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STATE & LOCAL AFFAIRS DIVISION DANIEL REID, WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

February 6, 2019

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Sent Via Email

Re: Senate Bill 556 - OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Nishihara:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, we oppose Senate Bill 556.

The NRA does not want terrorists or dangerous people to have firearms, any suggestion otherwise is offensive and wrong; however, the NRA is opposed to a secret government list, which a large number of Americans mistakenly end up on every year, being used to deny individuals their constitutional right without proper due process of the law.

This legislation requires the firearm permit issuing authority inform the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Terrorist Screening center of the application before a determination can be made. This legislation however is unnecessary as Hawaii utilizes the National Instant Check System (NICS) as part of the background check inquiry. NICS already queries to determine if individuals are on the terrorist watch list and will deny an applicant in the event they are found to be a prohibited person. Additionally, federal law enforcement officers are notified when a person on the terrorist watchlist undergoes a NICS check, which in turn are able to make a case by case determination on the appropriate follow-up for each circumstance.

If the purpose of this legislation is to utilize the list for purposes of issuing a determination, it has the potential to impact law-abiding individuals who mistakenly end up on the list for unbeknownst reasons. The terrorist watchlist is not public record; both the list of individuals and the evidence used to determine who is added to the list are secret. Additionally, the process for being taken off of the list is tenuous and difficult. Due process is a pillar of the American justice system, and a constitutionally protected right cannot, and should not, be taken away on the basis of a secretive or unsubstantiated accusation.

For the foregoing reasons, we urge your opposition to SB 556.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reid Western Regional Director

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 4:46:43 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harvey Gerwig	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

The Hawaii Rifle Association is STRONTLY OPPOSED to this measure for the following reasons:

* The measure is unnecessary because this check is already done through the FBI Instacheck System, which Hawaii uses for every firearm registration.

* The Terrorist list is notoriously inaccurate, has no notice to those included , has no reasonable mechanism for an included person to have their name removed even though they have no terrorist characterisitics.

Please do not move this bill forward, it serves no positive purpose.

Thank you, Harvey Gerwig, HRA President



TESSTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF BILL SB556

Although Hawaii Firearms Coalition does not believe that terrorists should own or have access to firearms. We do believe in Due process.

The Terrorist Screening Database is a database managed and maintained by the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center. The Database is known to be full of errors. An audit by the Office of Inspector General found that 38% of a 105 record sample contained inaccuracies (https://oig.justice.gov/reports/FBI/a0741/final.pdf). In fact the database has so many problems it has been known to catch children (http://www.nbcnews.com/id/10725741/ns/us_news-security/t/-year-oldturns-government-no-fly-list/), Congressman (https://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/big-mistake-thefbi-flagged-congressman-terrorist-16841) and even Nelson Mandela (http://time.com/5338569/nelsonmandela-terror-list/).

To be added to the list you do not have to be involved with an act or terror or be the suspect in planning one. Ways people have been known to get on the list include Travel to certain countries, Something you said in the past, Have a similar name to someone on the no-fly list, Not becoming an informant, Clerical error, Law enforcement issues or Law enforcement issues.

Once on the list the person is never notified, they are never given any evidence and never have a chance to defend themselves. The first time they find out they are on the list is when they are denied access to something for being on the list.

There is no due process with the system the person is presumed guilty and would have to hire a lawyer to even begin the process of getting of the list, in this case they would be denied a constitutional right without any due process.

If passed this law would likely result in a lengthy and costly lawsuit for the state one that they would surely lose. A person cannot be denied a right without due process. Due process is a cornerstone of the American Justice System and that the Hawaii Legislature should veto any attempt to undermine that sacred foundation.

Andrew Namiki Roberts Director Hawaii Firearms Coalition

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 11:29:52 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Eric Valledor	Testifying for HLSL	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose SB556, The NRA does not want terrorists or dangerous people to have firearms, to Acquire firearm permits in Hawaii is very strict.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2019 11:02:37 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pooya Motlagh	Testifying for Waianae Hunting Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha my name is Pooya Motlagh and I'm the president of the Waianae hunting association. I strongly oppose this due to I'm a sportsman and I respect and use firearms. It's part of who I am

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 11:30:22 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/1/2019 3:35:35 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As if this will make any difference in public safety. Watch lists often contain multiple errors, and should not be tied to the application for a PTA for firearms.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/1/2019 4:23:26 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dan Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Another useless bill. No terrorist is going to go thru all the things you make us law abiding citizens go thru to purchase a firearm. Why would they, they would just use a car, bomb or buy the firearm off the black market. Stats show that the majority of criminal/terrorist did not get their firearms via a legal purchase. Also just use a vehicle to run people over or make a bomb, why go thru all the hassle.

Dan Goo - Retired HPD Detective

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/1/2019 10:02:11 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ron Klapperich	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because there is no due process in the database. If my name is included by accident or through a minor misspelling, I am denied my Constitutional rights.

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February 2, 2017

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair and Members Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs State Senate Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street, Room 229 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 280, Relating to Firearms

am David Nilsen, Acting Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 280, Relating to Firearms.

Currently, the Hawaii Revised Statutes articulates who may not own or possess a firearm. In this era of domestic terror and "lone wolf' terror attacks, keeping firearms out of the hands of those with ill intent is more important than ever. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has identified those individuals who are known or reasonably suspected of being involved in terrorist activities. Denying those persons access to an unlimited number of firearms is in the best interest of the State of Hawaii and the nation as a whole.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 280, Relating to Firearms.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED

Cary O oto Acting Chief of Police

Sincerely,

~~ajar Records and Identification Division



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January 31, 2017

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS Chair, Vice Chair, and Members,

Please vote NO on SB280.

I'm sure all the members of the committee have done their due diligence and carefully researched the multitude of problems with the "Terrorist Screening Database" which SB280 would use as the standard to deny law-abiding Hawaii citizens, without any due process whatsoever, of their fundamental individual natural/God-given enumerated Constitutionally-guaranteed civil right to keep and bear arms, but I am entering this into the public record not for the already well-informed committee members, but for the general public who may not be so well-educated about the numerous problems with the "Terrorist Screening Database", and might be puzzled by your votes against this bill, having the ill-informed and mistaken idea that legislators "want terrorists to have guns". We all know, of course, that nothing could be further from the truth. We need only look to all the other bills filed and working their way through the Hawaii legislature with broad support to clearly see that many Hawaii legislators want to remove access to firearms from a far wider group of citizens than merely "terrorists".

The problems with the "Terrorist Screening Database" are many, far too many to go into here, so I will simply briefly mention a few of the problems so the public knows that SB280 would not serve the citizens of Hawaii.

Firstly, no one knows if they are on the "Terrorist Screening Database" until they try to travel or engage in some other activity, such as attempting to purchase a firearm and undergoing a required background check, when they are "flagged". Senator Ted Kennedy (among other well-known public figures) was on the list (he was also on the much smaller "No Fly" list) and stopped numerous times from boarding airplanes. This was apparently because he had a name similar to a person who was a member of the Irish Republican Army who had blown his arms off while constructing an explosive device. I guess the "Terrorist Screening Database" forgot to mention "no arms" as part of it's description, or perhaps the database did include that descriptive information, but out of an abundance of caution Kennedy was prohibited from boarding on the possibility that "those could be prosthetic robotic arms". Who knows? What we do know is that Kennedy of course, over a period of many months managed to get his name off the "No Fly List"/"Terrorist Screening Database" eventually. Regular citizens are not so lucky. One person was on the list for TEN YEARS before finally getting the case into court where it was discovered that it was a clerical error that had placed them on the list, and then the lack of due process options that kept them on the list.

There is no due process by an independent outside means, such as a court (except after many years and spending tens of thousands of dollars), for redressing one's mistaken appearance on the "Terrorist Screening Database". There is a process, but it is inadequate, as addressed by several reports by the U.

S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General. "[T]he TSC's [Terrorist Screening Center] redress activities identified a high rate of error in watchlist records. In addition, we believe the TSC needs to address the timeliness of redress complaint resolutions."

How high is the error rate and how many people are so effected? From the same report by the Inspector General: "We examined 105 records subject to the routine quality assurance review and found that <u>38</u> **percent** of the records we tested continued to contain errors or inconsistencies that were not identified through the TSC's quality assurance efforts." How many people does a 38% error rate become? "The watchlist database continues to increase by an average of over 20,000 records per month and contained over 700,000 records as of April 2007."

The nine years since that publication until February 2016 would mean an increase of 2.120,000 names on the list, bringing it to a total of 2,820,000 names. At an error rate of 38%, that would mean that 805,600 of those named on the list are on the list in error. That is a significantly large number of people who would be denied their rights without due process, simply due to government incompetence.

Now, what are the criteria for being placed upon the list in the first place, even if it weren't riddled with such a high degree of errors? "The TSC's general criterion for including a record in the consolidated watchlist database is that the nominating agency must have provided evidence of a nexus to terrorism." Please note that "nexus to terrorism" includes people who might be neighbors, co-workers, relatives, acquaintances, etc. of a person who may (or may not) have some legitimate "nexus" to actual real-world terrorist activity. This criterion is far too broad and vague and obviously, as the Inspector General notes: "[T]he database contains records for individuals that should not be watchlisted."

There are at least one million names, maybe two million or more on the "Terrorist Screening Database". If you go to the FBI website where they address their process for redressing possible errors in the database, they assure us that they have "**AN** attorney on staff [emphasis added]" to address such issues. That's one busy attorney.

A recently discussed concern is that this being a "domestic" (not "international") database is that the criteria for including (only) American citizens in this database may include perfectly legitimate and lawful First Amendment-protected political speech, and yet such activity results in placement on the "Terrorist Screening Database". There is much evidence that such is the case, and this raises concerns about government overreach and the "chilling effect" such terrorist designation has upon lawful activities protesting government actions. One has to wonder with such broad and vague criteria that perhaps even people submitting strongly-worded public testimony to government agencies opposing what such citizens view as tyrannical unconstitutional policies and laws, and perhaps using accusatory language regarding failure by politicians to uphold their oath of office to uphold the Constitution, might end up on such a list. Is that what the founders had in mind with the First Amendment?

