaths or violent crime rates. Studies conducted in jurisdictions that have implemented magazine bans have failed to demonstrate a clear link between these restrictions and a decrease in gun violence. When similar legislation has been passed, violent crime rates have not substantially decreased, suggesting that magazine size is not a major factor in the outcome of violent encounters.
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- **Legal Challenges and Fees**

Hawaii has a terrible track record of winning Second Amendment lawsuits. If passed, and signed into law, a lawsuit will likely be filed which will take years of litigation thousands of dollars in taxpayer money in attorney's fees. In the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals (which Hawaii is a part of) the State of Washington's ban on magazine capacity was declared unconstitutional.

In closing, we should be focusing on bigger issues that is affecting our State and Community. As a former constituent of Rhoads and a current constituent of Moriwaki, I know very well that your respective districts have bigger and more pressing issues to focus on such as homelessness, cost of living/affordable housing, mental health and prosecution for repeat offenders. I implore you to stop pushing bills that punish law abiding citizens who only want to enjoy the our God given right to bear arms.

Thank you for your time,

Robert Doi

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:02:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Countless law-abiding citizens own and use magazines that hold more than ten rounds of ammunition. They are standard equipment for many of the most commonly-owned firearms in use for self-defense, competition, hunting, and recreational shooting. Turning law abiding citizens into criminals isn't the answer, it is unconstitutional and why I oppose this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:06:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I submit this testimony in OPPOSITION to SB 308.

Limiting the magazine capacity of rifle magazines is an infringement of the Second Amendment and will do nothing to reduce harm in our community.

"Standard capacity" magazines have been in common use and are/have been currently available in large quantities for many, many years now.

Passing this unconstitutional bill will only serve to have the Hawai'i Legislature's hand to be slapped by SCOTUS.

I urge this committee to drop this bill.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:19:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose because this goes against individuals second amendment rights. There should be more education and less restrictions around firearms.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:20:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sara Louise Fronte	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a legal, law-abiding gun owner, I oppose this bill. A bill making the law-abiding citizens illegal, does not protect us and those around us, and it only emboldens those who are already criminals.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:21:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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 SB308 and urge you to oppose this bill as well. I am a law-abiding citizen of The United States of America and Hawaii, a taxpayer, registered voter, a husband, father, grandfather and also an owner of legal firearms. I own them because I admire the technology and enjoy using them at firing ranges and hunting. I also own them to exercise my right as a US Citizen and Hawaii Citizen per the Constitutions of The USA and the State of Hawaii. I am a constituent of yours and by denying me these rights you are misrepresenting me. interestingly enough, as I have spoken to many who share my opinion of these basic rights, many are in the dark about what our state legislation is doing in denying our rights. As such, I would expect a groundswell of outcry against this law, if it passes. That will result in legal action, likely to the Supreme Court, and much cost and greater division in our country. It may also result in law abiding citizens breaking the law unintentionally. People who do no harm to others, being harmed by this law. These things would be detrimental to us all.

Specific arguments against this legislation –

- Magazine capacity restrictions infringe upon Second Amendment rights.
- Limiting magazine capacity would only impact law-abiding citizens, not criminals who would ignore such laws.
- Real-world examples self-defense situations exist where more ammunition could be necessary.
- The bill is ineffective at preventing crime and as an unconstitutional attempt to restrict gun ownership.

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 SB308!

Thank You!

Aloha,

Sam Cavitt

Kihei, HI

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:21:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It violates my 2nd Ammendment right to bear arms

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:24:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am vehemently opposed to this bill. It first violates my Second Amendment rights as a U.S. citizen, therefore unconstitutional. Secondly, if this is an attempt by the authors to help stop or curb violent crime, it will not. Most violent crimes are done with illegal firearms by criminals that do not care about bans like these. Please make common sense decisions, rather than banning items that will only hurt law-abiding gun owners.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:28:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it violates my 2nd amendment rights. This bill only aims to limit the law-abiding citizens' ability to protect themselves. There has been no conclusive or reliable study to date that supports limiting magazine capacity's direct relationship to reducing gun-related crimes. This bill has nothing to do with safety but more with overreach

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:36:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 as it is unconstitutional. Majority of the firearms comes standard with magazines that hold over 10 rounds. This bill makes it a crime for law abiding citizens to own common firearm magazines meant for lawful purposes.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:42:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose the ban on and the expansion of the ban on 10+ round magazines regarding detachable magazines for pistols and any other firearm. Legal arm bearers should have the right to any capacity magazine of their choosing, especially if the firearm's manufacturer designs its magazine to have more than 10 rounds. Legal arm bearers should not be required to insert magazine blocks to limit capacity to 10 rounds as they are required to now.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:43:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB308 due to its infringement on my second amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:51:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sandi Lyn Cabreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, as a mother of children ages 6 months to 26 years, I strongly oppose SB 308. Most of these bills are aimed at criminalizing law abiding citizens, such as myself, while doing NOTHING to stop the real criminals! I want my children to grow up in a state that protects our constitution, and our rights. I want my children to come back to Hawaii after college, to become contributing members of society, and not have to move out of state because of unconstitutional practices by our government. We are supposed to be a government OF the people, FOR the people. But you are NOT listening to the majority of your people.

