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February 6, 2021

TO: Chair Rhoads and Members of the JDC Committee

RE: SB 307 Relating to Firearms

Support for hearing on Feb. 9

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support SB 307 as it would Include any firearm or rifle with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher in the list of prohibited weapons. Any measures to reduce the damage of a malicious shooter should be done as it could save lives.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely, John Bickel, President



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:27:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Chad Dias	Testifying for HAWAII RIFLE ASSOCIATION	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I oppose

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 3:08:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna P. Van Osdol	Testifying for Hawaii Federation of Republican Women	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee:

This bill would ban all shotguns capable of firing ammunition a round 0.5 Inches or larger which include ALL 12 gauge shotguns with the diameter of a 12 gauge slug being 0.79 Inches..

For the same reason all 12 gauge shotguns would be banned under this bill, most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!

Most importantly, this bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a great number of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game. For this reason alone, I **strongly oppose** this bill.

The legislature needs to put its resources to helping failing businesses as a result of the Coronavirus rather than focusing on the taking of legal property from **law abiding and responsible** gun owners.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:00:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chase Cavitt	Testifying for Pacific Arms Co. LLC	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi,

I am writing today to express why my business adamantly opposes SB307 and to urge all of you to please not pass any such bill in Hawaii. As a business owner in the state of Hawaii I seek to abide by all laws and to ensure safe practices for the sake of our community and especially regarding the materials offered through my business. I do not plan to have to relocate my business but if this bill were to become law, I would be forced to close a portion of my services or move my business to another state. I feel strongly that this type of bill is a threat to all firearm ownership in Hawaii, as it is a snowball effect from here to appease the feelings of those who do not appreciate or fear firearms. I do not wish for my business or our interests to cause a disturbance amongst our community or to be putting anyone in unnecessary risk and I go above and beyond to ensure that people are educated of safety practices and have access to researching laws. I know that the customers purchasing, using and working with 50 caliber firearms are some of the most experienced and respectable people we have amongst our community. It is not an inexpensive hobby or something that just anyone can get involved with overnight and I would be surprised to hear of any instances of Hawaii firearm owners of 50caliber firearms that have used them in the act of committing a crime.

Another point to consider is the potential unintended effect of this bill regarding the use of shotguns and slug ammunition that is 50 caliber. This would take the use of responsible hunting loads used by hunters with shotguns such as slugs and make them illegal to use. Currently slugs are the only shotgun ammunition allowed to be used at the Maui Ukumehame firing range when using the club target stands, so it is the most commonly used shotgun ammunition at the range each weekend. What good does removing 50 caliber firearms do for Hawaii, our citizens or the businesses that sell product related to this potential ban? What would the bill have prevented if it were to have been in place in the past?

This bill is beyond an overreach of government power and is quite disturbing that it is even considered by those who have sworn an oath to uphold the constitution. The 2nd amendment is clear and indisputable and it is not your duty to change it. This bill should be thrown out and not considered simply for its blatant ignoring of the constitution.

Pacific Arms Co. LLC is adamantly opposed to SB307 and we humbly ask you to please consider our company, our Hawaii based clients and the firearm owners of Hawaii when considering this unconstitutional bill.

Thank you,

Chase Cavitt

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Pacific Arms Co. LLC

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Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:39:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Hayama	Testifying for Young Guns	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

I am one of the proprietors of a local Gun Shop, Young Guns and I would like go on record as being Strongly Opposed to Senate Bill SB307. Being in the firearms business for almost 25 years, I can tell you that we have sold many of the firearms that is being proposed to be banned under this Bill. There are many law abiding citizens that have them and use them for various reasons. Banning them comes from a totally misguided, misunderstood and uninformed reasoning. It is just the agenda of someone that would like to take away all of our 2nd Amendment Rights, one piece at a time.

Many of us hunt with large caliber rifles and handguns, as often times it would be the most humane way to put the game down quickly, compassionately and to not wound an animal with a cartridge that wasn't adequate enough. I have an older friend (one of many) that hunts feral pigs here in Hawaii with a .500S&W revolver. The 350gr. bullet that he uses, puts his game down quickly, humanely, has enough energy to do the job, and it gives him the distance that he needs. He is 77 years young and is still an active hunter. If this bill passes, he will become an instant felon! He and many other lawabiding firearms owners, who owns similar large caliber firearms, would instantly classified the same as terrorists with bombs and machine guns. The bill is ludicrous!

SB307 would group large caliber firearms (.50 and up) together with machine guns, sawed-off shotguns, hand grenades and bombs, just to name a few. Under this bill, revolvers, rifles, (whether they be single shot or a 100 year old fine double rifle used for hunting), that many of us senior citizens have and use, would be no different than bombs, explosives, machine guns, silencers, sawed-off shotguns, etc., etc.. The Bill is totally flawed. It will turn many law-abiding citizens in felons with the slash of the pen. It would be like a bill that bans all vehicles with more than 6 or 8 cylinders, just because the author doesn't like cars with bigger engines. Criminals do not use large caliber firearms to commit crimes. The larger caliber firearms are usually much higher priced

and purchased by more affluent and discerning customers that tend to be on the much older side.

The firearms that are being proposed to banned under this Bill is totally misunderstood and banning them would just turn many law abiding citizens in felons overnight. Would the State compensate the owners for their losses? Some of these firearms are very collectible and are worth tens of thousands of dollars. I see many law suits in the future if it passes.

Please kill this bill.

Sincerely,

Dale Hayama

President

Young Guns



The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

State Capitol, Video Conference Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

HEARING: Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 9:15AM

RE: SB307 Firearms; Gun Safety; High Caliber Guns

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee,

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition OPPOSES SB307...

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition opposes this bill that seeks to ban the ownership of firearms capable of firing a cartridge equal to or greater than 0.5inches in diameter (50 caliber).

HIFICO opposes this bill:

1. This bill would ban ALL commonly owned shotguns. Caliber is a unit of measure for the diameter of a given projectile, not the name of a specific type or set of cartridges. Below is a diagram of the various bore sizes



2. This bill would also ban all of the muskets used in the Revolutionary War. This would also restrict blackpowder firearms that are commonly used for hunting.

- 3. Large caliber firearms are commonly used for hunting and other legal purposes.
- 4. Large caliber firearms such as the 12 gauge shotgun are the most popular firearms in this state and are therefore protected under the 2008 SCOTUS Heller ruling.
- 5. The cost of compensation for the 100s of thousands of these firearms in this state will be in the **millions of dollars** in cost to the state and tax payers.

Please vote no on this deeply flawed proposed legislation..

For these reasons the Hawaii Firearms Coalition Opposes SB307.. Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:59:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB307 which is a violation of the 2nd Amendment. This is a comically devised bill which would ban many commonly owned firearms such as a 12 gauge shotgun, musket, 500 Smith and Wesson Revolver, and others.

If the intention of the bill was to specifically ban the 50 Browning Machine Gun cartridge, this is still a violation of the 2nd Amendment and is based on fear rather than reality. No airplanes have been shot with a 50 cal rof;e in the US. No persons have been shot with a 50 cal in Hawaii.

Why make an effort to violate the 2nd Amendment for banning something that hasn't done anything?

I am writing to express my STRONG OPPOSITION to this bill.

I'm not sure who wrote SB307, but they clearly show a lack of even basic knowledge of firearms, or that they get it exculsivley from TV and Movies or Video Games. I know what they THINK they're trying to ban. They're trying to ban the .50 BMG (Browning Machine Gun) cartridge, but they think that any gun with '.50' in the name must be so dangerous because 'I saw a sniper rifle that went through a brick wall at over 2 miles' or 'I saw a CNN report where this gun is used to take down aircraft.'

This bill needs to be discarded immediately. It is so vague that it not only bans the .50 BMG cartridge, but also several muskets (yes, muskets, the weapon that most Anti-Gun groups say is the only thing garuenteed by the Second Amendment), black powder rifles, a plethora of handgun and rifle rounds which are nowhere near as powerful as the .50 BMG, AND EVEN BANS NEARLY ALL SHOTGUNS.

Yes, you read that right THIS BILL WILL BAN SHOTGUNS. The only shotgun gauge/caliber I could find (and this includes historical loadings which are no longer available commercially) that would not be affected by this ban is the .410 bore shotgun chambering. Even shotguns that for all extents and purposes are no longer available would be outlawed by this bill. Below is a chart displaying the most common shotgun shells used in the US, the 2nd smallest gauge I've found was 32 Gauge and even that is larger than .50 caliber.

SHOTGUN GAUGE CHART					
GAUGE	SIZE	COMMON USE			
.410	.410	VERY SMALL GAME			
28 GAUGE	.550	SMALL GAME, DOVE			
20 GAUGE	.615	SMALL GAME, QUAIL			
16 GAUGE	.663	PHEASANTS			
12 GUAGE	.729	DUCKS, BIG GAME			
10 GAUGE	.775	GEESE, TURKEY			



12 Gauge shotguns, probably the most popular shotgun chosen for hunting and home defense, can also chamber and fire the .50 BMG cartridge (a VERY risky thing to do but it is possible, people have even made modifications to shotguns to allow them to safely shoot .50 BMG cartridge. So just changing the wording of this bill would not work to prevent people from making a '.50 caliber rifle' out of a shotgun using tools and supplies they can easily get from any hardware store.

And now I move on to the various pistol and rifle calibers that would be banned by this cartridge, many of which are used for hunting purposes, some of which are even used exclusively for competition shooting. These rounds are not some 'tank killer' or 'Anti Aircraft' round that fits in a pistol, though many are fairly powerful. This isn't even counting the various black powder and musket chamberings.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 10:37:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

This ban would make all shotguns illegal as well because the size of a shotgun barrel is 79 caliber, which is greater than 50 caliber.

So skeet shooters, trap shooters, bird shooters will all not be able to shoot due to shotguns being banned.

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 12:58:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am here once again taking time to write in stern OPPOSITION to SB307.