There are many more problems with the "Terrorist Screening Database" and thus the idea that it should be used for denying law-abiding citizens of Hawaii their rights, but the above ought to be sufficient to allow previously uninformed citizens to see the wisdom of defeating SB280.

thank you, George Pace



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STATE & LOCAL AFFAIRS DIVISION DANIEL REID, HAWAII STATE LIAISON

February 1, 2017

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara Chair, House Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Sent Via Email

Re: Senate Bill 280 - OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Nishihara:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, we strongly oppose Senate Bill 280.

The NRA does not want terrorists or dangerous people to have firearms, any suggestion otherwise is offensive and wrong; however, the NRA is opposed to a secret government list, which a large number of Americans mistakenly end up on every year, being used to deny individuals their constitutional right without proper due process of the law.

This legislation would affect law-abiding individuals who mistakenly end up on the list for unbeknownst reasons. The terrorist watchlist is not public record; both the list of individuals and the criteria used to determine who is added to the list are secret. Additionally, there is no known process for being taken off of the list. Due process is a pillar of the American justice system, and a constitutionally protected right cannot, and should not, be taken away on the basis of a secretive or unsubstantiated accusation.

When utilizing the National Instant Check System (NICS), individuals on the terrorist watchlist are already queried and denied a firearm if they are found to be a prohibited person. Additionally, law enforcement is already notified every time a person on the terrorist watchlist attempts to purchase a firearm. Law enforcement is then able to make a case by case determination on the appropriate follow-up for each circumstance.

Thank you for your attention and I ask that you oppose this unnecessary and unconstitutional piece of legislation.

Cordially,

Daniel S. Reid State Liaison

From:	mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent:	Monday, January 30, 2017 3:45 PM
То:	PSMTestimony
Cc:	bisaacso@hawaii.edu
Subject:	Submitted testimony for SB280 on Feb 2, 2017 13:15PM

Submitted on: 1/30/2017 Testimony for PSM on Feb 2, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This unconstitutional measure would seek to legitimize a witch hunt. Those on the watch list don't know if they are on it, don't know how they got on it and have no legal recourse to get off it, regardless of the language of the current measure. Due process is still afforded any citizen. it is problematical that the Federal government would even release names on the watch list to Hawaii authorities. This bill should be deferred.

Please note that testimony submitted <u>less than 24 hours prior to the hearing</u>, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

From:	mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent:	Tuesday, January 31, 2017 12:03 PM
То:	PSMTestimony
Cc:	djf991960@hotmail.com
Subject:	Submitted testimony for SB280 on Feb 2, 2017 13:15PM

Submitted on: 1/31/2017 Testimony for PSM on Feb 2, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Fukuzawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to this bill at this time. There has already been mistakes related to the federal terrorist list. Additionally, terrorists and criminals do not follow the laws. They get weapons illegally in most instances, so this only keeps the law abiding citizen from breaking laws who already abide with the law. We live in the most restrictive state in the Union when it comes to firearm restrictions, we don't need to add to the current statue.

Please note that testimony submitted <u>less than 24 hours prior to the hearing</u>, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

From:	mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent:	Wednesday, February 1, 2017 10:49 AM
То:	PSMTestimony
Cc:	da808rock@yahoo.com
Subject:	*Submitted testimony for SB280 on Feb 2, 2017 13:15PM*

Submitted on: 2/1/2017 Testimony for PSM on Feb 2, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jake Hanawahine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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From:	mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent:	Wednesday, February 1, 2017 10:04 AM
То:	PSMTestimony
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Subject:	Submitted testimony for SB280 on Feb 2, 2017 13:15PM

Submitted on: 2/1/2017 Testimony for PSM on Feb 2, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonagustine Lim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. The Terror screening database has a 40-50% error rate and would illegally confiscate the property of law-abiding citizens without recourse. SB898 would be a better starting point for removing access to firearms from those who Law Enforcement determine to pose a serious threat to others.

Please note that testimony submitted <u>less than 24 hours prior to the hearing</u>, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/1/2019 8:42:10 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edmund Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please see that this bill does not pass. Strongly opposed.

Aloha

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/2/2019 12:25:52 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judy Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Just like all the other checks. Terrorist on the watch list will not be purchasing firearms from a store, but we will still purchase firearms as it is our 2nd Amendment Right.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/2/2019 12:41:32 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We have strong background checks and are listed in the rapback federal criminal database. What more do you want? This will only increase our gun permit fees. Strongly oppose.

Go after bad guys not good guys who pay money and are legal gun registered owners.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/3/2019 10:47:35 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kellen Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Gun owners are not terrorists. This bill is blatant government overreach. We are all already on the FBI watch list by merely owning firearms because of a bill Ige signed just a couple years ago. This bill is completely unnecessary.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 1:55:53 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Ching	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 9:04:52 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill takes out the right for "due proccess". Many people on the terrorist list have been placed there by mistake. And that mistake is not found until the person travels. No notice is given to anyone who is on the list.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 9:28:49 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter J Long III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I submit this testimony is OPPOSITION of SB556.

First, I would like ask rhetorically: Seriously, how many terrorist attacks will be thwarted by this law which will not allow a "terrorist" to walk into a gun shop in Hawaii to buy his weapon because he was denied his permit??

I would agree that it is of some importance to keep known terrorists from purchasing firearms in this state; HOWEVER, since this proposal lacks any semblance of Due Process or appeal process, I urge you to vote it down.

It has already been shown that mistakes are routine whether persons have been added by mistake or mistaken for other person ligitimately added.

Due Process used to be a central pillar of our Judicial system just as the Second Amendment used to be a central pillar of the Bill of Rights. I truly regret that our politicians today have resorted to undermining these pillars that have made this country a beacon to the world.

We are a nation of equality, after all, and being able to ultimately defend yourself at all times shouldn't be a question of legal nuance.

As a registered voter and resident of Hawaii, I urge you to oppose the gun control bills before the committee.

Please stand with law-abiding citizens in support of the Second Amendment and oppose this gun control agenda that includes misguided efforts such as banning commonly owned firearms, discriminating against young adults by denying them their Second Amendment rights, and trying to legislate one-size-fits-all solutions to matters of personal responsibility. Punishing law-abiding gun owners for the acts of criminals is flat out wrong and won't solve any of the mental health and behavioral problems that we desperately need to do something about.

Again, please oppose all of the gun control bills being brought before your committee. Thank you.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 9:29:38 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kainoa Kaku	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 9:55:21 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hung Hei Cheng	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. No person on the terrorist watch list should be able to aquire firearms. I caution that these changes do burden the police agencies to perform additional duties and if so should be provided with additioanl funding in order to pay the incease staff.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 12:57:00 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gavin Lohmeier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Re: SB556

To whom it may concern:

I oppose SB556. Although Terrorism should be prevented, having a Terrorist Watch List; and other parts of this bill would not be a good idea and can be mistaken in certain cases. We already have extensive background checks in Hawaii. Making more background checks will not help.

Sincerely,

Gavin Lohmeier

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 1:12:21 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Gamble	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

From: Robert A. Gamble

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2019

Subject: Opposition for S.B. No. 556, RELATING TO FIREARMS.

Adds the requirement to notify the Terrorist Screening Center administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the gun permit application background check.

Since 1985, I have been a competitor in local, state, national and international shooting competitions. Most recently at the National Pistol Championships at Camp Perry Ohio in July of 2018. I have earned numerous medals and awards in different types of marksmanship competitions spanning a few decades. I'm also a NRA certified Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun instructor. I support the legitimate and safe use of firearms.

I ask this question, how is public safety served by notifying the Terrorist Screening Center every time someone applies for a gun permit? Terrorists don't follow laws. They normally procure their weapons by other nefarious means. Painting law abiding gun owners as potential terrorists serves no purpose other than to vilify innocent citizens who are exercising their constitutional rights. They apply for a gun permit because they follow laws and are trying to do the right thing. I strongly oppose S.B. No. 556 on the basis that Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the country. There are already many local checks in place like mental health, NCIC and FBI "Rapback" in place that prevent firearms from getting into the hands of those that should not have them. This bill only serves to further flood the federal authorities with notifications that don't really enhance public safety. Not all gun safety laws are bad. This proposal makes no sense. Please vote against this bill. Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A. Gamble

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 2:46:17 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 3:17:42 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sheldon Miyakado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 6:05:15 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin J. Cole	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Subject: SB 556

Aloha,

I am opposed to SB 556. The terrorist screening center run by the FBI is notoriously short on due process and is applied in arbitrary manor. My own son was denied a flight due his sharing the name a suspected European terrorist; quite a surprise for an island raised boy.

Hawaii citizens applying for the "Right to Acquire" permits already are subject to the FBI RAP BACK program. This already insures that anyone with a record is under both Federal and a State scrutiny.

SB 556 is an overreach at best and an invasion of privacy at worst.

Mahalo,

Kevin J. Cole, Col USAF Ret.

Mililani

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 8:04:44 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Nakagawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hawaii already has some of the most stringent and restrictive firearms requirements in the Nation this measure will only add to the cost and red tape that law abiding citizens will need to meet.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 10:12:57 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Quentin Kealoha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this legislation

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 10:31:03 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Welch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill, it violates our rights to due process and that's a dangerous slippery slope to go down.
<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2019 4:57:06 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
taylor sumida	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:20:09 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shelton Yamashiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

National Instant Check System (NICS) is already used for screening.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:02:16 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Sub	omitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Υι	u Xian He	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The current process to apply for a firearms permit is more of an effort to make it difficult for an individual to legally obtain a firearm so that they will eventually give up applying. Adding another screening/background check to the list doesn't make it any better, and it actually deters law-abiding citizens to acquire firearms legally. Criminals on the other hand, will attempt to bypass the process anyway and try to obtain firearms on their own legally.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:42:50 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Sosta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB556.