**One's right to self-defense does not stop applying if a certain number of people attack them.** Three or four assailants are not unheard-of during home invasions. In historical cases of terrorism or violence based on politics or cultural hatred, like lynchings, over a dozen assailants is common. My family and people like myself have been refugees and victims of violence due to political upheaval, organized crime, and intolerance going back as many generations as we have history. **I am not so privileged to think violent mobs, possibly identified by the color of their shirts, robes or hats, could never “happen here”.**

My family possesses several firearms to provide a plausible defense against targeted or random violence. Gun violence is extremely bad, but the *credible potential* of just gun use is one of the cornerstones of our stable society; **would-be criminals must have reason to expect effective opposition**, from law enforcement or from their would-be victims. I would much rather my family's personal deterrence be theoretical and ambiguous rather than on public record, but certain legislators and special interests draft bills every year that'd make my wife and I felons for possessing what we already asked for and received permission to own, so what option do I have? We have gone through the legal process to acquire our firearms in Hawaii; we took approved training, had our backgrounds checked, submitted our medical records for the perusal of local authorities, had our fingerprints taken, paid for the process, waited a certain amount of time to get permits to acquire, ordered the firearms, and then registered them with the police department. And we do nothing with those firearms that is not legal; we can only have them in very particular places, and they can essentially only be loaded on our property or at a shooting range.

**SB308 would declare, that despite going through all legally required steps to acquire and keep firearms in our home, steps which are beyond those in any other state, we would now not be able to own the magazines some of our firearms were designed to use.**

Cases of defensive gun use where more than 10 rounds are fired are thankfully rare, but they do happen, and a cursory web search finds recent examples. But moreover, **the credible potential of effective defense against mob violence goes a long way in ensuring that actual defensive use is not required.** This bill would maintain exceptions for law enforcement, and local police recognize the value of standard capacity magazines; does that alone not demonstrate plausible legal use cases for over 10 rounds in a firearm?

In practice, this bill states that legally-possessed long guns (those with barrels over 16 inches) in our own homes couldn't have any more rounds in them than easily concealable handguns. However, we would still be able to have as many legally-owned firearms in our house as we want; **we could have a dozen guns each with a 10-round magazine in them, but we couldn't have a single gun with an 11-round magazine.** Is that logical? What is this bill seeking to achieve, what would it incentivize?

For the role of self-defense in a neighborhood, smaller calibers like 5.7x28 should be encouraged; these are not highly energetic rounds, but they are viable for self-defense and offer reduced over-penetration risk. Their lack of power is made up for with low recoil and larger magazine capacities, commonly up to 50 rounds. **A law limiting capacity to ten rounds incentivizes larger, more powerful calibers that are more prone to overpenetration.** If one can only have 10 rounds for self-defense, it's logical for them to select 10 big rounds; but if one's neighbors were ever defending themselves, it's logical to prefer they use smaller rounds.

This bill would also add thousands of magazines to an outstanding grey area of what exactly counts as a legal reduced-capacity magazine. We still don't know what "not readily restorable" means exactly, despite the language having been applied to pistol magazines for 30-some years. Does filling a 20-round magazine with enough epoxy so it only can fit 10 rounds keep us from being felons? What about using hot glue? Bubble gum? What about putting a nut and bolt through the side of it? Or a rivet? This sort of ambiguity weighs most heavily on the minds of those of those who society has the least reason to worry about. **I would be personally compelled to modify over a dozen magazines; how would I be able to determine whether my modifications were non-readily-restorable enough to keep me from being tried as a felon?**

Firearms are serialized, their purchases are controlled, and bureaucracies track them on the national and local levels, yet they still routinely end up in the hands of those who can't legally hold them. The magazines that this bill seeks to ban are sold with zero legal oversight in most of the country, so it would be trivial for the criminally-minded to get them in the mail. The enforcement of this law is likely to only manifest as additional legal charges after another crime has been committed; any illegal magazines are likely to be found along with ammunition and a (likely illegally-possessed) gun in a location where it'd be illegal to possess either. So what is this law expecting to accomplish? **Is it worth limiting the self-defense capacity of the people who fulfill every legal requirement to keep firearms in their own homes, to enable prosecutors to add "magazine possession" charges to what would already be gun and ammo possession charges?**

Please don't advance SB308, and rather spend the legislature's time on bills that benefit our community.