To begin with there is no basis for this bill to even be introduced. Once you start with one caliber, what's next .45 ACP, 10mm 9mm .223, .22? The .50 cal round has been in use before the founding of America. It is in common use and is owned by a large number of Americans. Did you also realize that your law would ban 12 GA shotguns too? Probably not.

Endless INFRINGEMENT by the government of Hawaii will not stand. You should burn this bill along with every other antigun bill. No crime or illegal use of a .50 BMG rilfe has ever occured in the US. Your are in seach of a BOOGIE MAN by introducing this bill.

Stop the endless attemps to infringe upon the rights of citizens. If you cannot, resign right now.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:06:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Chair and Committee members,

Please do not pass SB307

From a historical perspective, I belong to an association which volunteers at many

Commemorations.50 caliber firearms are a part of the history of our country, from the American Revolution and to this very day.

The proposed ban on ALL 50 cal firearms is not appropriate.

thank you

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 4:25:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
micah tanoai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against banning a tool used to put food on the table.

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Committee on Judiciary

HEARING: Tuesday, February 09, 2021, at 9:15 a.m. Regarding: **SB 307 Relating to Firearms**

Voter Position: OPPOSITION

Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

I express my **opposition** to **SB 307** because it is simply too broad to be practically implemented and also criminalizes lawful gunowners who currently possess firearms that have the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty-caliber and above.

As you will find in other testimony indicating **opposition** to **SB 307**, there are different variations of fifty-caliber ammunition currently in existence, which includes, but not limited to, the standard fifty-caliber ammunition round, the 50 Browning Machine Gun (BMG), the fifty-caliber AE, and so forth (Tillman, 2017; *What Is 50 BMG?*, 2020). It is imprudent to re-write the same listing here, so I will focus on the fact that the **SB 307's** lack of specificity will make it difficult to enact in a feasible manner.

Speaking of feasibility, the measure in its current form alarmingly turns virtually all lawful owners of shotguns into criminals since the calibers of 12-gauge shotgun shells so happen to mirror the caliber dimensions of the unspecified "fifty-caliber ammunition" as vaguely delineated in **SB 307**. This would set an unfair precedent that forces lawful shotgun owners to surrender firearms that have no valid functional capability of actually firing an unspecified fifty-caliber ammunition round.

I urge this committee to abstain from turning constituents into criminals and rather focus on providing necessary relief during a deadly, global pandemic by focusing legislative efforts on the passage of **SB 1194** (MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY RELATING TO COVID-19 EXPENDITURES) instead. Please think of the overall welfare of Hawaii's residents rather than wasting time on illogical and unnecessary firearm prohibitions.

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan Tinajero

References

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- What Is 50 BMG? A Brief Explanation. (2020, September 8). Aiming Expert. https://aimingexpert.com/what-is-50-bmg-a-brief-explanation/

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:26:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Lee Solomon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

S.B. No. 307, Jan 22 2021, Firearms

I, Justin Lee Solomon, resident of Moiliili/McCully, oppose this bill, for many reasons.

"The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." - United States Constitution

Your jobs, as our elected representatives, are to uphold the Constitution of these United States, not defile it. Your jobs, as our elected representatives, is to protect, and uphold the rights of your constituents, not infringe on them. The Constitution clearly states that this bill should not be passed. I should not have to fight to keep the civil rights that my Constitution already guarantees me, the same Constitution that you swore an oath to uphold. This bill never should've made it this far. The fact that it has, should embarrass all of you.

Section 2 subsection 134-8 (a) .50 cal capable weapons

Shotguns fire .50 cal ammunition. Shotguns are also the best weapon for defense inside the home. I will remind you the the pursuit of life (and therefore the defense of one's life) is an inalienable and natural right, something which shall not be infringed upon. Shotguns are also used prolifically in shooting sports, such as skeet shooting, and three-gun competitions. Shotguns are also used prolifically in hunting, putting nutritional, and natural protein on the family's table. All of these things are legal. Thousands of your constituents, are owners of shotguns. These constituents of yours are not committing any crimes. They are hurting no one. This bill aims to make all of those shotguns illegal, and therefore, the legal owners of those shotguns, felons. There is absolutely no

reason, for this bill. This bill is purely an illegal theft of your constituent's civil liberties, and therefore, passing this bill would be an act of tyranny.

I'm not understanding what your problem with ammunition is. The whole point of the second amendment is to ensure that your constituents, can constitute a strong militia, to defend the homeland, the family, and themselves, in the event of an invasion, for the security of the free state. Again, the freedom to defend ourselves is an inalienable, and natural right, guaranteed to us by the Constitution. Why would you have a problem, with us having the tools to do these things? I don't understand the logic of this bill. I think this bill is nothing more than an expose of politician's ignorance fueling their hate for their own constituents.

This bill is an illegal attempt to steal our constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties, rights, and freedoms. Approving this bill, would be nothing short of an act of tyranny.

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 2:51:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

No need for this bill. Criminals do not use these firearms. The individuals who do use them are a de facto research group who work on improving the power and accuracy of these firearms, the development of which directly benefits our military and their ability to do their jobs.

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 3:06:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl B.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

Includes any firearm or rifle with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher in the list of prohibited weapons.

More than many places, the possibility of someone having a firearm to use on our islands is high. We must continue to be vigilent in protecting everyone.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2021 4:00:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Violation of the 2nd Amendment. Any one submiting this bill can be removed from office for violation of Oat of Office. They all so can be charge with a Felony .

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Submitted on: 2/5/2021 7:09:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This is more unconstitutional government overreach. The second amendment is not something that is interpereted, it must be followed as written. It is the same with the first amendment. This is hurtful to all law abiding citizens. Crime is already illegal. The second amendment was established to allow every citizen the opportunity to defend one's self. Follow the law, follow the constitution. I oppose this bill.

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 9:00:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bradd Haitsuka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose the bill. There is no legal basis or precedent to pass this law. No legally possesed .50 caliber firearm has ever been used to commit a crime in Hawai'i or in the united states. This bill is yet another fearmongering attack against a firearm with no scientific basis or data.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2021 9:17:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

oppose

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 9:32:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glennon T. Gingo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Pumehana,

I strongly oppose this bill as it arbitrarily assigns a restriction to 50 caliber firearms with the false pretense that it has some inherent dangerous function than other firearms in other calibers. The firearm utilizing 50 caliber ammunition has long been a preferred firearm for long distance shooting competitions. Due to its cost (both gun and ammunition) it is not found in wide production and ownership. To make an arbitrary classification and cause concern due to the caliber is both irresponsible and not based on any factual statistics supporting a ban on its use.

I'm always available to testify in regards to firearm safety and proper use.

Education and training for the public on firearm use is paramount to public safety and where our focus should be; Not arbitrarily banning firearms. Aloha Ke Akua, Glennon

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 10:06:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adam Lipka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL.

.50 caliber and great firearms are currently legally owned by millions of law abiding Americans nationwide and are commonly used for lawful purposes by their owners. As such this bill if passed as a law would not pass the litmus test of Heller v. District of Columbia. While I'm sure those presenting this bill are thinking they would be banning machine guns or something only with this caliber. The unintended consiguence of this legislation as it is currently written would also ban American Revolutionary War vintage flintlock muskets as they are .69 caliber. It would ban American Civil War vintage muskets as they are .57 caliber. In fact as it is currently written the primary firearm that it would ban from private ownership would mainly be muzzleloading blackpowder firearms only as there are only a few modern firearms that are available in 50 caliber or greater that are approved federally for private ownership and they are all very expensive. How does one not see how this would violate the second amendment of the US Constitution when it literally infringes on the right to keep and bear the very arms that existed at the time the constitution was written? Any caliber of bullet is deadly which is why responsible firearms owners focus on the safe handling and use thereof so much, with every firearm they come into contact with. Banning a firearm simply for the diameter of the ammunition it fires shows a severe lack of knowledge of firearms and ballistics and does nothing to improve public safety. I urge you to listen to your constituency and oppose this bill in its entirety.

<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 3:08:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cody Cook	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Cody and this bill is just so ridiculous that they want to ban 50 caliber guns and ammo for what reason show us the stats and data on when a 50 cal gun and ammunition has ever been used in a crime. Just because a political figure thinks its right to ban something it doesn't mean the people want it all im saying is please reconsider thus ridiculous bill and just remember you work for the people of this country and this state and we as gun owners disapprove this bill.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 6:15:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brendan Ajolo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

i oppose this bill. stop trying to take away our rights

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Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:42:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

There is no need for this law. You are basically outlawing many legally owned firearms including shot guns. There has never been a case where a 50 caliber ammunition has been used in any unlawful illegal offense. In the 1990's Chief Bossie Correa wanted to ban 50 caliber ammunition as he said it could shoot down a plane. Well we all know that is impossible. They are probably a lot of better easier ways to do that such as the 911 terrorist.

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:56:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Jeff Ball	Individual	Oppose	No	ĺ

Comments:

This Bill is political grandstanding at it's worst. Please do not pass it.

It is a Bill with no need, that does not affect public safety nor crime in any measureable way.

it is based on arbitrary criteria meant to invoke emotion and not based in any facts.

Grenade launcher? Really? Aren't grenades already illegal?

it is a Bill which bans the most popular firearm in the State only from the Law Abiding Citizens of the State.

criminals who do not care about the law will not care about the law.

why continue to further punish and restrict law abiding citizens?

Please enforce the current laws before adding new ones.

Read the preamble to the Bill. We are one of the safest States with strong gun laws on the books and very low levels of gun violence. Least of all from these so-called "assault weapons" based on an arbitrary definition.

stop weak enforcement of the laws on the books, like felon's in possession of firearms. Check how many crimes are committed by persons banned from owning firearms who were released with light sentences or minimal jail time.

Enforce what is on the books. Don't just keep piling new infringements of Second Amendment Rights on the law abiding citizen. It makes no sense.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:04:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

I support SB307's ban on large caliber ammunition.