Lawful gun owners are not the problem and do not need to be screened in a terrorist database, criminals and drug users are the problem and guess what they do not apply for permits.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:08:34 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerry Nagai	Individual	Oppose	Yes

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:46:50 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharon Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:43:12 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
mark williams	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:52:00 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fred Delosantos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I vehemently oppose SB556. The Terrorist Watchlist has been proven to be frequently erroneous, and as responsible lawmakers, you shouldn't be curtailing US citizens constitutional rights based on half baked assumptions, hearsay and typos.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:39:58 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
davin asato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

As a registered voter in the State of Hawaii, I oppose SB556. Rapback was implemented on those that wished to own firearms in the State of Hawaii and has done nothing to stop any crimes committed with firearms. The reason this is, is the ones commiting the crime had obtained the firearm illegally and never went through that process. This will be the same. Please do not increase the burden already on those that want to exercise their right to keep and bear arms in this State and oppose SB 556.

Respecfully,

Davin Asato

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:19:14 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Russell Takata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this measure. The proposal is unnecessary since permit applicants already undergo a NICS background check. Also in question is an individual's right to due process.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:54:32 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:15:11 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:25:34 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tony frascarelli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly opposed as being not necessary. Firearms owners already must pass a background check and be entered into the Rapback Program. Just another example of Mr. Rhoads continuing attack on Hawaii's legal firearms owners. Criminals don't apply for permits or register guns!

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:39:16 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Seth Addison	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a Hawai'i resident and taxpayer, I strongly oppose SB556. No one wishes to allow terrorists own and possess firearms. however, no one wants to see due process taken away from an individual. We are not the thought police and still hold an individual innocent until proven guilty.

SB556 has no details or process of adding or removing one's name from the watch list, there is no appeal process. Citizens are mistakenly placed on that list(famously former Senator Ted Kennedy), and it is almost impossible to get one's name removed. There have been cases of people with the same of similar names of people actually on the watch list not able to get airline tickets. The same could hold true if SB556 is passed. The State of Hawai'i already has one the most difficult and lengthy application process for firearms, including the FBI "Rapback" list. For the State legislature to continue adding "hoops" to jump through in order to exercise our 2nd ammendment rights is only gaslighting the people and presuming that they must be guilty of something.

I again urge you to oppose SB556, and stand up for due process and the rights of the residents you represent.

Thank you,

Seth Addison

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:57:09 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna K Santos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a Native Hawaiian from the island of Kaua`i and I OPPOSE SB556 and urge the committee NOT to pass this.

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:16:29 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Yukutake	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB556.

The terrorist screening watchlist is a travesty on American freedoms and even more so when applied to the 2nd amendment. People are unknowingly placed onto the terrorist watchlist without a trial or knowing they are on the list. There is a very limited and cumbersom appeals process. You are presumed guilty for the sake of being guilty because you didn't break any laws. Even worse, there are cases of mistaken identity such as when Congressman Rep Tom McClintock was flagged by the terrorist watchlist in 2016. As a Congressman he could get it cleared but what would it be like for an average person in Hawaii?

This bill is frightenning to firearm owners because it can remove our gun rights, have our guns confiscated, and there would be nothing that we could do about it.

Oppose SB556.

Mahalo,

Todd Yukutake toddyukutake@gmail.com

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:12:01 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John W. Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:27:56 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sean Marion	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2019 3:22:33 PM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Devin Sasai	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB556 on the basis that it will not curb the threat of terrorism, deplete necessary funds from our already cash strapped State budget, and could potentially land an innocent person on the terror watch list simply because they have a similar name or their name matches a possible alias of a terrorist. Being that there is no set way to appeal placement or petition for removal of a persons name from the terror watch list, I urge the members of this committee to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

Devin Sasai



<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2019 10:13:45 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Murakami	Individual	Oppose	No



<u>SB-556</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2019 10:29:33 AM Testimony for PSM on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jason Pierce	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is an unnecessary and redundant step in the background check process.

Name : katy Goo E-mail : katy.goo25@gmail.com Zip Code : 96816

Testimony : Ask Sen Clarence Nishihara, he said someone had the same name as his when applying for his Driver License. It was in last years testimony. What if someones name is on the list that is not suppose to be or if someone has the same name as you. No due process.

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Name : Rikki Rutt E-mail : rikkirutt@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96782

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556. I strongly oppose this bill due to the fact that a watch list that is arbitrary and people can get put on accidentally having committed no crime should not be a reason to lose their rights.

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Name : Quentin Kealoha E-mail : achilles.kealoha@gmail.com Zip Code : 96795

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556.

Law abiding citizens should not be treated as criminals for exercising a constitutional right. A founding legal principle within the United States and throughout the free world is that an individual should be considered innocent until proven guilty, and we would not be subject to the same treatment as criminals or individuals who may be threats to the security of our nation, simply because we wish to exercise our 2nd amendment rights.

Name : Lee Nakasone E-mail : meghunter1107@gmail.com Zip Code : 96814

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556. There is relevant information put out there about this "Terrorist Watch List," and there is evidence of people who are not actually terrorists or even associated with known terrorist groups that are put on this list (among those were a well known politician and a small child). And since there is no appeals process to have yourself removed from this list if you've been put on it in error, this is in violation of due process rights (no one shall be deprived of life, liberty and property without due process of law). Also, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (known as NICS), already has information submitted to it and maintained by the FBI to indicate who is a threat and who is not.

Therefore, I respectfully urge any and all members of the Hawaii Legislature who will be voting on this to vehemently vote AGAINST this legislation. Mahalo.

Name : Jon Gushiken E-mail : gush99@gmail.com Zip Code : 96732

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556. While I agree that terrorists should not be able to acquire firearms, implementing the use of the "terrorist watch list" is a huge mistake. There is no due process in how someone is added to this list - isn't due process one of the pillars of America? We are supposed to be "innocent until proven guilty."

Background checks are handled by the FBI and the NICS system. If that is insufficient, then effort should be made to strengthen what gets reported to NICS, not a questionable watch-list.

Jon Gushiken Kahului, Maui

Name : Ryan Hironaka E-mail : rhironaka808@gmail.com Zip Code : 96821

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556. I strongly disagree with this bill. Call me email me i want to speak with you asap!

Name : Joshua Addison E-mail : jos.addison@gmail.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : This Email is in opposition of SB556.

I strongly oppose SB556 and ask you to do the same.

Name : Byard Miller E-mail : millert015@hawaii.rr.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : This email is in opposition of SB556 because of the unlawful process of adding ones name to a watch list without notification. We already have submitted to LINK to own a firearm here in Hawaii but at least we were notified.

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Name : MARK YOKOTA E-mail : mark.yokota@gmail.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : I am in strong opposition to SB556. This deprives citizens of their 2nd amendment right with no due process. The late Democratic Senator Ted Kennedy was on the Terrorist Watch list. Yes, it's true. The only way he found out was at the airport when he showed up to catch his flight and was told by a TSA agent they couldn't let him board. There was no prior notification, and no point of contact for Sen. Kennedy to clear up the matter. Sen. Kennedy's only mistake was having the same name as a known IRA terrorist.

Name : David Kellogg E-mail : effour@hawaii.rr.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : This email is in opposition of SB556

Dear Sir/Ma'am

I am writing this in response to the bills being introduce to ban semi automatic rifles, commonly and incorrectly referred to by Government officials and the media as assault rifles.

I'd like to ask you one question, what do you know about firearms in this country outside of what you see on TV?

Do you know what select fire is? Do you know the difference between semi automatic and automatic? Do you know what caliber round that a AR15 uses? Do you know the difference between a magazine and a clip? Do you know what the AR in AR15 means?

I could go on and on but most of these questions can be answered by a simple google search. My point is, these are gun 101 questions and folks like yourself looking to ban semi automatic firearms can't answer them. You would rather spread misinformation about guns sharing facts that are incorrect and if repeated often enough by the media seem to become reality to you and your colleagues. Facts don't lie and not one single fact supports your argument.

Your thought presses for gun safety can be compared to drinking and driving. Let's reduce the number of fatalities caused by drunk drivers by removing the sober drivers from the street.

I would invite you to come see one of the Practical shooting events that myself and many others partake in. Every weekend you see 50 to 75 women, children and men of all races and backgrounds competing.

I would invite you to watch or partake in any of the handgun safety courses that take place every weekend, many of these courses specially for women. There are also training courses that are held. You'll be taught rifle and handgun technique to protect your family and loved ones or improve your accuracy at the range.

There will be a gun show at the Blaisdale in March, you should go and talk to people there, contrary to what you may believe there will NOT be gang members illegally purchasing guns. Rather family's and friends having a good time and spending money on their hobbies.

Have you ever been to one of the shooting fairs at Kokohead? Over the weekend there are

more attendees that a UH football game. Every politician in Hawaii should go and learn someting, it may open your eyes.

I enjoy many aspects of shooting. I compete in Practical shooting events held at Kokohead every weekend. Most often we compete with hand guns but we really enjoy the multi gun events where we compete with hand gun, rifle and shotgun. I enjoy spending weekends on Lanai hunting with my family and friends. Even if I don't bag a deer or a mouflon the time we get to spend together is priceless. I enjoy the time I have spent with my dad in Houston shooting sporting clays. Spending the afternoon shooting clays on shotguns he has restored. I enjoy building rifles, several on the AR platform. One in particular was used to help a friend pass his shooting Quals to become a sherif. I enjoy the classes I take to help me become a better shooter. I take these classes so I know what I need to do should I ever be put in a position to protect my life or that of my friends and family.