Thank you;

-Cassidy Kohout, Kihei

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:00:13 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha kakou,

I would like to respectfully oppose this bill being passed, unless a study/source could prove that implementing this bill would help reduce the gun violence in Hawai'i state. I have indeed read that magazine size restrictions do, in fact, reduce gun violence, but I believe there should either be exemptions for previously legal magazines (grandfathering), as well as initially trying out a limit to 20-rds for all firearms other than pistols. To be honest, I do not like having the feeling of restrictions for a law-abiding citizens actions, but I understand everyones want to reduce gun violence even more for our state. I will point out, the predominant portion of gun violence in our state IS from suicide, and that is a more important factor to take into account, in my opinion. Mahalo for your kokua.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:02:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Good afternoon.

I oppose this bill 308 and other related bills namely 363 401 as these bills impede on my constitutional right to own firearms. This bill is poorly worded as-is that it does not provide any benefit to legal gun owners but criminalize reponsible gun owners.

I urge you not to endorse and proceed on measures stated in this bill 308 and other related bills 363 401 from infringing on the consitutional rights of the American citizenry. Please contact and discuss with your respective constituents in your community on how to address and fight crime without stepping on the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.

I look forward on discussing further on more practical alternatives.

Sincerely,

Audie F Gerilla

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:04:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB308 as it is a direct violation of my second amendment rights.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:05:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

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

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

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

David V.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:08:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

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

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To the honorable members of the Senate,

My name is Ryan Yamada and I am writing in opposition of Senate Bill SB308. I have been a law abiding, citizen of Hawaii, and a firearm enthusiast for over 20 years.

Senate Bill SB308 would not benefit in improving crime rates in Hawaii. Statistically speaking, Hawaii has some of the lowest crime rates in the country, mostly due to its demographics and unique "island culture". Passing SB308 only hurts law abiding citizens that enjoy, and take advantage of their second amendment rights, whether it be for sporting, hunting, collecting, or even self defense. Due to Hawaii's already stringent gun laws, the vast majority of firearm owners in Hawaii are responsible and practice firearm safety like a religion. Passing SB308 essentially turns all of Hawaii's firearm enthusiasts into criminals overnight.

I would respectfully urge everyone to please vote in opposition of Senate Bill SB308. Thank you for your time and allowing me to express my concern for Senate Bill SB308.

Sincerely, Ryan Yamada

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:14:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lukas Holmes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB308, which seeks to expand the prohibition on detachable magazines with capacities exceeding ten rounds to include all firearms, not just pistols. I respectfully urge the committee to reject this bill for the following reasons:

**1. Violation of Constitutional Rights**

SB308 infringes on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. The U.S. Supreme Court, in cases such as *District of Columbia v. Heller* and *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, has reaffirmed that restrictions on commonly owned firearms and accessories must align with the historical tradition of firearm regulation. Standard-capacity magazines (many of which exceed ten rounds) are widely used for self-defense, sport shooting, and hunting, and banning them would constitute an unconstitutional limitation on lawful gun ownership.

**2. No Measurable Impact on Crime Prevention**

There is no conclusive evidence that banning magazines over ten rounds reduces violent crime. Criminals do not adhere to firearm regulations, and restricting magazine capacity primarily affects law-abiding citizens rather than deterring criminal activity. Studies from jurisdictions with similar bans, such as California and New York, have shown no significant reduction in gun violence as a result of these laws.

**3. Disadvantaging Law-Abiding Citizens in Self-Defense Situations**

Restricting magazine capacity places undue burdens on law-abiding citizens who rely on their firearms for personal protection. Home invasions and other violent encounters often involve multiple attackers, and in high-stress situations, accuracy is reduced. Forcing law-abiding citizens to reload more frequently places them at a distinct disadvantage against armed criminals who do not comply with magazine restrictions.

**4. Burden on Legal Gun Owners and Businesses**

Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun control laws in the country. Further restrictions will disproportionately impact responsible gun owners, sportsmen, and firearm retailers, creating additional legal confusion and financial burdens. This bill will also create potential issues of retroactive criminalization, turning law-abiding citizens into criminals overnight for owning previously legal equipment.

## **5. Enforcement Challenges and Waste of Resources**

Enforcing a ban on standard-capacity magazines would be both impractical and resource-intensive. Law enforcement agencies should focus their efforts on addressing violent criminals rather than policing honest citizens over arbitrary equipment restrictions. This bill will divert attention and funding away from more effective crime prevention strategies.