Large caliber firearms have no place in Hawaii. It's unduly dangerous for our police force and the public. There is no legitimate need for such weapons for hunting, recreation or target-shooting. Lower caliber firearms are sufficient for sporting, recreation and self-defnese needs, without allowing firepower that is unduly dangeorus in our community.

Thank you for your consideration, and for helping keep Hawaii safe.

Ellen Godbey Carson

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 10:13:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
William Carreira	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I am writing to voice my OPPOSITION to SB307. This bill serves to single out a particular firearm cartridge because Hollywood has convinced the representative Rhodes it is "scary". All prior attempts at banning this cartridge have failed because there is NO REASON for banning it! Show me evidence of the use of .50 caliber ammo, rifle/or pistol used in any crimes committed in the State of Hawaii in the last 10 years? I'll wait. There are NONE. Thus there is no reason to ban it from the hobbyists that shoot it. The price of the cartridges themselves are so high as to be cost-prohibitive for the average person. You have no reason to prohibit this round as only tax paying citizens who keep it as a hobby will be affected. If you are so concerned about it's lethality, I recommend you ban fast food and sugar first as diabetes and heart disease affect hundreds of more people in Hawaii than this cartridge ever has or will.

Thank you for your time.

William Carreira, Waipahu, HI

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 10:43:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sterling Luna	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this measure. The reason being that a standard 12ga shotgun will now be illegal because it fires a .79 cal projectile. These projectiles are necessary when hunting deer with this type of rifle. Furthermore .50cal has no bering on ANY CRIME SO WHY THE OVER REACH? The madness needs to stop in regards to this type of legislation. oppose this now

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:17:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Limiting the capacity of a firearm not only is a direct infringement upon the citizens of the United States second amendment rights but does little more than negatively affect law abiding citizens. The state of Hawaii already has some to the strictest laws pertaining to the purchase, and ownership of a firearm. This legislation would not stop or even limit crime, it would only impact those who already follow the rules put in place. I say no to this new legislation because A. It is unconstitutional and B. It only impacts the law abiding citizen and not those who would cause or instigate harm.

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:39:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lionel Delos Santos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

dear legislature, I strongly oppose this bill becasue of 12ga sporting rd for bird hunting ,clay and trap shooting, 50 cal firearms, and muzzel loader will not stop crimmals for having them and infringe the rights to beararms, need more crime bill not gun bills

thank you

lionel

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 12:09:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
colby sakumoto	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I oppose SB307. This bill would make it illegal to possess any firearm capable of firing a projectile with a diameter larger than .50 caliber. This would result in many commonly owned hunting rifles and shotguns becoming illegal to possess in Hawaii. 12-gauge shotguns used in competition shooting and hunting would also be made illegal to possess because the diameter of their barrels and projectiles exceed .500 (half an inch). Due to the quantity of .50 caliber firearms including 12-gauge shotguns already possessed by the citizens of Hawaii, this bill would be impossible to enforce if it were to become law.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 12:48:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon DS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because 12 gauge shotguns are used for hunting and competition events.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 12:54:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Linda Castro	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

OPPOSE. This bill will further limit my firearms and self defense rights.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 1:13:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Kellam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB307

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 2:19:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Davis Nguyen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, as a private citizen, I strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2021 3:11:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Josh S.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. This bill serves no other purpose than to criminalize legal gun owning citizens in Hawaii even further than they already have been. With our already extremely low firearm crime rate in Hawaii, we don't need to make it any more restrictive. Thant would only further expand on the massive infringements this state currently makes on the firearm community. Please vote no on this bill

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 3:15:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Christopher Carvalho	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I oppose bill SN307. It is a violation of our 2nd amendment rights!!

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 3:43:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blaine Stuart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. I own products that this bill seeks to na, and I will challenge it as an illegal taking and a constitutional violation if it passes.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 4:20:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Galli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this legislation.

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 5:09:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bryston Tanigawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Like the proposed "assault rifle" ban I oppose any laws that restrict me from purchasing whatever weapon I deem fit to protect myself. What constituents are you targeting with these laws? The laws you pass should not effect law abiding people. Your attention needs to be turned toward criminals and you need to leave us alone!

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 5:23:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Eric Akiyama	Individual	Oppose	No	1

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose SB307. The intention of this bill is to help prevent gun violence, protecting the safety and well being of the citizens of the State of Hawaii. How many incidence of gun violence are comitted with 50 caliber or higher firearms? This is just another bill introduced to put more unnecesary restrictions on the law abiding gun owner.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 6:36:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a female, I rely on my shotgun for self defense and it is bigger than a 50 caliber. I also wont be able do recreational shooting such as trap and skeet. many big game hunters will also not be able to hunt without their shotguns

<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 6:36:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raymund Bragado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a retired service member with 2 tours in Iraq. I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution. Our 2nd Amendment right is being attacked by this SB307. "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." Please support and defend the Constitution do not infridge on our Constitutional right.

Mahalo,

Raymund Bragado

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 6:37:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.

For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War.

This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.

Firearms capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 6:37:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

It is evident that this piece of legislation was drafted by an individual who have no understanding of firearms. "Larger than .50 caliber" includes all 12 gauge or larger gauge shotguns, which would essentially make a large majority of firearms in Hawai'i illegal.

Due to an obvious lack of firearm knowledge/understanding when submitting this bill and the potential to ban a vast majority of firearms, I OPPOSE this piece of legislation.

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 6:57:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Christian R Grado	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

"Ghost gun" bans on both kits, parts, and tools are not narrowly tailored and infringe directly on the right of an individual to create tools for their own self defense. Highly opposed, as this bill would also be nearly impossible to enforce, and the possession of any weapon should not be a crime.

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:01:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andy Berky	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it an infringement on 2nd amendment rights guaranteed under the US Constitution. I am and have always been a law abiding citizen. I am a retired combat veteran and retired C&C employee The legislature has much bigger fish to fry than wasting its time on bills which are in conflict with 2A rights. Please use common sense.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:26:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William George	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the strole of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property. Firearms capable of using rounds of 50 caliber or higher, Shotguns, Black powder muskets, pistols, are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court Court of the United States 2008 Heller Decision.

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:48:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

- This bill bans all firearms capable of firing ammunition 0.5 Inches or larger and includes the very common 12 Gauge Shotgun and many black powder firearms.
- These firearms are used by hunters to hunt birds and big game.
- This bill amounts to confiscation of legally owned property.

As a law-abiding U.S. citizen and resident of the State of Hawaii, I believe there are adequate federal and state laws to effectively deal with the unlawful possession and use of firearms by any perpetrator.

I support legislation that mandates a consistent, swift and appropriate penalty for any illegal possession or use of a firearm.

I do not support any effort or legislation that infringes upon the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 7:56:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Fuchikami	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

While I don't own any large caliber firearm, I'm opposed to this bill because my question to you is, WHY? There is no empirical evidence that 50 cal firearms are a threat here. I don't recall anyone using it to commit a crime here in Hawaii. Even on the mainland, it is not used very much in your typical crimes using firearms. Even the AR platform rifles aren't used much; the weapon of choice is the handgun. Even former President Ronald Reagan was shot with a measly .22 cal handgun, yet those are in use a lot but no one in their right mind would even think of banning it as they consider it "insufficient" even for self-defense; yet it almost took the life of President Reagan.

Most of these bills you guys are proposing are merely "feel good" bills that make you feel like you're doing "something" but it's not effective because it's only harming the lawful firearm owners who are being hog-tied and handcuffed from means to protect themselves. The FACT that you guys REFUSE to allow issuing of concealed carry permits to qualified private citizens shows how much you think we're irresponsible. I've carried my 9mm handgun throughout many states on the mainland and have never had to use it. However it's nice to know that I've been trained in the proper use of it and when/where I'm able to lawfully do it. I'm of very small stature and no threat to anyone who intends harm toward me and my family so I need a way to protect myself and my family.

You need to check the history of firearms-related crimes in Hawaii and apply some logic to it. You'll find as I do that most of these bills would have done absolutely NOTHING to have prevented any of those past crimes, so it won't affect anything in the future either.

Please reject this bill as it is truly just another useless "feel good bill". Aloha & God Bless!

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Submitted on: 2/6/2021 8:37:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Ryan Matsumoto	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

Hi,

I strongly oppose this bill because it penalizes only law abiding citizens. This bill would turn law abiding citizens into criminals just because of the type of firearms they own. It will also prevent law abiding citzens to purchase rifles, handguns, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms for recreational usage. Like you've heard many times, this bill if passed, will not prevent criminals from obtaining .50 caliber firearms because they would disregard the law anyways.

Thank you,

Ryan

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:14:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donald Correia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose is unconstitutional Bill

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:35:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill for the follwing reasons:

- SHOTGUN BAN: This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.
- MUSKET AND BLACKPOWDER BAN: For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!
- **HUNTING BAN:** This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.
- IN COMMON USE: Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **GUN CONFISCATION:** This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:47:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

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 result of the Coronavirus.
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Submitted on: 2/6/2021 9:48:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Filler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

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<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 10:35:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I oppose this legislation. Hawaii already has some if the strictest gun laws in the nation. The 2nd amendment shall not be infringed.

Alice Abellanida

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:14:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
christy gusman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I storngly Oppose this bill

This bill would ban many firearms used by local hunters and sportsmen here in Hawaii whom hunt bird, deer, and any other big game.

this bans all firearms capeable of firing rounds .05inches or larger which makes 12gague shot guns illegal as well as most hunting rifles.

This bill would make it legally owned and purchased personal property immediately illegal and force law abiding gun owners to surrender their firearms.

Again why is the legislature trying to do this during a pandemic our taxpayer time and money should be spent doing better things like helping people recover from the pandemic.

This bill is anti-constitution.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:23:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Phillip Paranada	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I oppose

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:02:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Harwood-Tappe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I, David W. Harwood-Tappe, OPPOSE AND DECLARE MY DISSENT OF THIS BILL FOR REASONS STATED HEREIN.

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves." Quote by William Pitt the Younger, 1783.