My story is no different from all other legal gun owners and what has us all baffled is why you think we are a threat to this state and country. We all wonder why you want to take our second amendment rights away but keep them in place for your own protection. Why can celebrities and politicians be safe behind armed guards but the ordinary citizen be stripped of their right to protect themselves? Are we supposed to believe that a police officer will always be there in time?

In the last 20 year there have been more shootings, many of which are sensationalized by the media. In all these cases it has been a failure of government that has allowed these to happen, not the silent majority law abiding gun owner. But politicians want to keep adding more gun laws instead of fixing the root problems. Guns have not changed in the last 20 years, our society has. Talk to any teacher and you will know their daily struggle. Undisciplined kids that are shown no consequence for their actions. Today criminals have more rights than the victim.

I really wish that politicians would spend the time and get to know the real gun owners in this country. Maybe then they will realize that their efforts are misguided. No new gun law will ever stop someone determined to do harm. Recent terror attacks have proved this. Most anti gun lobbies will always ask why anyone would need a semi automatic rifle, yes there are others than just the AR platform. Well, what you just read is my reason and millions more like me.

Recently my way of life was saved by my dearest friends Chaney. I shoot, surf and ride motocross with Channy. In September 2017 she gave me a new kidney and a new lease on life. Is this the type of person you feel as a threat to society?

Name : richard ARGUELLES E-mail : hibattledroidz@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96782

Testimony : no.... please do not pass this bill

Name : David Balmoja E-mail : oggfueler@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96732

Testimony : I am in opposition of SB556 as it infringes upon my constitutional rights.

Name : Kevin Louis E-mail : kaaemoku44@gmail.com Zip Code : 96707

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556. Ok this does not make any sense at all. So to tell me that a LEGAL firearm owner is screened as a terrorist and basically treated like one for following the law? Where's the logic? While the REAL terrorists out there acquire there guns illegally off the streets with NO background checks.

Name : Zack zimmer E-mail : zack.zimmer@gmail.com Zip Code : 96813

Testimony : Aloha,

Please do not infringe upon my constitutional right to bear arms.
Name : Joseph Graham E-mail : wgs808@gmail.com Zip Code : 19151

Testimony : I oppose SB556

Name : Martha Kiyabu E-mail : younggunsmk@hawaii.rr.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : Strongly Opposed to SB556. Why would you put legal firearm owners in the same data bank screening as terrorist? We already have to pay extra at HPD to be put in the RAP back system with the Feds. This bill if passed will put legal firearm owners in the same data bank as terrorist. Please do not hear or support SB556.

Name : ARTIE KENDALL E-mail : akendall808@gmail.com Zip Code : 96744

Testimony : I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB556.

Name : Andrew Teter E-mail : ateter4242@gmail.com Zip Code : 96734

Testimony : This email is in opposition of SB556. Unless the FBI is going to come here and help patrol the streets, this bill will have zero effect on crime in our state. This is just another way for government to be involved in our lives for no reason. The process for obtaining a gun here in Hawaii is quite stringent as it is, and still, no criminal will follow the rules already in place. Things like this bill will only target legal owners.

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Name : Avery Tsui E-mail : averytsui@gmail.com Zip Code : 96701

Testimony : Hi Lawmakers,

This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556. It's unconstitutional and will only serves to endanger law abiding citizens.

Regards, Avery Tsui

Name : Randy Horne E-mail : randy@picturethisgraphics.com Zip Code : 96727

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556, this reeks of 1940 Nazi Germany

Name : Justin Enos E-mail : jdkenos@gmail.com Zip Code : 96817

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556.

I do, like many of us, strongly believe that terrorists should not own firearms. However, I do believe in due process. The methods for adding and removing people from the terrorist screening databases are far too inconsistent for us to even consider using it as a means to evoke rights from our citizens, and it blatantly disregards due process.

There have been many occasions where people have been added in error and because no one on the list is notified they do not find out until its in a situation of some importance. For example, Children have been denied flights because there name is similar to some one on the list. Even a congressman was erroneously added to the watch list. As such we do not feel it is an accurate tool to be using to decide if some one should be able to purchase a firearm or not.

Name : Teresa Nakama E-mail : teresanakama51@gmail.com Zip Code : 96740

Testimony : I Teresa L Nakama strongly oppose SB556. This bill is unnecessary when existing laws already highly regulates the permitting process.

Name : Keoni Tamashiro E-mail : kt96187@gmail.com Zip Code : 96817

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556 I feel as a legal gun owner that this is a unnecessary burden for legal gun owners. I like many have gone through the State of Hawaii and their mandatory enrollment in the FBI Rap Back System.

Sincerly Keoni Tamashiro

Name : Damien Carroll E-mail : planetdc1@gmail.com Zip Code : 96793

Testimony : I oppose this bill strips us law abiding citizens of our rights

Name : Robert Hechtman E-mail : hechtmanr@gmail.com Zip Code : 96706

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556

There is no set method for adding (or removing) people to the Terrorist screening database. There is no due process and no appeals process.

There has been many occasions where people have been added in error and because no one on the list is notified they do not find out until its in a situation of some importance, Children have been denied flights because there name is similar to some one on the list. Even a congressman was erroneously added to the watch list. As such we do not feel it is an accurate tool to be using to decide if some one should be able to purchase a firearm or not.

Sincerely, Robert Hechtman

Name : Joel Berg E-mail : d2bergler@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96789

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556

A Constitutionally guaranteed right should not be suspended without Due Process. The Terrorist Database has no set path to remove ones name should they be incorrectly added to it.

Name : Jorge Gonzalez E-mail : fury64@gmail.com Zip Code : 96734

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556. I agree that terrorists should not possess firearms but due process must be followed before someone is added to these types of lists.

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Name : Michael Moylan E-mail : xstretch101@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96760

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556... I firmly believe my Constitutional Second Amendment Right is being infringed upon by this bill. Because there is no set method of adding persons to the Terrorist Screening Database, I could be erroneously added to the Terrorist Screening Database for which there is no proper due process or appeals process. This would make my life as a law-abiding citizen, hellish.

Please, do not take my right to bear arms away from me, limiting my protection, the protection of the lives of my loved ones, my livelihood, my favorite pastime. Remember, that the law does not apply to law-breakers. Regulation and suppression of my rights only punish law-abiding citizens.

Name : Len Fergusen E-mail : lenfergusen@gmail.com Zip Code : 96797

Testimony : I am a 52 year resident of Hawaii, a high school teacher and an advocate of the 2nd Amendment of the United States. I am in opposition of SB556 and I vote.

Name : Criston Kam E-mail : unkokalani@gmail.com Zip Code : 96740

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556. Uphold the oath you took when you got elected to office to PROTECT the Constitution

Name : Michael Andres E-mail : mvandres808@gmail.com Zip Code : 96749

Testimony : This email is in opposition of SB556.

Although I do believe that terrorists should not own guns, I do believe in due-process. This bill is to flawed to properly deem someone a threat and could easily take away someone's rights without them knowing and without them being guilty of anything. There is no set method of adding (or removing) people to the Terrorist Screening Database. There is no due process, and no appeals process. There are to many incidences of similar lists (ex: the no fly list) where people have been added to the list by error and innocents have been penalized for it.

Name : Clinton Lewe-Song E-mail : chl213@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96755

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of B556. As a fellow resident of Hawaii, I urge you to oppose the gun control bills before the committee.

Please stand with law-abiding citizens in support of the Second Amendment and oppose this gun control agenda that includes misguided efforts such as banning commonly owned firearms, discriminating against young adults by denying them their Second Amendment rights, and trying to legislate one-size-fits-all solutions to matters of personal responsibility. Punishing law-abiding gun owners for the acts of criminals is flat out wrong and won't solve any of the mental health and behavioral problems that we desperately need to do something about.

Again, please oppose all of the gun control bills being brought before your committee. Thank you.

Name : Aaron Chun E-mail : akoac1@gmail.com Zip Code : 96749

Testimony : this email is in opposition to SB 556

this law is unconstitutional.

Name : J pavao E-mail : turbosohc3369@gmail.com Zip Code : 96720

Testimony : This bill is a direct infringement and very unconstitutional to my rights as an American! Vote No!

Name : Dusttin Fields E-mail : dustin.j.fields@gmail.com Zip Code : 96720

Testimony : I oppose this bill

Name : Cody Haddin E-mail : mygmalesack@gmail.com Zip Code : 96740

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556. I also believe that this is not an accurate tool to determine someones gun rights.

Name : Richard Stueber E-mail : seanstueber@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96720

Testimony : This email is in opposition to SB556.

I strongly oppose this bill as it is an infringement on my right to keep and bear arms.

As a senator or representative, please do your duty to uphold the constitution and oppose this bill.

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Name : Tom Lodge E-mail : hawaiihuntingassociation@gmail.com Zip Code : 96749

Testimony : We do not live in Mother Russia... in spite of there once being a fort here. Guns are not the problem... people are the problem and we constantly neglect making meaningful punishment for those that use firearms in crimes in favor of letting them go and allow crisis to develop in order to penalize the law abiding... something easy to criminalize on technicality, rather than behavior.

STRONGLY OPPOSE!

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Name : Austin White E-mail : austinowhite@gmail.com Zip Code : 96789

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556

Although I do not believe that terrorists should own firearms. I do believe in Due process.

There is no set method for adding (or removing) people to the Terrorist screening database. There is no due process and no appeals process.

There has been many occasions where people have been added in error and because no one on the list is notified they do not find out until its in a situation of some importance, Children have been denied flights because there name is similar to some one on the list. Even a congressman was erroneously added to the watch list. As such I do not feel it is an accurate tool to be using to decide if some one should be able to purchase a firearm or not.

Name : michael jumalon E-mail : Shawnak_66@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96720

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556. I work hard to purchase guns as a collector and follow all the laws and rules to be allowed to keep my guns. It would be unfair for myself and others who abide by the rules to have to give up their rights because of a small fraction of individuals wrong doings.