## **Conclusion**

I urge the committee to reject SB308 and instead focus on legislation that targets criminal misuse of firearms rather than restricting the rights of law-abiding residents. Public safety is best served by addressing root causes of violence, ensuring strong enforcement of existing laws, and supporting responsible firearm ownership.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lukas H.

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

Comments:

I oppose Bill SB308.

There is already a legal precedent 5X over in regards to the measures proposed in SB308. I strongly suggest Hawaii legislators take the time to review the Bruen ruling from the Supreme Court. Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:33:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This letter is to OPPOSE SB308, as the limit on magazine capacity already is under scrutiny for its legality, and there are no direct correlations between magazine capacity and public safety. This measure only reflects the willingness of the state government to unjustifiably restrict citizens' rights

Kent Kurihara

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:46:44 PM

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

Comments:

I do not agree with, nor support SB308.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:50:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill. This infringes on our capacity to defend ourselves using specific firearms we deem may be necessary.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 3:18:45 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 3:29:44 PM

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

Comments:

Do not take our second amendment right away. We The People need a way to protect our self and family against the criminals. It is not the registered gun owners that is the problem. It is the non registered guns and criminals that are the problem. Taking away our guns or forcing us by limitations will only prevent us from protection and not stop the criminals.

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

Comments:

I respectfully oppose this bill. Many courts have ruled that magazine restrictions are unconstitutional. The ninth circuit court three judge panel has ruled magazine restrictions unconstitutional. By not allowing this bill to pass, this will save the taxpayers money overturning this unjust bill.

thankyou for your time and consideration.

Nathan Roldan

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

Comments:

I wish to submit this testimony as notice of my firm opposition of SB308. The expansion of the previously standing 10 round magazine limit to all forms of detachable mags has no appreciable benefit to public safety and is a stark infringement upon the basic 2nd amendment freedoms of Hawaii's people.

The only impact of this will be creating yet another cost-barrier roadblock to exercising our 2nd amendment rights.

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

Comments:

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This bill gives no evidence of how it will be effective in reducing gun violence.

Have any of the shootings on island that have resulted in fatalities involved 10 or more rounds being fired?

Obviously if someone makes a decision to shoot a firearm at someone 10 or more times, they have already decided to disregard any and all laws that they don't want to abide by. Taking 10-round magazines will not deter gun violence, it will simply criminalize firearm owners who own them and followed the law when they registered their weapons with HPD

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Shaheen Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Senators Elefante & Wakai,

I OPPOSE this new ban on currently legal magazines. These magazines are standard equipment in commonly owned legal firearms, and many Americans who legally own them use them for legitimate purposes such as self defense or competition.

Please consider that most legal firearms owners are responsible citizens who acquired their firearms legally and should not be penalized for following the law.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Mulkern

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**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 4:06:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Address root cause of crime

don't throw baby out with the bath water

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Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dwayne Lim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Opposition Argument against Expanding the Ban on Pistols with Detachable Magazines over Ten Rounds to All Firearms with Detachable Magazines over Ten Rounds**

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**2. Ineffectiveness in Reducing Crime**

Studies have shown that restricting magazine capacity does not significantly impact crime rates. The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) reported that the 1994 Federal Assault Weapons Ban, which included a restriction on magazines over ten rounds, had no significant effect on overall gun violence or mass shootings. Criminals often acquire firearms illegally, bypassing restrictions that only affect law-abiding citizens.

**3. Self-Defense and Law-Abiding Citizens**

Many self-defense experts argue that limiting magazine capacity places law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage against criminals, who often do not adhere to such restrictions.

In home invasions or self-defense situations, especially against multiple attackers, having access to a standard-capacity magazine (often greater than ten rounds) increases a defender's ability to respond effectively.

Police officers routinely carry firearms with magazines exceeding ten rounds, recognizing the necessity of higher-capacity firearms for self-defense in high-risk situations.

**4. Burden on Lawful Gun Owners and Compliance Issues**

Millions of firearms with standard-capacity magazines exceeding ten rounds are already legally owned in the U.S. A ban would create legal confusion and force responsible gun owners to either surrender their property, go through costly compliance measures, or face criminal penalties.

Retroactive bans on previously legal firearms would disproportionately affect responsible gun owners while having minimal impact on criminals.

## **5. Impact on Competitive Shooting and Hunting**

Many firearms used in competitive shooting sports and hunting rely on magazines with capacities over ten rounds. Restricting magazine size would harm sports shooters and enthusiasts who use these firearms legally and safely.