Our country was founded, and our great Constitution written based on the fundamental principle that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. One of those rights is the right to self-defense and the defense of others! We hold these truths to be self-evident! However, it appears that it is not self-evident to our current Congressmen and Congresswoman and that We The People need to remind you of these facts.

To secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed (WE THE PEOPLE). Whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches. For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!

This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.

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This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property.

Please uphold your oath to defend the Constitution of the United States of America! Mahalo!

<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:18:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tiffany Tse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Restrictive gun laws imposed on law abiding citizens does not affect the will or intent of criminals who choose to commit crimes period. Criminals who commit crimes do not abide by laws and the more restrictions placed on law abiding citizens only hurts people who follow the law. Please do not let this pass, the states with the most restrictive guns still have an abundance of violent gun crime. Stop binding the hands of those who have no intention of hurting others while criminals live outside the law on a daily basis.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:22:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB307 for reasons:

SHOTGUN BAN: This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
brett iwanuma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. All of the firearms on this list are in common use tadat and are protected by the SCOTUS Heller decision. This bill would make hunting and sport shooting with a shotgun illegal and is a direct violation of our second amendment rights. You are trying to take something I legally own away from me.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:30:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose. We have the strictest gun laws already in Hawaii.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:03:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stanley Mendes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB307. My muzzle loader and shotgun is a 50cal.that I use to hunt and use for other recreational purposes. Again I'm not a criminal so don't infringe on my rights.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:16:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard W. Adams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

WHY DO I OPPOSE THIS BILL?

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Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:44:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Greg Funderburk	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose Senate Bill #307. As an avid sportsman and registered voter, I want to encourage you to work against the passage of legislation that threatens to infringe upon every American's constitutionally acknowledged right to keep & bear arms.

SB307 prohibits the possession of all firearms with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher. This includes many firearms commonly used for hunting by law abiding citizens. I am concerned that this bill denies the due process of law which is fundamental, constitutional guarantee that all legal proceedings will be fair and that one will be given notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard before the government acts to take away one's life, liberty, or property.

Rather than further limiting the types of firearms and magazines that honest, responsible, law-abiding citizens have the right to possess; I encourage you to focus your energy on increasing the consequences for those who illegally use firearms in the commission of violent crimes.

The state of Hawaii is already overburdened with gun laws, rules and regulations. We have one of the lowest rates of "gun related violence" in the nation. This measure, SB307, will only serve to continue the chipping away of 2nd amendment rights for the residents of Hawaii. It is poorly written in that it makes no distinction between muzzleloaders, shotguns, rifles or handguns. This bill would effectively ban the muzzle loading Brown Bess musket used during the Revolutionary War to win our independence. It would also ban the most common upland bird hunting shotgun in use. This seems to be simply another attempt to create obstacles for legitimate firearms owners. I strongly oppose the proposed bill.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:17:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Reymund Daoang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB 307

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:55:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

As an individual taxpaying citizen I oppose SB-307 as this proposal will not have any effect to lower crime in Hawaii. There are no cases of 50 caliber firearms ever being used in crimes and all private ownership of such firearms are legally registered per Hawaii laws. Instead of focusing on spending time creating new laws that will not improve public safety I would prefer that the legislative time be better spent on lowering our taxes and eliminating corruption within our state government as well as focusing on enforcing sound ethics in government in regards to daily operations. I would prefer to see a focus on prevention of repeat offenders of crimes and recovery of our economy.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:02:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael A. Wee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB307. This measure does nothing to reduce crime. It is only a further infringement on gun ownwership by law-abiding citizens. Fifty caliber weapons have never been a problem in any manner or frequency that requires prohibiting them. This legislation addresses a problem that doesn't exist! Statistics show that criminals do NOT use 50 caliber weapons in the great majority of crimes committed, not that the law would deter them, anyway! Please consider the law-abiding citizens who use these weapons for sport/hobby/collecting purposes. Thank you.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:05:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Cecil E. Haverty	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

Oppose!

SB-307 Submitted on: 2/7/2021 12:18:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Gil Frank	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

Serves no purpose. Will effectively ban ANY 50 caliber firearms like 500 S&W revolver, Shotguns shooting rifled slugs or saboted 50 caliber projectiles, black powder rifles etc.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:08:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
danny yamada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law abiding tax pay I strongly oppose this bill

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:12:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Subn	nitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Johr	n Arnest	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This legislation is patently ridiculous if it excludes muzzle loading black-powder firearms and 12 gauge shotguns. Even .50 caliber weapons should be allowed for target and silhouette use, such as the Barrett weapon.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:17:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joel Berg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I want only two things from the 2021 legislature. Fix the economny and observe (or expand) the Bill of Rights. Both were trampled 202 and it has been shameful. This Bill is sickening.

<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:31:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Myron Hoefer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB307. There is NO EVIDENCE in the public record of a connection between the diameter of a projectile and the incidents of violent crime experienced in the islands. Destructive weapons are already banned by federal law, and this bill would only add commonly owned weapons such as shotguns and antique muzzle loading fire arms to that category, which of course makes no sense. This proposal is based on SPECULATION alone without evidence to justify it, and should be deferred.

Thank you

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 1:37:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Freischmidt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- 1. There is no exemption for shotguns as most gauges are larger then 0.50 caliber. Especially when using slugs for hunting.
- 2. For any rifled barrel and ammunition larger then 0.50 the ATF already has laws for this.
- 3. There are many types of 0.50 caliber firearms and ammunition. From the 0.50 BMG for long range to 0.50 S&W for pistols and even 0.50 black powder muzzle loading rifles (which are common and minimum for hunting is 0.44 as a large caliber is needed). Maybe this law needs to specify the type of 0.50 caliber they wish to ban.
- 4. I have never heard of a crime committed with any these types of firearms as they generally are hard to conceal and are cumbersome. A rifle that uses a 0.50 BMG weighs around 27#. Plus the ammunition is really expensive.
- 5. There is no grandfather clause for these firearm legally owned prior to this legislation.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:27:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Robinson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Given the increase in brazen crimes that this state has seen since the start of the Coronavirus Pandemic, this bill seeks to significantly impair the ability for law-abiding citizens to defend themselves, forcing them to exclusively depend on the police department, which is already overwhelmed in ability to protect citizens.

This bill would ban the posession of firearms that fire a round 0.5" or larger. That includes 12 Gauge shotguns, which are widely used throughout the U.S. for both home defense and hunting. There is no provision for grandfathering of firearms already owned.

Given the real challenges being faced by the state, it would make more sense to focus legislative efforts toward something that acutally benefits all state citizens, not to increase the burden on law-abiding firearms owners to comply with a law that really does not enhance safety over existing firearms laws.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:30:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael P. K. Harris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to SB307. It posits an unconstitutional set of regulatory guidelines, flies in the face of precedent, and has originated during a time wherein the legislature ought to have wildly different priorities.

The 2008 District of Columbia et al. v. Heller ruling on behalf of the Supreme Court of the United States delineates fairly clear and concise boundaries as to the type and nature of restrictions which may be enacted as to the regulation of privately owned firearms. It is recognized therein that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to lawfully possess a firearm unconnected to service in a militia, and to use such arms for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense. Further, previous rulings, such as the 1939 United States v. Miller et al. decision by the Supreme Court, set down a wealth of precedent for the protection and preservation of civilian ownership of firearms "in common use."

Given these broad, basic notions concretized by years of precedent and handed down by the land's highest court, numerous glaring issues emerge with the wording of SB307. Its central focus, the banning of "any firearm or rifle with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher", would ban innumerable firearms which have existed firmly within the scope of civilian use for over a century. This provision would ban, for instance, the ubiquitous hunting and self-defense 12-gauge shotgun round, the diameter of which (18.5mm) is well in excess of the diameter of a 50-caliber cartridge (12.95mm). To further demonstrate the absurdity of this clause and the extent to which it violates the "common use" principle, this would also ban the Revolutionary War era British Land Pattern Musket, or "Brown Bess," which utilizes a 17.5mm bullet, and remains in commercial production, to this day, for a total of 299 years. The idea that these weapons constitute an anomalous, non-civilian, exclusively destructive, or military application is clearly beyond consideration; yet, SB307 would place even such antiques within the category of an unlawful "assault" weapon.

Likewise, it is alarming that SB307's secondary focus, the banning of Teflon-coated rounds, is based on a purely fictive notion; Teflon, popularized by the movie industry as a "magical" additive which produces "cop-killer" bullets is, in fact, added to the coating of bullets so as to reduce the damage and fouling they inflict upon the barrel of a firearm. During the testimony of Rudolph W. Giuliani, the Associate Attorney General with the U.S. Department of Justice at the time, accompanied by Cary H. Copeland, an attorney

with the U.S. Department of Justice, addressing the validity of the panic over Teflon-coated bullets, it was revealed that tests on the part of Department of Justice technicians found "that Teflon adds very little to the penetration characteristics, that as much as anything else, it protects the barrel of the weapon being used ... it is a relatively minor factor in its penetration power" (Hearings, 138). For the legislature, then, to prioritize information from popular action dramas like *Ronin* (1998) over hard data given during testimony under oath by officials from the Department of Justice seems something of a bad joke. It demeans the offices they occupy, and necessarily insinuates to any who cares to scrutinize the situation closely that appearances and public opinion are more pressing than actual facts when it comes to the crafting of laws.

Considering the aforementioned, I would, again, seek to voice my strong opposition to SB307. During a time wherein there is almost utter silence as to a public desire for more gun control, and yet an intense desire for government relief in light of a pandemic which will likely be remembered as a formative, landmark disaster shaping the nation's remembrance of this century, it seems frivolous, and perhaps event malevolent, for the legislature to consider an ill-formed and ill-conceived measure of this nature.