Name : Ricky Carvalho E-mail : oaktree@sandwichisles.net Zip Code : 96720

Testimony : I'm in opposition is SB556 because it infringes on our personal privacy....

Name : Keith Kawai E-mail : keith.kawai01@gmail.com Zip Code : 96825

Testimony : I oppose this bill as there is already a registration process which includes a background check and list the gun owner on a national database

Name : Brendon Heal E-mail : heaviescc@gmail.com Zip Code : 96707

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556

This is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars. Gun violence is a NON issue in Hawaii, compared to ALL the other problems that need IMMEDIATE ATTENTION in this State.

Do not waste time on these anti gun agenda bills. They go against the Constitution of the United States, the constitution of Hawaii, AND are in contrary to your sworn oaths when you took office!

Name : michael jumalon E-mail : Shawnak_66@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96720

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of HB556. I work hard to purchase guns as a collector and follow all the laws and rules to be allowed to keep my guns. It would be unfair for myself and others who abide by the rules to have to give up their rights because of a small fraction of individuals wrong doings.

Name : Richy Chang E-mail : inchang.1391@gmail.com Zip Code : 96720

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION OF SB556

Name : Jon Abbott E-mail : jonwebsterabbott@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96822

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556 due to the lack of due process and transparency that comprises the terrorist watch list. This list has been shown time and time again to be full of persons that are not terrorists and have no way to remove themselves from the list. The lack of due process for persons placed on this list should be reason enough for every member of the state and federal legislatures to demand this list be dismantled and its architects prosecuted for civil rights violations.

Name : Abner Berrios E-mail : abnerberrios93@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96720

Testimony : This email is in opposition of SB556

Name : Niel Kaneshiro E-mail : nkbuymail-1@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96818

Testimony : To whom it may concern regarding SB556 which adds an additional requirement for notification of the FBI Terrorist Screening Center to the gun permit application background check.

I respectfully ask that you oppose this bill for the following reasons:

1. These checks will not result in terrorists being unable to obtain a firearm. Being on the list does not mean that you are guilty of terrorism. It means that you are under suspicion. In the United States you are innocent until proven guilty. The 14th Amendment of the constitution demands due process and equal protection under the law. Furthermore, how does the FBI intend to receive, handle, transmit, and store the information of honest, law abiding US citizens personal information that is submitted to the TSC?

2. Related to the above – the TSC is fraught with errors and dangers to civil liberties. Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif was mistakenly added to the Terrorist Watch List and was not able to fly. Additional Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass was also on the terror watch list. McClintock was mistaken for an IRA terrorist and spent months getting off of the list. Ted Kennedy took months to clear his name. Imagine what it takes for a normal person – not a politician? The TSC has a very low standard for nomination. You don't need a complete criminal case or a trial. You just have to be suspected. This is a clear violation of the 14th Amendment, especially since it infringes on the 2nd Amendment. There is not a constitutional right to fly, but there is one to keep and bear arms. Even the ACLU has stated that the TSC is a violation of basic civil liberties.

 Submitting names to the TSC will add to the burden already borne by US law enforcement and intelligence officials. Instead of hunting for terrorists, the bill will have them hunting honest citizens. Furthermore – there is no federal law authorizing the TSC to provide this kind of screening for gun control. Unless there is federal legislation this bill will be worthless.
 TSC screening is ineffective as a means of preventing terrorism. It by itself will not prevent terror attacks. Only a full investigation and authorized, warranted surveillance will prevent an attack before it occurs.

5. Being on the terrorist watch list did not prevent the pulse night club shooting: Omar Mateen was on the list but was taken off by the FBI. He was taken off because they did not have a viable investigation. He committed no crime until then. The Boston Bombers: One of Tsarnaev brothers who conducted the boston marathon bombing were also on the list and it did not prevent them from building a pressure cooker bomber. They did not use a gun. Nor did the terrorist in the 2016 Nice, France attack – that man used a truck, and the 2018 New York Truck Attack – did not use again. This bill will be completely ineffective in prevent terror.

6. However this bill will be effective in targeting honest, law abiding citizens. It will have a chilling effect on those who practice and enjoy their 2nd amendment rights. The chilling effect comes from the threat that their names will be sent to the FBI to go into the same database that terrorists are in. This appears to send a dark message: as gun owners can be

assumed to be a part of a specific political, social, and economic stripe: be warned. This is hardly a message of Aloha in the Aloha State.

7. These gun control bills waste legislative time when the Senate needs to be focused on issues that are making Hawaii unlivable: the cost of health care, care for our elderly, the cost of housing, our gridlocked highways, homelessness, and mental health. Focus on issues that matter for the most people – not narrow bills that's victimizes men and women who serve and law-abiding citizens who are part of your solution and not the problem. This bill will feel good to those who pass it. The majority of honest people won't know that it even passed. The only ones who will are the ones who face criminalization for owning a firearm in hawaii.
8. I urge you to not support future bills that target law abiding citizens with infringements on their constitutional rights. Target criminals.

Name : Shannon Hunter E-mail : Buck.ster1982@gmail.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : I respectfully oppose Bill SB556
Name : Maria Christina Hunter E-mail : Buck.ster1982@gmail.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : I respectfully oppose Bill SB556

Name : Tony Lee E-mail : ling0821@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96789

Testimony : oppose SB556

Name : Rio Valdez E-mail : joev362003@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : I respectfully oppose Bill SB556

Name : alvin bustillo E-mail : buba808@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96744

Testimony : as a law abiding citizen who hunts and shoots for recreation and fun i oppose this bill

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Name : Ryan Arakawa E-mail : ryana@hawaii.rr.com Zip Code : 96701

Testimony : I OPPOSE SB556. No one wants dangerous people to board a plane, but this bill is trying to provide a solution to a non-existent problem. Let the TSA perform the work. There are better ways to spend our tax dollars.

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Name : Benedicto Abrigado E-mail : Buck.ster1982@gmail.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : I respectfully opposed Bill SB556

Name : Catherine Abrigado E-mail : buck.ster1982@gmail.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : I respectfully oppose Bill SB556

Name : Calvin Flores E-mail : kaleimon@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96761

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556

Name : Sharum Anthony E-mail : asharum2@gmail.com Zip Code : 96707

Testimony : I am sending this in opposition to the above listed bill. This is in direct violation of the rights given the all of us in the Constitution. All you are doing is taking from the people here in Hawaii and making us weaker in respect of being able to live our lives and being able to protect our homes and families. I served my country and defended the rights you now feel you can just take away. It seems to me that we need to take away from you. I think we should take away your pay....your armed security and put you in prison for failure to follow the laws laid out in the Constitution. You all are in violation of such and should be prosecuted to the fullest extent that the law allows. A vote for this bill is a vote for communism and that is exactly what it is. As a veteran I took an oath just as you did, the difference between us is that you all are a bunch of cowards and liars. None of you have any idea what it is to do anything with honor.

Name : Norman Akau E-mail : nor8ak@aol.com Zip Code : 96744

Testimony : I strongly oppose this bill

Name : Brian Ley E-mail : brianLey0522@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96778

Testimony : This email is in strong opposition of SB 556. Hawaii is already mired in paperwork in legally acquiring guns. I've been trying to get a pistol for 3 months now. You already have legal gun owners on a FBI watch list. Funny how I can go to wal mart in Arizona and in less than 5 minutes I'm buying guns. That's how fast it should be for a background check. Why is it so much easier to import guns and register them in Hawaii than it is to buy them here. With the thousands of shipping containers coming here. That there won't be a major black market under ground gun ring? You can't even keep heroin out of the islands

Brian Ley

Name : Sheldon miyakado E-mail : smiyakado@hawaii.rr.com Zip Code : 96817

Testimony : OPPOSITION of SB556

Since there is not strict guidlines on adding or removing people from the list I oppose this bill.

Respectfully yours

Sheldon Miyakado

Name : Gregory Brueggeman E-mail : Fartdafire@gmail.com Zip Code : 33629

Testimony : This electronic letter is to oppose the bill "SB556"

Name : Courtney Kealohapauole E-mail : c.kealohapauole@gmail.com Zip Code : 96753

Testimony : This email is I'm opposition of SB556

DO NOT TAKE AWAY OUR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS!!

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.

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Name : Chris Yates E-mail : buick231@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96816

Testimony : OPPOSITION of SB556

Dear Law Makers:

On the heels of the 9th Circuit Court, the most liberal court in the nation, ruling of Hawaii's 2nd Amendment violations and flagrant judicial activism law makers double-down and propose a bill that will only add another black-eye to Hawaii's civil-rights history, and additional cost to tax payers to litigate

I write this testimony not as a gun-nut/militia type, but that of a LIFE LONG LIBERAL. My wife and I are both technology professionals and middle class voters. This bill completely misses the mark and will not further public safety, but will only position Hawaii to not only now violate the 2nd Amendment, but also the 5th Amendment of NO due process. There is no set method for adding (or removing) people to the Terrorist screening database. There is no due process and no appeals process present. The paint-by-numbers feel of this bill reeks to that of outside interests of regressive-totalitarian-leftism and those who do not understand the complexity of our 'aina. I resent the fact that our sporting/hunting culture here is being likened to that of the South-side of Chicago, Baltimore, or South Central Los Angeles.

Our gun violence statistics are INFINITESIMAL to that of the crime/poverty ridden war zones on the mainland.

Our culture is different

We are different.

Oppose this bill,

Chris Yates buick231@hotmail.com 96816

Name : Robert Gerwig E-mail : rgerwig@gmail.com Zip Code : 96734

Testimony : I am in opposition of SB 556

Name : Jathan Talon E-mail : jtalon007@gmail.com Zip Code : 96744

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556.

SB556 is a red flag law that wrongfully puts law abiding American citizens, that wish to excersize their second amendment rights, onto a heavily criticized and very inaccurate terrorist watchlist that so far has had a high rate of false positives and some false negatives.