The International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) and the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) rely on firearms with standard-capacity magazines to compete effectively.

## **6. Law Enforcement and Military Considerations**

Police and military forces use firearms with detachable magazines over ten rounds because they are considered optimal for defense and tactical engagements. If these magazines are necessary for government agencies, it raises the question of why civilians should be restricted from using them for lawful purposes.

## **Conclusion**

Expanding the ban to all firearms with detachable magazines over ten rounds would disproportionately impact law-abiding citizens while failing to effectively address crime or violence. Given constitutional protections, self-defense considerations, and law enforcement needs, such a broad restriction would likely face strong legal and public opposition.

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill, it infringes on my 2nd amendment right. Gun owners are the most law abiding and humble people I have ever had the pleasure to be around. These bills are just trying to brand us as criminals, all while legislature's protect real criminals. I oppose this bill.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

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

Comments:

I firmly oppose SB308.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:03:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Submitting testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** of this bill.

By taking a firearm part and making a Hawaii voting citizen a criminal for possession of same (which is currently legal for a common long gun magazine) by enacting a bill for an act is not a legislative priority. Hold this bill in committe

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Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Please oppose SB 308. There have already been rulings in higher courts that strike down these kinds of bans on magazine capacity. To pass this law would be seen as unconstitutional and subject to lengthy legal action and ultimately be struck down. Why subject the State to unconstitutional laws and excessive time and legal expenses to defend a law that is not constitutional.

The ban would also have no effect on criminals, but only law abiding gun owners.

Thank you,

Zon Sullenberger

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Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

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**SB-308**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I, Jordon Arizumi, am I opposed to SB308. I believe this is not in the best interest of our community and potentially steps on violating our 2nd amendment rights as American citizens. All though this may be backed by good intentions, I do not see nor agree with the postion as proposed.

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**SB-308**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To the committee propose this bill.

I oppose this bill. While the 10 round magazine pistol ban is already debilitating, it makes competition shooting less enjoyable to those who recreationally shoot through competition shooting. To have similar competition stage setups like other states (that do not have 10 round magazine bans) it requires a significant amount of financial burden depending on the gun platform because of the almost 2x amount of magazines required to complete the stage. With this those who recreationally/competitively shoot with the aspirations to compete in other non restricted states or countries are limited with a skill ceiling imposed by the 10 round magazine bans as reloading is a big focus here. This also applies to rifles, and magazine detachable shotguns where they are also used competitively.

With all that said, the summary is that the 10 round magazine ban places skill ceilings on those who competitively shoot, thus reducing the proficiency of certain skills of said competitor. Making shooting competitively less fun.

**LATE**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:37:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Lono	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly ***OPPOSE*** bill **SB308**. These bills are an overreach and **unconstitutional**. The 2nd Amendment gives us the rights to protect ourselves while the legislation aims to restrict our rights.

**LATE**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:48:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this violation of our constitutional rights.

**LATE**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:25:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 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, firearm companys make firearms with magazines that should be used with their product. They should not be required to make special magazines for few anti-gun states.

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:31:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

strongly OPPOSE

this will cause the state to LOSE a COSTLY LAWSUIT

**LATE**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:21:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it infringes on my 2nd ammendment constitutional rights. This is wrong. Law abiding citizens constitutional rights are being violated.

**LATE**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:36:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose SB 308 it will do nothing to make our lives safer.

Kevin Mulkern

**LATE**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:20:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Honorable Legislature,

I humbly submit my testimony opposing SB308.

Sincerely,

David Fukuzawa

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 6:18:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

**LATE**

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose

**LATE**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 6:21:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**LATE**

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 6:34:15 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Clinton Lewe-Song	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am writing this as a retired police officer and a person profoundly affected by gun violence. I understand the natural tendency to reach for additional firearm legislation to cure some of our problems with criminal behavior. The issue is multifaceted and I appreciate the attempts to find a solution, but recent years have seen action that is more akin to a drowning victim trying to do anything, including worsening the circumstances, and drowning potential rescuers for the sake of doing something. My experience as a child losing his grandfather to an armed robbery in Los Angeles, to being a tactical officer in Hawai'i has taught me that appropriately addressing the criminal will have more of the desired effect than addressing any chosen device or tool. Please blaze a trail to a safer Hawai'i. Following the footsteps of Los Angeles, Chicago, or New York is not the way.

Mahalo,

Clinton Lewe-Song

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 6:49:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM



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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**SB-308**

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 8:34:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

**LATE**

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

Comments:

We must follow the law as it pertains to how a weapon is created by the "factory" and not make up our own rules about factory capacity magazines. Especially when this law will affect tax paying citizens.