 "Hearings Before the Subcommittee on Crime of the Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, Ninety-Seventh Congress, Second Session, on H.R. 2280, H.R. 5392, H.R. 5437, Armor-Piercing and Exploding Bullets, Serial No. 123" U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, 1983. Accessed 2021, https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/Digitization/94426NCJRS.pdf

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 2:59:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I very strongly oppose this Bill. this is just a gun grab without any evidence to even support making this Bill. 50 cal is the most popular Muzzle loader, and muzzle loaders don't have to be registered and can be shipped directly to your home.12 guage shotguns are one of the most popular guns out there. This Bill is asinine, and it is only a scare tactice to the misinformed individual, who automatically jumps to the conclushion of machineguns and military sniper rifles.the vast majority of people don't even know the difference between a 270 and a 50. or that a 20 guage shotgun has a smaller barrel than a 12 guage shotgun

Sincerly Brian Ley

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 3:30:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional and a infringement . We use 50 caliber weapons for hunting an I do alot $\,$ it's much needed caliber .

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 3:36:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Skipper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB307 is an ill conceived piece of legislation that will ban .50 + fiirearms, many of which are ancient design black powder muzzle loaders, revolutionary and post revolutionary/civil war rifles and pistols. Legal owners of these older types of firearms and other modern ones used for precision long range shooting will be penalized and the law, if enacted will have no effect on handgun, rifle and other gun crimes. Rifles of any caliber are used in less than 2% of all gun crimes nationally. These bills (including HB251) arre ill concieved, vilolate the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution and target only law abiding firearms enthusiasts. The legislature needs to focus on illegal gun trafficking, and gun crimes committed by illegal gun owners and criminals that refuse to acknowledge existing laws.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 4:23:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DARLYNE	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Your own bill says:

Hawai'i received an A—minus rating from the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Additionally, Hawai'i had the third lowest number of gun deaths per capita among the states in 2019, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

So... what PROBLEM are you solving? If it isn't broke... why are you fixing it? There are so MANY actual problems here in our state that NEED legislation and help now (BUSINESS still closing...people needing jobs) WHY...are we prioritizing spending resources on solving a NON- existent problem...? Is this the biggest threat to Hawaii right now... that someone might already have a 12 guage shotgun. (btw...One of this most versitle guns often used for hunting)

There were NO real violent protests on the islands this year.

None for George Floyd...

NOR any for Trump.

So out of what FEAR (or even rationale) is the State punishing the citizenry without cause? For it looks like the better we behave the MORE RIGHTS get taken away.

American citizens/ the Peoples of Hawaii demonstrated a MATURITY and RESTRAINT seen almost NO WHERE ELSE IN THIS COUNTRY. PROVING that we treat each other with reasonable respect even as we heavily disagree. More importantly, we rarely ever use guns as a means to solve ANY of our problems here. Rather, guns are a source of fun! A chance for some family and friendship bonding and discussing. A

TOOL used in Hawaii mostly for creating Food, Community, Fellowship and Bar bue que.

AND the Hawaii State legislative branch STILL wants to limit /take away guns rights! What is with the attack on the People?

I ask again is this about solving a problem (a problem that this VERY bill's own opening paragraph concludes does NOT even exist)? *OR is this about controlling the population and limiting the 2nd amendment based on excuses of politics and/or unfounded fear?* (3rd lowest instance of gun violence...that means the other 47 other states have a BIGGER problem then Hawaii with this). Yet, Hawaii State Legislature has decided this is a TOP issue by introducing not one but about 5 bills to address "gun safety". Critical... issue.

Because to continue with the previous point, this past year in other states, there WERE horrible protests.... burning of cities..... individuals who absolutely openly carried weapons and acted willing to use them. And I can tell you now most of the citizens of THOSE states will NOT face even 25% of the legislation you are presenting this week. It is almost as if those citizens who act crazy and threaten to kill each other shall be allowed to keep their guns with few limitations...

But for you, good and kind folk, for you reasonable citizens of Hawaii who will not make a lot of fuss, for you Island residents who could be EXAMPLES of how to teach the mainland to live harmoniously with guns as helpful TOOLS... NOT WEAPONS...

Yes, for you who have the 3rd lowest instance of misusing your "tools" as weapons.....WILL TAKE YOUR TOOLS AWAY FROM YOU... One increasing restriction at a time.

It just makes me think Republicans are right.

STOP punishing the "nice guy". Go legislate Chicago or someplace where people have shown they do NOT know what to do with their gun privileges.

We are PROVEN mature adults here. And we know how to use our tools and when and where NOT to point them.

Thank you.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 4:43:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Timothy Soderholm	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and urge legislators to vote no. This bill, if enacted, would be an egregious infringement on the core right protected by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It would arbitrarily ban a number of firearms in common use throughout the country based on bore diameter alone. The firearms contemplated in this bill are essentially absent from use in any criminal activity. This bill would also ban the virtually all shotguns currently sold in the U.S. (28 gauge, 20 gauge, 16 gauge, and 12 gauge). Aside from having no impact on crime, this bill would criminalize the most popular shotgun gauges in the country.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 5:05:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ray Engel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this! There is no need for it and does not impact any safety issue. It eliminates my right to own a firearm of my choice. Using this weapon on the range does not affect anyone.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 5:22:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
James "Jimâ€∙ O'Keefe	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB307 on the grounds that this bill, were it to become law, would effectively consitute bans on:

- **SHOTGUNS:** ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.
- MUSKET AND BLACKPOWDER GUNS: Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!
- **HUNTING:** This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.

In addition, this bill would:

- CRIMINALIZE FIREARMS IN COMMON USE: Firearms capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **RESULT IN GUN CONFISCATION:** making legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen, forcing gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 5:53:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Audrey Pasion	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 6:12:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Soleil Roache	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

- SHOTGUN BAN: This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.
- MUSKET AND BLACKPOWDER BAN: For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!
- **HUNTING BAN:** This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.
- **IN COMMON USE:** Firearms capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- MISPLACED PRIORITIES: Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property
 from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping
 those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a
 result of the Coronavirus.
- **GUN CONFISCATION:** This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force sane, sober, moral, prudent, law-abiding gun owners to surrender or destroy their legally obtained property without compensation.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 6:14:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Norberto Dumo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against this bill because it doesn't only target criminals it also targets law abiding citizens such as myself. This bill infringes on my 2nd amendment right as a law abiding citizen. If you are trying to restrict criminal then this is not they way of doing it. Criminals do not abide by any laws and this bill will only hurt law abiding citizens and make the criminals happy.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 6:28:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this measure. The bill includes firearms that are necessary for personal defense. For example, Hawaii residents who hunt and/or fish in places such as Alaska would be prohibited from legally purchasing/acquiring .50 cal pistols such as the Smith & Wesson Model 500 for their protection. You can only purchase as a resident of your home state, Most states prohibit non-resident purchasing. This is also the case for 12 gauge shotguns, particularly with rifled barrels for slugs. In other words, this bill adversely affects residents to defend themselves from dangerous animals they may encounter in hunting and fishing trips out-of-state.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 7:15:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Yokota	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Senator Rhoads writes in his bill that "Hawaii still allows any firearm or rifle with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher..." is inconsistent with the legislature's goal of protecting the well being of its citizens. He also goes on to tout Hawaii's A- gun safety rating from the Gifford's Law Center. The fact that he quotes the Gifford's Center directly shows his hand and that he is pandering to an outside lobbying body, versus actually looking out or for the well being of Hawaii citizens.

Fortunately, the Consitution of the United States is where we as citizens are granted our rights, not from a mainland lobbying group. There are individuals that will say that the framers of the constitution could never have imaged the kinds of modern weapons we have now and that the 2nd Amendment was written in the age where black powder muskets were the pinnacle of firearms technology. It's true, the musket was considered the pinnacle of firearms technology, in fact the Brown Bess was the most common musket used during the Revolutionary War. Some historians say if it weren't for the Brown Bess, we'd be drinking tea instead of coffee and singing God Save the Queen versus the Star Spangled Banner. This might come as a shock, but the Brown Bess was 75 caliber. Technically, the munition was 69 caliber since it had to be wrapped in paper so it could be fired. So this bill would prohibit the ownership of the rifle that "won" the Revolutionary War, and many other black powder rifles. The framers of the Constituion were very aware of the effects of firearms and war, having struggled for 8 years against what was arguably the most advanced army of the time. They fought on the front lines, many lost their lives, some were imprisoned and tortured, then stripped of all their possessions. If this bill is about preventing crime, ask youselves these two questions: 1) "How will this bill reduce or prevent crime?" and 2) "When was the last time a crime was committed in the State of Hawaii with a musket?"

Senator Rhoads will say he's not targeting muskets or black powder rifles, but modern rifles capable of inflicting incredible damage. There are modern rifles chambered in 50 caliber. Arguably, the most famous of which is the Barret Model 82A1. It's 57 inches long from front to back, which is one inch shorter than the average height of a 12 year old in the United States, and weighs almost 33 pounds empty. I don't recall the last time a crime was committed in Hawaii with one of these. I'm certain that a rifle that large would have drawn a lot of attention in the press. In fact, how many crimes were committed in the State of Hawaii in 2020 involving 50 caliber weapons, including 50 caliber handguns? 2019? How about 2018? I would bet the number to be next to

nothing. When we look at Oahu's worst mass shooting - the Xerox shooting - it was committed with a handgun by someone who's defense was that he was insane at the time. These are the facts; handguns in the hands of criminals account for more crime than the sensationalized 50 cal cartridge/rifle.

It should be noted by all the committe members present, that if this bill were to pass, you could not purchase 12 guage ammunition for skeet, trap, sporting clays, and upland game hunting (Birds - Phesants, Quail, Chukars). 12 guage is the most common shotgun ammunition in the United States where millions of rounds are sold annually. In fact, if this bill goes through, no one from the State of Hawaii would be able to qualify for regional, let alone national championships in these shooting sports. This bill would outlaw 3 out of the 4 guages required in a regular skeet competitions. 12 guage is 72 caliber, 20 guage is 67 caliber, and 28 guage is 55 caliber. The only guage left is .410 guage since it's the only one smaller than 50 caliber in dimension. To those that would say, too bad, go do something else, they have never known the dicipline and self-sacrifice that it takes for an individual from Hawaii, to push themselves to be that good. To train week after week for years before they hit their stride in national tournaments, much like an olympic athlete. Not to mention the more casual shooter who just wants to hang out with some friends a shoot a round of skeet or trap on a Saturday at Koko Head.