Your Constituents are NOT TERRORISTS. This bill is a blatant attempt to discriminate gun owners and place inaccurate labels on innocent people that have done nothing but use their second amendment rights.

Those put on this watchlist have no means of knowing what they have done wrong, and the government currently has no obligation to tell them why they are on the list. The criteria to being put on this terrorist watchlist is also very vague and heavily generalized, and makes it financially impossible for any innocent people put onto it to get off of the list. In addition, this red flag list has been known to even put innocent children onto it, labeling innocent children as terrorists for vague and difficult to prove labels.

As your Constituent, I strongly OPPOSE SB556, and I will actively vote against any law maker that supports ANY red flag law that arbitrarily puts innocent gun owners onto a terrorist watchlist. Americans are INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY. The simple act of using a constitutionally protected right DOES NOT make someone into a terrorist.

Thank you for reading this testimony, and to those it may concern, let this opposing testimony be representative of those who have the power to vote.

Name : Brandon W E-mail : wrxtremeracersti@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96778

Testimony : This email is in opposition of SB556. The wording in this bill creates more problems than it solves and should not be used as a tool to determine the right of a person to purchase and possess a firearm. I call on all in government that represents the interests of the people to oppose SN556. Thank you

Name : David Kikukawa E-mail : d.kikukawa@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96734

Testimony : I strongly oppose this bill.

Name : Jonagustine Lim E-mail : jonagustine_lim@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96818

Testimony : I write in strong opposition to SB556. There is currently no method for removing people from the terrorist watch list.

It is not an accurate tool to deny someone their constitutional rights when they have a similar sounding name to a real terrorist or who has been mistakenly flagged in the terror "watch" list.

Name : Joel dela Cruz E-mail : joel@prymis.com Zip Code : 96782

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556. This is a direct infringement of our Constitutionally protected right of due process which you swore to uphold. As a public servant and my senator, I am directing you to vote no on this bill.

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Name : Kyle Murray E-mail : bs63366@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96782

Testimony : To who it concerns,

I am writing this to let you know that as a voting resident of Hawaii I am strongly opposed to the measures that are proposed in SB556 and its implications in regards to firearms ownership in Hawaii.

Name : murvyn lewis E-mail : murvg81@live.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : You want to put us on a terrorist watch list just for exercising our CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT to keep and bear arms??? So we're no longer law abiding citizens, we're possible terrorists now...that's a shame.

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Name : Eddie Racaza E-mail : eracaza@gmail.com Zip Code : 96706

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556. Although I do not believe that terrorists should own firearms. I do believe in Due process.

There is no set method for adding (or removing) people to the Terrorist screening database. There is no due process and no appeals process.

There has been many occasions where people have been added in error and because no one on the list is notified they do not find out until its in a situation of some importance, Children have been denied flights because their name is similar to some one on the list. Even a congressman was erroneously added to the watch list. As such, I do not feel it is an accurate tool to be using to decide if some one should be able to purchase a firearm or not.

Name : Michael Savard E-mail : SAVARDM001@HAWAII.RR.COM Zip Code : 96744

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556...... The terrorist screening has no due process and is flawed.

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From:	Ninja Forms TxnMail on behalf of Melitonrychell Ugalde
To:	PSMTestimony
Subject:	Testimony in Opposition to SB556
Date:	Monday, February 4, 2019 12:35:36 AM

Name : Melitonrychell Ugalde E-mail : melitonr.ugalde@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96786

Testimony : The 2nd Amendment is the right to bear arms to accomplishes freedom of the state from tyranny. I just don't understand, why our beloved legislators cannot comprehend the meaning of "shall not be infringed". Anything they add or taken away from wording of the 2nd Amendment is direct infringement of the right to bear arms. Meaning anyone who altered the 2nd Amendment is in violation of Constitutional rights.

Name : Rebecca Canevali E-mail : ehulamai@me.com Zip Code : 96749

Testimony : Aloha Kakou,

This email is in OPPOSITION to SB556.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Name : Roland Miguel E-mail : rocmisr@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96706

Testimony : There has been many occasions where people have been added in error and because no one on the list is notified they do not find out until its in a situation of some importance, Children have been denied flights because there name is similar to some on the list. Even a congressman was erroneously added to the watch list. As such I do not feel it is an accurate tool to be using to decide if some one should be able to purchase a firearm or not.

Name : Samuel Levitz E-mail : sailorsaml@gmail.com Zip Code : 96814

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556

Name : Paul Arita E-mail : pkarita@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556. Although I believe that terrorists should NOT own firearms, I believe that there should be due process and a set method for adding or removing people to the screening database. Please review and consider another method. I am in support of doing what is right and am also in support of the Constitution. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Name : Robert Fields E-mail : ryanfields13@gmail.com Zip Code : 96793

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556.

Hawaii is already the most difficult state to legally purchase firearms. Our Second amendment Right to keep and bear arms is already severely and unconstitutionally restricted. Please oppose SB556 and it's requirement to treat law abiding citizens as potential terrorists, for simply exercising their legal, God-given right to purchase a firearm. Please, Support freedom and oppose this bill. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Robert Fields Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Name : Seth Addison E-mail : sethaddison@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96706

Testimony : This is Email is in opposition of SB556. I agree that no terrorist should be able to acquire or possess firearms, and I appreciate what you as Hawai'i Legislators are trying to accomplish with SB556.

However, I also believe in due process and the presumption of innocence until proven guilty. There is no set method or process of adding or removing someone from the terrorist screening database. There is no appeals process for a Citizen if one's name is placed on the list. If a US Citizen gets placed on this list, even by mistake. SB556 pronounces them guilty without any due process, no way to appeal. Effectively stripping away their rights without a trial is not the way to go about righting laws.

You as law makers for this great State are better than that. Please oppose SB556.

Thank you for your time,

Seth Addison

Name : Ed Au E-mail : edau@live.com Zip Code : 96701

Testimony : Dear Senators and Representatives,

SB 556 is unconstitutional and a violation of the 2nd Amendment. Citizens have a right to bear arms, to protect themselves.

You cannot limit how a person can protect themselves or the number or rounds a rifle or pistol can contain. I watch the news, when home invasions occur, there is always more than 1 person. It usually is a group of thieves. Why limit the number of rounds a person can have to protect themselves.

These laws were brought about due to news constantly reporting criminals committing shootings. Those individuals are criminals, there is no logical reasoning that criminals will follow any laws you create. Why punish the many non-criminals when a minority of criminals commit a crime. There is no sound reasoning to this. Every time a criminal commits a crime, it's the good citizen that is punished, you have the victim, then the public.

I will take legal action if my rights are violated and so will many others. This is a violation of my constitutional rights and there will be no compensation for my property. How am I to defend myself, how are elders and the weak to defend themselves against criminals? Have you given any thought of this?

All you are doing is punishing good people.

These lawsuits will cost tax payers. The constituents will blame you for bringing this about.

Sincerely, Ed

Name : Desiree Koki E-mail : desandtrav@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96744

Testimony : I do not support this bill.

Name : Travis koki Koki E-mail : desandtrav@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96744

Testimony : I do not support this bill because it is not constitutional

Name : Forrestt Yoro E-mail : forresttyoro09@gmail.com Zip Code : 96706

Testimony : You cannot expect for the state of Hawaii to depend on the law to protect us. Law enforcement has so much on their hands, they can do only so much. But if you put guns in the hands of American citizens that knows the do's and dont's with guns, obeys the law: all the crime that has been happening will decrease. WE THE PEOPLE who are for guns: it shows the bad guys that WE THE PEOPLE are well protected and will use self defense if needed. Those who are trying to take away mine and others 2nd amendment is an infringement and you are also silencing our voices. If you keep taking away, you are killing innocent people and giving the bad an open door to do more damage.
Name : Brian Murphy E-mail : chefmurphy808@gmail.com Zip Code : 96768

Testimony : This email is in opposition of sb556.

Name : Douglas Ternora E-mail : island_pride2k3@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96779

Testimony : Please vote no on SB556. This bill will only hurt lawfully good citizens.

Name : Miguel Munoz E-mail : munoz.ma1991@gmail.com Zip Code : 96707

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556

Name : Abraham Hall E-mail : abehall93@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : This e-mail is in opposition of SB556

Name : Deven English E-mail : kamea6@gmail.com Zip Code : 96797

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556

Name : Rudy Andrion E-mail : roots4757@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96768

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556,

I'm a law abiding citizen and a registered voter in the state of Hawaii and I strongly OPPOSE SB556.

Name : Marc Miyaki E-mail : marc@hanabada.com Zip Code : 96782

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556 for the following reasons:

- A "suspected terrorist" could include someone who hasn't committed a crime and could be stripped of their rights because of it.

- There have been multiple cases in the past of people incorrectly been added to the list, and only found out embarrassingly at the airport etc.

- There is no public access to the terrorist screening database to know whether or not you have been incorrectly added. It is understandable why this is so, however there should not be this mysterious list that can decide whether or not someone may exercise their rights.

- There is no due process.

I believe in keeping firearms out of the hands of bad people, but we should do so while not taking them out of the hands of good people.

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Name : Elias Kona E-mail : anokiak@gmail.com Zip Code : 96826

Testimony : I oppose this bill because if there was you were mistakenly put on the watch list it would prove difficult to remove self from list.

Name : Ryan Toaspern E-mail : rktoaspern@gmail.com Zip Code : 96708

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556

The Terrorist screening database lacks due process. Our current system of background checks work without issue. There is no need for additional legislation when the State can't even show one case where this would have been effective at stopping gun violence.

Name : Danny Yamada E-mail : d808yamada@gmail.com Zip Code : 96797

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556. As a law abiding citizen I strongly oppose this bill.

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Name : Jason Ladera E-mail : mauka2makai78@gmail.com Zip Code : 96766

Testimony : I don't support this bill...