This bill does nothing to address real crime, and that is why I am opposed to it. In fact, I would argue it's only puspose is to pander to the Gifforc's Law Center. If you visit the Gifford's website you'll see Senator Rhoads' various bills lining up directly with numbers 1 through 5 in their Hardware and Ammunition section: 1) Assault Weapons; 2) Large Capacity Magazines; 3) Ammunition Regulation; 4) Ghost Guns; 5) Machine guns and 50 caliber ammunition. What a conicidence since numbers 1 and 2 are incoporated into SB 301. Number 3 took the form of SB 2635 last session, and would have mandated proof of registration of a firearms of a particular caliber before ammunition could be sold to someone. And here is SB 307, or number 5 of the Gifford's Law Center's list of priorities.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 7:39:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walter Kanemori	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Poorly written. 50 cal includes antiques, flintlocks, civil war rifles, 12 gauge shotguns etc.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 7:50:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalei Chong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Firearms sales within the past year has grown exponentially not only across the nation, but here in Hawaii. People are realizing that they are responsible for their own safety and cannot rely on government-in times of protests, riots. Now you want to further restrict what we can posses? How's about we ban murder? Put away the criminals instead of re-victimizing victims. Vehemently oppose!

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 8:52:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan Combs	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I firmly oppose SB307. It is a violation of our U.S.Constitution and an infrigement of our fundamental right to keep and bear arms. It is my inalienable right of self-defense to protect my life, my family's life, and my property. We are law abiding citizens. More and more, we are becoming victims of criminals who do not follow the law. You job as government officials is to protect our rights. You took an oath to defend to Constituion of the United States. You cannot ignore the Constitution, our rights, and confiscate our firearms because you deem it necessary. You do not have the authority to dictate what kind of fire arms we can possess. It is a gross violation of our rights. Your job is not to dictate to us, FREE American citizens, how to run our lives. Do not give us over to those who will rob, steal, and kill us without regard.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 8:55:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
John Jury Jr	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

"any firearm or rifle with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher" is vague and would include all 12-gauge and larger shotguns.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:18:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan WIllis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it directly limits and restricts the law abiding citizens from protecting themselves and their family against criminals and outside threats. It also is infringes on the constitutional 2nd amendment.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:28:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Wallace	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill being a veteran and a hunter and a law a biden citizen this law impeads on my right to own a weapon that is stated in the second amendment.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 9:43:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanoe Willis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:23:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Weist	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB307.

Guns shooting this caliber of bullet have been on the market for purchase for more than 400 years. Your law would remove 12 gauge shotguns from the market and make anyone owning one an automatic criminal. And there are hundreds of thousands of those shotguns alone in this state. This would also include 50BMG, 500S&W revolvers, 50 Desert Eagle, 12GA Shotguns, muzzleloaders, etc.

PLEASE VOTE "NO" ON SB307.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:24:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leilani Diga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is an outrage and doesn't make any sense!

You are wicked.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:36:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Busto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

When government makes laws that take away the ability for private citizens to protect themselves, the government is wrong. Purging our society of violence and murder cannot be done by gun control legislation. This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property.

<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 10:52:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Oshima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Restricting law abiding firearm owners from owning 'large caliber' firearms makes no sense. Many individuals own 12ga shotguns for home defense, many individuals also go hunting with those shotguns where the bore diameter happens to be more than .50 by design and utilize .50 caliber firearms in different formats including black powder firearms. There is no need or sensibility to restrict or ban such categories of firearms.

Thank you, Daniel

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:01:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Shigemitsu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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 result of the Coronavirus.
- **GUN CONFISCATION:** This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:12:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Randy L Nakashima	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I Oppose bill SB307.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:15:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Timothy Miyao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Honorable Senate of the State of Hawaii,

I appreciate your time reviewing my testimony regarding SB307: Firearms, Gun Safety; High Caliber Guns. I humbly ask that you please oppose SB 307.

SB307 would ban commonly used firearms with a bore diameter of half-an-inch or greater. This would prohibit commonly used firearms such as shotguns and black powder firearms. This bill would require amending Hunting Regulations to say that birdshot can no longer be used when hunting birds. Birdshot is fired out of shotguns, which under SB307, would be illegal.

Again I asked that you please oppose SB 307. Thank you for your consideration and dedication to the State of Hawaii.

Hilo, HI

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:17:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am vehemently opposed to SB307. This bill would be a de facto ban on 12 Gauge shotguns which are used by hundreds of sportsmen in Hawaii for hunting, skeet & trap shooting, and related sports. Would this ban 12 Gauge shotguns for police use? What about black powder firearms? Many are over 50 caliber. What about 50 caliber pistols? Why ban them.

This Bill would accomplish nothing and cause more issues where none are needed.

V/R

Kevin J. Cole, Col. USAF Ret.

Mililani

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:17:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rasa Fournier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

If you have a shot gun with the 50 cal law, you are not able to defend yourself properly. Anything less than this is only for shooting birds. I strongly oppose this bill.

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:33:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bradford Davis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good morning Committee Members,

I would like to respectfully communicate my opposition to SB307. This bill would prevent me from exercising my freedom to effectively enjoy target shooting, hunting, or even self protection. This bill would not benefit law abiding citizens. In addition, further consideration of SB307 will effectively change who I (and potentially others in my sphere of influence) will vote for as my representative in the next election. SB307 does NOT reflect the common attitudes, beliefs, or concerns found in the local community.

Respectfully,

Bradford Davis

Submitted on: 2/7/2021 11:39:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samuel M. Aquino Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing to say that I STRONGLY oppose SB307 due to its misleading nature, where it would ban the use of shotgun rifles which are over 50caliber in size. Limiting the use of shotgun rifles is also limiting our means to defend ourselves and our homes against possible home invasions and violent attackers.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:30:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Francis Corpuz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it would ban the rifles and shotguns I use for self-defense.

This bill is unconstitutional.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:36:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill on the grounds that it is a rather arbitrary restriction on fairly common firearms which are really only used for sporting purposes.

It is shameful that Rhoads would propose such ill conceived legislation.

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:42:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Jordan Carinio	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I oppose SB307, because my only hunting pistol and long gun is chambered for 50 caliber or larger.

As a responsible hunter, I've invested much time and resources to training. I learned to be accurate with my aim and shot. I've become proficient to safely operate my hunting pistol and long gun. Therefore, I only use these larger size calibers to quickly and humanely hunt the animal for food.

If SB307 is passed, it will make it very timely and economically difficult for me train on a smaller caliber pistol or long gun. With that said, I wouldn't feel confident to quickly and humanely hunt animals for food.

Again, I oppose SB307

Thank you for allowing me to provide my testimony.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:37:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please oppose this bill. My shot gun is able to slugs which are considered over 50 cal. You will make me unable to go hunting with my shot gun.

Sean Goo

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:37:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Revells	Testifying for Valley Isle Sport Shooters	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because some of the weapons listed fall into categories that are used by hunters and target shooters.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:50:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill will not allow me to use a 50 cal for shotguns for hunting.

Please oppose this bill

Judy Goo

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:53:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Laurie West	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

Second Amendment:

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.

They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

-Benjamin Franklin

We're looking more and more like a totalitarian state. Back off with all these bills that encroach on civil liberties.

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:03:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

- **SHOTGUN BAN:** This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.
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- **HUNTING BAN:** This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.
- IN COMMON USE: Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **GUN CONFISCATION:** This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

Please oppose this bill due to the following reasons listed above.

Elisha Goo

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:21:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
steven lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB307 because it infringes on law-abiding citizens who own and enjoy using guns of 50 caliber or larger.

I enjoy shooting 12 guge shotguns... the most poppular gauge of shotguns. I hunt in areas that, for safety reasons, don't allow rifles and are limited to only shotgun use. I hunt with shotguns over 50 caliber.

I also shoot and hunt with muzzle loaders. Muzzle loader rifles commonly use bullets over 50 caliber.

It doesn't make sense to ban guns of 50 caliber or more. Criminals don't typically use large caliber guns. They prefer smaller caliber guns that are more compact, more efficient and easier to use.

SB307 would infringe on Hawaii's citizen rights while doing virtually nothing to curb crime.

I oppose SB307

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:24:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB307 Banning of 50 Caliber Firearms - OPPOSE

So we are back to having another discussion of banning firearms capable of firing 50 caliber ammunition. So this will include pistols and rifles. What about muzzle loaders because there are those that can shoot 50 caliber heads as well? How many times in our lifetime has a 50 caliber rifle has been used in a crime, let alone a rifle firing a 50 BMG cartridge. It is my understanding that the criminal who skated the laws and went on a shooting rampage in the Diamond Head subdivision might have used a hunting rifle that is used in Africa to hunt elephants to commit the murder of 2 police officers. The news media has been completely silent about the type of firearm used. What is the reason for the ban of this type of weapon besides you thinking that it is too dangerous for the public to own? There are not many of these types of rifles owned in this state because of their cost (\$10,000 or more) and the cost of the ammunition they use (\$105+/- for a box of 10). There is quite an investment one makes to own such a firearm and I highly doubt that they are going to use this firearm in a crime. Stop fearmongering.

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:31:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kainoa Kaku	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing in opposition of SB307. This broad ban on one of the most commonly owned calibers is, as with every other anti gun bill being heard this session, overreaching and devoid of logic and common sense.

- -This ban would eliminate the lawful ownership of 12 gauge shotguns, a common and popular tool for hunting and home defense.
- -It would ban musket and black powder rifles, guns that are deemed so innocuous by the government that they can be shipped directly to our front doors. Uneducated lawmakers have previously made the ridiculous claim that the Second Amendment only protects the ownership of muskets. Apparently now even muskets aren't protected by the Second.
- -This bill seeks to fix a problem that does not exist. It will only make criminals of law abiding citizens that already pass multiple background checks and crawl over broken glass to legally acquire firearms. Citizens that will not obey or submit to the illegal confiscation and theft of our property.

Kainoa Kaku

President, Hawaii Rifle Association

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:41:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Jerry Yuen	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB307. This bill will instantly make thousands of legal gun owners inot criminals. 20 gauge and 12 gauge shotguns are over .50 caliber. There are many historic and antique guns that use projectiles that are larger that .50 caliber. There are also modern rifles, pistols and revolvers that shoot cartridges that are .50 caliber.

To my knowledge, there have been no crimes in Hawaii with a .50 caliber firearm. Why do something that will have no effect of criminal behavior and punish legal gun owning voters?

Jerry Yuen

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:09:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

oppose SB307. it is an infringement of the second Amendment.

sincerely

Gavin Lohmeier

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:20:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malia Kaku	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:22:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Kaku	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:22:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Matthew Uchida	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I am a law enforcement officer here in Hawaii and I must voice my opposition to this proposed ban for the following resons

- 1. .50 caliber firearms do not represent any sort of statistically significant problem in Hawaii or in the USA.
- 2. Many .50 caliber firearms are black powder, muzzle loading, firearms, not big vehicle mounted machine guns.
- 3. It would also ban 12 guage shotguns which are commonly used for hunting animals both here and in other places on the mainland.

If this law passes, I do not think I would be able to enforce it as worded. There is no need to ban these firearms, they are not a problem, and you would be depriving Hawaii residents of their rights to own firearms.

I do not speak for my department, only on my behalf. If you would like to speak to me about my comment feel free to contact me. Thank you

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:24:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Kaku	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:43:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Ricardo Trinidad Jr	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I formally submit my "OPPOSITION" on this Bill!

Again, this Bill does not give any protection, to all gun owners, who follows strict gun laws, acquired this types of caliber of guns through legal ways and means. This is acquired because, there are criminals, who possesses these types of caliber of rifles.

Stop these criminals from having their hands on these types of rifles, before you ban it from gun owners who gets legal permits and register them to the PD.

Bills are needed to be proposed to combat, high caliber rifles and guns from getting in the hands of criminals not banning it from legal and registered gun owners.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:01:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melissa Lahti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This goes against our 2nd amendment rights.

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:06:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Greg Howeth	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:08:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I feel this bill is extremely burdensome on the rightful use of guns and not very effective in the control you are looking to enforce.

I would like this body to consider the broad scope of "any firearm" when you are targeting "assualt". You are encompassing many weapons that individuals have such as muzzle loaders and shotguns that most likely have not been or never will be used in crimes.

Understood 50 caliber is big but the weapons to discharge them either aren't high power or a far to heavy to be considered for assualt except in extreme cases.

<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:13:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melvin Casio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is an attempt to ban any firearm beyond the size of .50 caliber. It is unconstitutional and infringes on my right to own my 12ga shotgun which I went through the proper channels to purchase and register.

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:14:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Senate Committee on Judiciary HEARING: February 9, 2021 at 9:15am RE: SB307 Relating to Firearms

I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill. 12 gauge shot guns are the most popular hunting shot gun for birds and big game. I have owned on for 35 years. I also grew up hunting with this shot gun.

Mark Altier

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I OPPOSE SB307.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This is one of the most ridiculous bills I have ever seen. Please stop creating bills that target law abiding citizens. This bill will do nothing to stop criminals from breaking the law. Creating a law that is designed to stop someone from breaking another law is futile. When that law doesn't work, more laws are created. The only people affected are the law abiding people of Hawaii.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill. The .50 caliber ban makes no sense, it is overblown. Aside from banning .50 caliber, it would also make nearly all sporting shotguns illegal. It makes no sense to waste tax payer time and money on this when many business have closed for good, crime is increasing, and more people are struggling to make ends meet every day.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

You may not take away or redefine my second amendment right per my Constitution!

SteveKear

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill for these reasons.

It is unconstitutional. The second amendment guarantees the right to keep and bear arms.

All of you have sworn to uphold the constitution. By passing bills of this nature, you are going against the constitution and our rights.

This bill would in no way protect the citizens of the state of Hawaii and would make instant criminals of law abiding citizens. Criminals by their very nature do not abide by any laws. The law only affects criminals after they get caught. Law abiding citizens would be affected as soon as the law is put into effect. Because we all want to abide by the law.

The firearms that this would affect are in common use. (SCOTUS 2008 Heller decision)

This is not an effective use of your time in this state of crisis for our economy and the public.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose SB307.

I disagree with the premise of the bill claiming that allowing 50 caliber firearms means that the legislature is not committed to protecting the safety and well being of its citizens. There is no evidence or logical reasoning that 50 caliber firearms make Hawaii any less safe. What would make 50 caliber firearms more unsafe than say 49 caliber or 48 caliber firearms? It doesn't.

This bill would also make illegal the very widely used 12 gauge shotgun used for home defense. It is in common use and would conflict with Supreme Court rulings.

Please consider opposing SB307.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

The bill is pointless an unnecessary. When is the last time anyone heard of a crime with a .50 cal?

JacobHolcomb

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I OPPOSE SB307.

S.B. No. 307, Jan 22 2021, Firearms

I, Justin Lee Solomon, resident of Moiliili/McCully, oppose this bill, for many reasons.

"The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.†- United States Constitution

Your jobs, as our elected representatives, are to uphold the Constitution of these United States, not defile it. Your jobs, as our elected representatives, is to protect, and uphold the rights of your constituents, not infringe on them. The Constitution clearly states that this bill should not be passed. I should not have to fight to keep the civil rights that my Constitution already guarantees me, the same Constitution that you swore an oath to uphold. This bill never should've made it this far. The fact that it has, should embarrass all of you.

Section 2 subsection 134-8 (a) .50 cal capable weapons

Shotguns fire .50 cal ammunition. Shotguns are also the best weapon for defense inside the home. I will remind you the the pursuit of life (and therefore the defense of one's life) is an inalienable and natural right, something which shall not be infringed upon. Shotguns are also used prolifically in shooting sports, such as skeet shooting, and three-gun competitions. Shotguns are also used prolifically in hunting, putting nutritional, and natural protein on the family's table. All of these things are legal. Thousands of your constituents, are owners of shotguns. These constituents of yours are not committing any crimes. They are hurting no one. This bill aims to make all of those shotguns illegal, and therefore, the legal owners of those shotguns, felons. There is absolutely no reason, for this bill. This bill is purely an illegal theft of your constituent's civil liberties, and therefore, passing this bill would be an act of tyranny.

l'm not understanding what your problem with ammunition is. The whole point of the second amendment is to ensure that your constituents, can constitute a strong militia, to defend the homeland, the family, and themselves, in the event of an invasion, for the security of the free state. Again, the freedom to defend ourselves is an inalienable, and natural right, guaranteed to us by the Constitution. Why would you have a problem, with us having the tools to do these things? I don't understand the logic of this bill. I think this bill is nothing more than an expose of politician's ignorance fueling their hate for their own constituents.

This bill is an illegal attempt to steal our constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties, rights, and freedoms. Approving this bill, would be nothing short of an act of tyranny.



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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill SB307. Why are we trying to ban something due to what it is? When was the last time a 50 caliber firearm used in a crime? I cant think of a time where it has. Due to covid the rise of firearm acquisitions has gone through the roof that the police department have wait lists to apply for a permit and register a firearm. With the amount of firearms that are in the hands of civilians today we aren't over run with shooting, murders, etc. There isn't a problem here to fix. Instead the politicians need to focus on bigger things than gun bills. Or trying to spend 30 million dollars for fix a capital pond. Were are in a pandemic where business are on the brink of closing and don't know if we can get our economy back going again. We still have people receiving no money for unemployment after months and months of trying to get help and no one there can help them. No response. I ask that the politicians look forward to setting up a system that if we do face another pandemic that we aren't blindsided by it and have a better way of responding to it. Because if covid turns out to be like the flu and become seasonal, then we will be facing a pandemic quite often and hope we can deal with things better. And in closing if you were to make assault rifles illegal, the bad people who commit these heinous crimes with a firearm would not of acquired that firearm legally in the first place. It will come into the islands the same way that all these illegal aerial fireworks make it into the state. Every Fourth of july and New Years Eve there is a blatant show of illegal fireworks yet the police arrest maybe 2 people? Why have a law that is not enforced? Instead tax it, make income for the state, to fund our rail and our economy. Make a state tax stamp that allows people to own sbr, full auto rifles, silencers. Federal makes money from this tax, make it legal and have a state tax added to it. Make it expensive hawaii can benefit from it. Just like how other states are generating so much income from marijuana. We dont have to be behind on the times. We need hawaii to thrive.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Hi my name I Ethan Kerfoot.

Bill SB307 makes zero sense to me. We are talking about ammunition. .50 caliber ammunition and rifles/pistols are owned by many Americans across the country.

This ban is not acceptable. In no way shape or form is this clear. Are the people of the state of Hawaii not aware of some kind of trend that people are using .50 caliber rounds to break the law that we aren't hearing about? This is just another bill looking to attack the people of America, the state of Hawaii, and law abiding citizens. A shotgun shell would fall under this category. The "go to†firearm for home defense. What will happen to citizens that hunt? All this focus on taking things away, but fall short when it comes time to help the people of Hawaii in this time of great need. Why aren't your interests on coming up with bills that help us more during the COVID-19 out break? Rather then take away and ban things we use for hunting and home defense? Peoples homes are being broken into, cars stolen, people being robbed.. and this is the bill being proposed.. l'm shocked that infringing my rights, our rights, have taken priority over safety.

EthanKerfoot

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I OPPOSE SB307.

From: Christopher Caldwell

Submitted: February 2021

Testimony in opposition of HB307.

Aloha, I am Christopher Caldwell, life-long resident of the state of Hawaii and registered voter. I am here to write you in strong opposition of SB307. I oppose this bill on the grounds of its unconstitutionality, as it would affect those firearms undoubtedly considered in common use and protected by the 2008 Heller decision.