Name : Bronson Bautista E-mail : bronson@armorykauai.com Zip Code : 96766

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556

Name : Luisito Tadeo E-mail : eiuol808@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96797

Testimony : I opposed this bill

Name : Brandon Santiago E-mail : brandosantiago1980@gmail.com Zip Code : 96755

Testimony : This e-mail is in opposition of SB556.

Although I don't believe that terrorists should own firearms, I do believe in due process. There is no set method for adding, or removing, people's names to the terrorist screening database or the terrorist watch list. Currently, the system has no due process and no appeals process. There have been many occasions where people's names have been added to the terrorist screening database, and to the terrorist watch list, by mistake. Once a name is on the list, and because no one on the list is notified after their name has been entered into the lists, peoples names whom are on the lists, don't find out until it's too late. Children have been denied flights, because their names are similar to names on the lists, and even a congressman, was wrongfully added to the lists, due to similar mistakes. I don't feel that accessing the terrorist screening database, or the terrorist watch list, would be an accurate enough gauge, to be using, to decide if someone should be able to purchase a firearm or not.

Name : Joshua Ogawa E-mail : jogawa1@gmail.com Zip Code : 96793

Testimony : This email is in opposition SB556. Vote. No!!

Name : Michelle Visitacion E-mail : michelleillest@gmail.com Zip Code : 96797

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556

Name : Genni Lou Cabato E-mail : genni_lou12@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96786

Testimony : I Genni, Oppose of the SB566.

Name : Justin San Nicolas E-mail : jjsn777@gmail.com Zip Code : 96744

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556. I am againsy this legislation of ridding the state of assault firearms. You are going directly against the 2nd Amendment.

Name : Cyrus Chun E-mail : pupulehd@hawaii.rr.com Zip Code : 96825

Testimony : I oppose SB556 because it is unnecessary. We already have background checks performed when applying for gun permits. We also have the Rapback law on background checks. All performed by the FBI. We have sufficient background checks.

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Name : Noah Drazkowski E-mail : noahdrazkowski@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96761

Testimony : I oppose this bill.

Name : Katherine Neal E-mail : spaceyacht@gmail.com Zip Code : 96820

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556. First of all, why are we trying to link owning guns with being a terrorist? What kind of narrow-minded person thinks if you buy a gun, you're automatically a terrorist? Secondly, there's no due process with the terrorist watch list. You can't be removed no matter how innocent you are. This is WRONG.

Kill this bill!

Name : Dustin Paclik E-mail : paclikd@gmail.com Zip Code : 96749

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556. I do not feel that terrorists should be able to acquire firearms, yet everyone has the right to due process

Name : Dierl Bagusto E-mail : dbagusto@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96761

Testimony : This email is in opposition of sb556

Name : Joshua Nelson E-mail : josh.teamnelson@gmail.com Zip Code : 96816

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556. Although I believe terrorists should not own weapons, I believe and support entire our right to die process. This bill makes no such guarantee of due process and is flawed. There is no set method for adding or removing people from the Terrorist screening database. There is no due process and no appeals process. This violates our constitutional rights and as such would be an illegal bill.

There have been instances in which a person has been added to the Terrorist list in error and because there is no process for notifying them of this they had no idea that they were on this list and no recourse as to how to address the issue, leading to deprivation of their personal freedoms with no hope for appeals.

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The flaws of this system are worthy of some ridicule and contempt: innocent children have been added to the list and denied boarding on flights because their name was similar to that of a person who possibly should have been on the list. Even a congressman was added to the list and had no way to find out why or how they could change it. As such this is not an appropriate or accurate tool to help determine whether a person should be allowed to purchase a firearm in the State of Hawaii - a constitutionally guaranteed right.

Name : denis lucero E-mail : dlucero5@aol.com Zip Code : 96788-0251

Testimony : oppose bill...

Name : denis lucero E-mail : dlucero5@aol.com Zip Code : 96788-0251

Testimony : oppose on this bill...

Name : Robert Okuda E-mail : robokuda002@gmail.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : This bill suggests unfair enforcement and I strongly oppose it.

Name : Wesley McGlothlin E-mail : weslmac@gmail.com Zip Code : 96706

Testimony : I oppose SB556

Name : Matthew Dasalla E-mail : dasa3055@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96797

Testimony : This email is in opposition of SB556.

I oppose this bill as the process to add people to this database is currently flawed. No definitive process

Innocent people and children have been put on this database without proper vetting. There is no real due process to prove a person is or isn't a terrorist. A guilty till proven innocent bill. Very Un American

Name : kent kurihara E-mail : kentkurihara@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556. Restricting constitutionally protected rights based on a list populated without due process cannot be allowed, especially if the individual on the list hasn't been convicted of crimes. I would appreciate the opportunity to speak with any senator, in person regarding this bill.

Thank you,

Kent Kurihara

Name : Bobby Smith E-mail : 199gunfighter@gmail.com Zip Code : 96744

Testimony : This email is in opposition of SB 556, as a federally qualified Department of Defense firearms instructor, I am opposed to any and all variations of SB 556. This is another cowardly way for the Hawaii Democrats to move against its own law-abiding citizens and actually preventing them the constitutional right of due process.

Name : LANCE AKANA E-mail : LnB.Akana@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96793

Testimony : I oppose this bill because its against my wnd ammendment rights

Name : sean goo E-mail : sean.goo23@gmail.com Zip Code : 96816

Testimony : We are opposed to SB556 - What happens if your name gets on the list by mistake. There is no way of getting your name off the list if someone with the same name. You need to be very specific and due process needs to be adhere to.

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Name : Alexander Reed E-mail : conspiracy4@gmail.com Zip Code : 96744

Testimony : Please stop supporting legislation that turns law abiding citizens into criminals. Focus on crime and criminals. This is a waste for all involved to continue supporting this trash.

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Name : Keith Nakanishi E-mail : Keith_Nakanishi@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96818

Testimony : This email is in opposition to SB556. I strongly oppose this bill. Please stop destroying our gun rights.

Name : Rodney Quam E-mail : rod@quamproperties.com Zip Code : 96761

Testimony : Rodney Quam is in opposition of SB556.
Name : Anthony Smith E-mail : tjunebug77@gmail.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : I oppose this bill SB556

Name : Melissa Hirano E-mail : manapuagirl21@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96814

Testimony : I Oppose SB556

Name : Rene Yuen E-mail : shiankasuiso99@gmail.com Zip Code : 96822

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556.

Name : Jeffrey Rod E-mail : jewok-40@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96782

Testimony : This email is in opposition of SB556. While terrorists should not be able to acquire firearms, every one deserves to get a due process.

Thank you for your time

Name : Trevor Tamura E-mail : trendsetters6566@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96732

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556. Our lawmakers need to pay more attention to issues truly affecting the citizens of Hawaii instead of trying to turn law abiding ones into criminals. What is being done about mental health, our local homeless, stabbings, rapes, assaults, vehicular accidents, pedestrian safety, and the distribution and use of hard drugs? A lot of these are overlapping issues. Now think of what people throughout the state face as both perpetrators and victims of multiple overlapping problems. Our focus needs to be on what is best for Hawaii instead of trying to jump on the bandwagon driven by other states who have no real stake here. How about enacting real change by addressing matters that are hard to deal with instead of sweeping them under the rug every session?

Name : Wayne Berdon E-mail : waynebeddon@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96826

Testimony : While I'm strongly believe criminals and terrorists should have act to any weapons in more concern with due process of law. The bill of rights are just that rights something no one especially government should be able to take away. I'll conclude with i strongly oppose SB556

Name : Isaac Lee E-mail : ilee0154@gmail.com Zip Code : 96826

Testimony : I oppose SB556.

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Testimony : I Ed Roger oppose of SB556

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Testimony : Opposed sb556

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Testimony : I strongly oppose of SSB556

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Testimony : I oppose this bill

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Testimony : I oppose SB556.

Sincerely, Ray Bala

Name : John mark Guillermo E-mail : cornbeef07@gmail.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : I oppose this bill.

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Testimony : Opposed bill SB556

Name : Len Fergusen E-mail : lenfergusen@gmail.com Zip Code : 96797

Testimony : This email is in opposition of SB556, there is no need to infringe on the rights of lawful citizens. I am OPPOSED TO THIS BILL and I vote with my conscience and the facts.

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Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556.

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Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556

Name : Kamalu Han E-mail : k.han@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96818

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of SB556

Name : Tom Galli E-mail : tom1.galli@gmail.com Zip Code : 96816

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556.

Name : Courtney Kealohapauole E-mail : c.kealohapauole@gmail.com Zip Code : 97653

Testimony : I strongly oppose this bill. You can't keep taling away our rights! You might as well RIP away the entire bill of rights!

Amendment 2 - The Right to Bear Arms

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

Name : Martin Barrozo E-mail : martin.m.barrozo@kp.org Zip Code : 96706

Testimony : Please do the right thing and oppose this Bill. As tens of thousands of registered voters are honest, law-abiding, citizens that voted for you I will protect you and your greatest time of need. No criminal will go through the correct legal channels to obtain a firearm. This bill But not only infringe on the rights of the voters who happened to be doctors lawyers nurses and teachers. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Name : Joel Berg E-mail : d2bergler@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96789

Testimony : OPPOSE SB556

Being placed on a list without due process and no way to appeal can not be allowed to prevent a person from exercising a constitutionally guaranteed right. This is obviously unconstitutional.

Hawaii has a lot of problems. We have a drug problem, a property crime problem, a homelessness problem and more infrastructure problems than I care to discuss. What we do NOT have is a gun problem. Rather than wasting my tax dollars implementing and enforcing this do nothing legislation and then wasting more of my money trying to defend it in court when you get sued please take those resources and start chipping away at the real causes of human misery here in the islands. If you won't I'm sure we can find someone who will.

Thank you for taking time to address my concerns.

Captain Joel Berg

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Name : anthony fujii E-mail : anthonyfujii@gmail.com Zip Code : 96817

Testimony : Oppose

Name : Austin Wright E-mail : a.and.w@hotmail.com Zip Code : 78759

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION to SB556.

There is an old debate, whether the ends justify the means. This bill aims to reach an nearimpossible end through the means of the restriction of our inalieble rights.

It is a just goal, to guard against terrorism and gun violence, yet we must approach it the right way.

As it stands, this bill places individuals deemed a terroristic threat on a watch list that bars them from firearm ownership. Why not arrest them instead? They obviously present enough of a threat to deem their rights alienable, so why not simply take the next step and ensure they won't be a public threat?

If they can't be arrested, then why can their rights be subjectively and secretively alienated? Would this system not be based on subjectivity?

A subjective system will always be prone to corruption. This is why the near totality of United States Law is based on objective measures, and laws that aren't are still subject to due process.

This due process, something that is not afforded to the people of Hawaii under this bill, is essential to the continuation of a free people.

If there is no due process for subjects on the database, their rights may be unjustly (or, to be fair, justly) violated without notice, without the possibility of defense, and without any formal justification from the State.

This violates every aspect of American liberty and freedom, and I only hope that whoever reads this will give my argument a chance.

Thank you.

Name : Edsel Gum E-mail : edgum@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96817

Testimony : This email is in opposition to SB556. I am a tax paying, military veteran, small business owner and current federal government employee. I believe that additional gun laws will not reduce crime or increase public safety. As shown by the recent tragedy of three innocent people run over and killed in the Alins Sumang case, criminals, especially repeat offenders, will continue to kill and maim innocent citizens regardless of the laws in place.

Name : Jason Dumas's E-mail : jasondumas83@gmail.com Zip Code : 96701

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556 Please don't vote for this for this bill.

Name : Carl Jellings E-mail : carl_jellings@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96792

Testimony : This email is in opposition of SB556, as a peaceable citizen I don't want terrorist to own firearms, however due process is a key component to our Constitutional Republic, and I will not side with any bill that undermines it.

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Name : Gary Hashimoto E-mail : gary.hashimoto@hawaiiantel.net Zip Code : 96797

Testimony : I hate terrorism and terrorists as much as the next person. But linking firearms owners to watch lists...no.

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Name : Jason Pallack E-mail : jadokai@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96786

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556

I own a number of sporting weapons and travel with them regularly both for my own recreation and when moving with my job. I am not a criminal, in fact, I'm a contracted, trained, technically qualified and long-term employee in good standing of a government organization that expects its employees to know how to handle such weapons effectively and actively discriminates against criminals of all kinds.

Arbitrarily deciding that people are dangerous and potentially criminals simply because their name appears on a list that wasn't verified by multiple processes is foolhardy, ignorant and incredibly narrow minded and will only punish the good people of society, either making them criminals or making them further resent you and the government that you represent. These are good people and in many causes are the people that keep communities strong and together, not the ones that undermine society and tear communities apart.

Name : Aaron Pule E-mail : aaronpule@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96706

Testimony : This email is in opposition of SB556

Name : Aldrine Juntura E-mail : aldizzlex5@gmail.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : I STRONGLY OPPOSE the SB556 bill

Name : Jake Hanawahine E-mail : da808rock@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96734

Testimony : This email is in opposition of sb556. I strongly Oppose this bill

Name : James Palicte E-mail : dewd019@gmail.com Zip Code : 96744

Testimony : Aloha, I am writing to express my opposition to SB556. While myself and many others would agree to keep weapons out of the hands of terrorists, there is a fatal flaw in this bill. I am in opposition to this bill because as it is written, it affords no due process to those who could potentially be put into this list in error. Furthermore, there is no due process in removing one's name from this list if it is indeed put on in error. I urge you to please reconsider this bill and write more effective legislation.

Mahalo, -James A. Palicte

Name : Robert Reed E-mail : robertlreed@live.com Zip Code : 96725

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556. The watchlist is an inaccurate list which has no appeals process. It should not be used to determine whether or not one may purchase a firearm. Similar names to those on the list already create confusion and there are already ample laws on the books regarding the purchase of firearms.

Name : Peter Long E-mail : pj3467@aol.com Zip Code : 96817

Testimony : I submit this testimony is OPPOSITION of SB556.

First, I would like ask rhetorically: Seriously, how many terrorist attacks will be thwarted by this law which will not allow a "terrorist" to walk into a gun shop in Hawaii to buy his weapon because he was denied his permit??

I would agree that it is of some importance to keep known terrorists from purchasing firearms in this state; HOWEVER, since this proposal lacks any semblance of Due Process or appeal process, I urge you to vote it down.

It has already been shown that mistakes are routine whether persons have been added by mistake or mistaken for other person ligitimately added.

Due Process used to be a central pillar of our Judicial system just as the Second Amendment used to be a central pillar of the Bill of Rights. I truly regret that our politicians today have resorted to undermining these pillars that have made this country a beacon to the world.

Again, I respectfully request this legislation be voted down. Thank you, PJ Long III

Name : Wilfred Lum E-mail : ahaolelo@gmail.com Zip Code : 96744

Testimony : I strongly oppose SB556 as it infringes upon a person's right to due process. I do not believe a law-abiding citizen should be included onto a "terrorist watch list" or any list of any kind for exercising our 2nd Amendment Rights.

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Name : Mark Deuz E-mail : deuzmj808@gmail.com Zip Code : 96819

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556.

I as a US citizen who has the right to bear arms, as stated in the second amendment do not agree with being criminalized based on having a firearm. It is an injustice to us all who have gone through the process of obtaining LEGAL firearms in the state of Hawaii. We the people were given this right to protect ourselves from those who sought after our lives, but most importantly it is to protect our families and friends. We ask the legislatures to go through ALL the LEGAL process for obtaining a firearm to see how difficult and frustrating it is, so that they can better understand how it works instead of pointing blame and restricting LEGAL firearm owners from protecting themselves, family and friends against those who obtain it ILLEGALLY.

Sincerly, Mark D.

Name : steven kumasaka E-mail : macsak@gmail.com Zip Code : 96821

Testimony : terrorism database is filled with errors and there is no way to find out if you are on it, nor is there a way to appeal.

Name : Apolonio Dulatre E-mail : apolonio.dulatre@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96792

Testimony : As a voter in the State of Hawaii, I voice my strong oppositional to SB556.

Respectfully Apolonio Dulatre

Name : Shaun Woods E-mail : ctrsnarebear@gmail.com Zip Code : 96818

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556.

A bill aimed at keeping terrorists from buying guns. Who could oppose that? The problem is is that there is no set method for adding (or removing) people to the Terrorist screening database. There is no due process and no appeals process. People are added to this list in error all the time, and they are left with no recourse.

This is not due process. This is a system too easily abused. The purpose of the second amendment (and the fifth, for that matter) was to nullify bills like this one. Some people don't care about the right to keep and bear arms, and they'd be happy to see more people prohibited from accessing guns, regardless of whether they are terrorists. To them, the inherent problems with this bill are features, not bugs.

This bill will only impact those who fear the law, and terrorists do not fear the law.

Sincerely, Shaun Woods

Name : Michael Rice E-mail : generalikaika@hotmail.com Zip Code : 96792

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556, it denies due process of law and causes problems for innocent people with similar names to people on the watch list. People on the watch list are not notified or have any sort of recourse to correct mistakes. It is an inaccurate measure to deny people their rights.

Name : Cyril Moniz E-mail : cyril.moniz@gmail.com Zip Code : 96720

Testimony : I oppose bill SB556.

Name : Klinton Kacatin E-mail : klinton.kacatin@gmail.com Zip Code : 96782

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556.

There has been many occasions where people have been added in error and because no one on the list is notified they do not find out until its in a situation of some importance, Children have been denied flights because there name is similar to some one on the list. Even a congressman was erroneously added to the watch list. As such we do not feel it is an accurate tool to be using to decide if some one should be able to purchase a firearm or not.

Name : Mitchell Weber E-mail : Mdotweber@icloud.com Zip Code : 96789

Testimony : This e-mail is in OPPOSITION of SB556'

SB556 : Terrorist Screening Database; Terrorist Watch List; Firearms and Ammunition; Gun Permit Application Background Check (LINK)

HAWAII FIREARMS COALITION OPPOSES THIS BILL.

Do you believe in Due process?

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There has been many occasions where people have been added in error and because no one on the list is notified they do not find out until its in a situation of some importance, Children have been denied flights because there name is similar to some one on the list. Even a congressman was erroneously added to the watch list. As such we do not feel it is an accurate tool to be using to decide if some one should be able to purchase a firearm or not.

Mahalo.

Name : Brandon W E-mail : wrxtremeracersti@yahoo.com Zip Code : 96778

Testimony : This email is in OPPOSITION of sb556, the terrorist watchlist is not a reliable tool to establish who has a right to bear arms. People have been added to the list in error such as children and even a congressman

Name : Charles Ferrer E-mail : cferrer@hawaii.edu Zip Code : 96782

Testimony : I strongly oppose SB556. I do agree terrorist should have firearms, what I don't agree on is if someone is accidentally put on the watch list they are not able to be taken off. They will mot be unable to purchase a firearm even though are legally able to because of someone else's mistake. Please oppose this bill.

Name : Kevin Kacatin E-mail : ukazzh@gmail.com Zip Code : 96782

Testimony : Aloha,

This email is in OPPOSITION to Senate Bill SB556.

No terrorist should own and possess firearms, however this bill presents no clear process in which an accused person of interest can appeal and prove their innocence. There has been many occasions where people have been added in error and because no one on the list is notified they do not find out until its in a situation of some importance, Children have been denied flights because there name is similar to some one on the list. Even a US congressman was erroneously added to a similar watch list.

Mahalo for your consideration, Kevin Kacatin Pearl City, HI