It would that appear this bill could ban the sale, possession, or transfer of even, among others, 12-gauge shotguns, along with many other mundane firearms, or was that its intent? Even our current President has gone on record as sighting the effectiveness of shotguns for self-defense, and given the ubiquitousness of the 12-gauge, would easily pass the common use test.

Other things considered, this bill is ill conceived, and time would be better spent on handling Covid-19 and ending these government lockdowns. I further oppose the apparent lack of grandfathering in this bill, as I am doubting the constitutionality of making legally owned property illegal and forcing said gun owners to surrender or destroy their property. I stand in strong opposition of SB307. Thank you very much for your time.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill because it is a direct assault on our god given right confirmed by the second amendment.

No government official should have more power than the people they serve.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I adamantly oppose this bill due to the simple fact that the term assault rifle is generally attributed to Adolf Hitler, who, for propaganda purposes, used the German word Sturmgewehr (which translates to "assault rifle") as the new name for the MP43, subsequently known as the Sturmgewehr 44. However, other sources dispute that Hitler had much to do with coining the new name besides signing the production order. The StG-44 is generally considered the first selective fire military rifle to popularize the assault rifle concept. Today, the term assault rifle is used to define firearms sharing the same basic characteristics as the StG-44. This being said, AR-15 does not mean ASSAULT RIFLE. It means ArmaLite Rifle. The Second Amendment, which states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.", is the ONLY amendment that has the phrase "SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED"

With the way things are going in the State of Hawaii, with property crimes, violent crimes, etc on the rise, I would hope that my elected officials would be more aligned with the people and want them to better protect themselves from harm. YOU as elected officials, utilize firearms in the form of Law Enforcement that is constantly there to protect you at a moments notice. I had a homeless male break into my property (All access points to my property were locked & DN MY PROPERTY, he presented a bat and proceeded to walk towards me in a threatening manner.

When faced with that same type of threat, someone who clearly has no regard for life, no regard for his actions, or the consequences of his actions, what am I supposed to do? You passing this bill will only further limit my ability to protect my life and the lives of my family. On my property, I have a 89 year old grandmother, a 59 year old mother, and my 29 year old fiancé. My father, being a pilot based in San Francisco, is hardly home. Why is it ok for you to be protected by men and women with guns (WHO DON'T HAVE A MAGAZINE CAPACTIY RESTRICTION AND HAVE ACCESS TO "ASSAULT RIFLES"), but it's not ok for me when it comes to protecting my family, going hunting, or recreational shooting?

To close out this testimony, I would like to make a reference: Telling my which "guns" I can and/or cannot own is like me telling you that you cannot buy/own a specific TYPE of car, i.e. an SUV or a Minivan. The question, "why do you need guns like that?" is countered by the question, "why do you need to drive a coupe? a sedan? an SUV? a Minivan?

STOP INFRINGING ON THE RIGHTS OF LAW ABIDING CITIZENS! THE CRIMINALS DON'T GIVE TWO SHITS ABOUT YOUR LAWS...

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose SB307.

This bill would ban all 12 Gauge Shotguns, used by hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game. This bill would also band most muskets and black powder firearms and would make legally owned property illegal and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property.

MarkWoodward

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am a law abiding citizen who see's first hand the damage from fire arms within our state of Hawaii. And they are always from known criminals who obtained their guns illegally. Please do not take away our ability to protect ourselves.

Thank you

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose SB307 because these firearms (shotguns) are in common use among hunters, this bill would have legal firearm owners surrender their now illegal 12G shotgun used for hunting (fowl-big game), and unfortunately more resources & priorities should be more focused on the COVID19 crisis...

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose this bill. The bill will basically ban the use of 12 gauge shotguns and also traditional firearms that use black powder, these are firearms that people use for sport shooting and also hunting. So this we greatly limit the chances of a humane hunt

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill based on a number of reasons, primary of which is it is an oppressive over reaction to the legal ownership of millions of weapons that are already safely and legally used by law abiding citizens.

This bill would ban commonly used shotguns no increase in safety for law abiding citizens.

Criminals do not care about the laws you pass and will not abide by this.

This bill simply gives criminals more power and law abiding citizens less power.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This will prevent people from not only enjoying a hobby but also the ability to hunt and gather food for their families. Once again taking away from law abiding citizens.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I OPPOSE this bill because it violates our Second Amendment. The Second Amendment is about protecting the right of a free people to defend that freedom and to protect their families and communities from threats.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill because this bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches. Also this bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force legal gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppse this bill because it violates the second ammendment.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Please table this and all bills presented until such a time legislature's can meet with professionals and get educated on gun issues in the State of Hawaii. This bill will not make the people in the State of Hawaii any safer. I would be happy to share ways related to guns that WOULD make the people of Hawaii safer since I deal with firearms 8-10 hours everyday of my life. Thank You, James (Jim) Rosa owner ROSAS ARMS LLC.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Opposed,

This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision

This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.

For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned.

The 2nd (second) amendment state

" 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. "

I'd like to highlight ", the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. "

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This a blatant attack to our constitutional rights. As stated in the second amendment: "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.†I absolutely disagree with this.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

There is no justification for creating excessively stringent "gun control†laws as a means to remove lawfully obtained property from law-abiding citizens, especially when it is in direct opposition to the spirit of the 2nd Constitutional Amendment. As a law-abiding and responsible gun owner, I feel like this is a personal and punitive attack on my right to bear arms. Our local government should be focusing on issues that are actually affecting our state, such as the economic crisis (made infinitely worse by the pandemic) that has led to a host of other major problems; unemployment, closure of local businesses, and homelessness/lack of affordable housing. In comparison with other states, Hawaii has not had an issue with mass shootings, etc, so why is our local government wasting precious resources on a non-relevant issue instead of allocating the time and money where it could be more beneficial for our community? I absolutely disagree with this bill.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Aloha, I am adamantly opposed to this bill as I feel it is a gross infringement of our 2nd Amendment right as law abiding and tax paying citizens. I live in a rural area and a 12 gauge shotgun is a safe and effective tool in culling the local wild hog population. The same wild hog population that destroys crops and personal property. Please reconsider in passing this bill, vote no. Mahalo and aloha

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Restricting caliber size is going to effect hunters and sportsman the most

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I OPPOSE SB307.

When government makes laws that take away the ability for private citizens to protect themselves, the government is wrong. Purging our society of violence and murder cannot be done by gun control legislation. This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I keep a shotgun locked in my room for home defense. My plan is to hunker down in our room with a shotgun as the last line of defense. Potential home intruders may steal and destroy my property while we remain locked in our room. Again, my shotgun will be the last line of defense.

I am a law abiding, citizen, community contributer with a full time job and a business owner.

Please do not take away my right to defend my loved ones because of criminal gun violence activity.

Thank you.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am against this because it has nothing to do with lowering crime rate.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill is unconstitutional. Owning a gun of any caliber is legal and should remain legal. Citizens were allowed weapons in the beginning for a reason, to stop a corrupt government. Kind of makes you wonder why the government doesn't want people to have guns anymore doesn't it? Taking away guns won't make this world a safer place, if anything you all are just going to piss a bunch of people off...

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Restricting law abiding firearm owners from owning 'large caliber' firearms makes no sense. Many individuals own 12ga shotguns for home defense, many individuals also go hunting with those shotguns where the bore diameter happens to be more than .50 by design and utilize .50 caliber firearms in different formats including black powder firearms. There is no need or sensibility to restrict or ban such categories of firearms.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Opposed

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This is not a smart bill as 12 gauge firearms would be banned. These are widely used in home defense and hunting that support/protect families across the country.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary HEARING: February 9, 2021 at 9:15am

RE: SB307 Relating to Firearms

I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill because it is fundamentally naive and reflects poor insight and a dangerously low level of intellectual power and logic.

Making a weapon illegal will NOT prevent criminals or those with dangerous intentions from obtaining such items.

Example of illegal substances commonly obtained: Crystal Meth, Heroin, Cocaine, Molly etc.

Making an â€~action' illegal also does not appear to stop the insane or unlawful individual.

Examples of illegal â€~actions' unstopped: Rape, murder, use of gun (of any sort) to rob, rape or murder… threatening with a gun, shooting persons not in defense of personal safety, human trafficking, prostitution, bomb making etc.

Therefore to make such items (assault rifle, high capacity magazines or any such item) illegal is a fundamentally flawed idea proposed by a person using childlike logic and poor understanding of human behavior and reality

Second, this bill is constitutionally dangerous and threatens the civil liberties of only lawful citizens as criminally motivated persons will always find ways to obtain guns (gun type irrelevant, see above).

The second amendment is incredibly important (Thus the 2nd Amendment not 34th amendment). I cannot express how strongly I oppose such bills as it only threatens the constitutional rights of law abiding citizens. Criminals always seem to obtain guns like drug addicts always find drugs. Why are you threatening the constitutional rights of the lawful citizen? Shouldn't you be protecting us?

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Aloha, I have been a trap shooter for 7 years now. It is the only sport I have built confidence and strength from. I have made amazing friendships with so many people through this disciplined game. Not only do we compete in trap and sporting clays on our county island but every year we hold Hawaii state competitions that connect shooters from each island. This builds even more connections for the state of Hawaii. I cannot imagine not being able to participate anymore because my right to bear arms was taken away from me. Please consider my plea and let us keep our firearms.

KathleenHeinrichs

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am opposed to sb 307, it bans various ammunition sizes like shot gun rounds and other large caliber hunting rounds, it does nothing to prevent any crime. All it does is make law abiding citizens into criminals. Vote no on this bill

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill would ban ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns, a very commonly owned firearm for self-defense in the home and hunting. This bill would ban antique collector's items such as muskets and black powder firearms.

Firearms capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision. This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen.

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law-abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose SB307.

the banning of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79. This is a round that is considered in " common use" and is protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Banning these calibers would include all commonly owned long guns and will also include black powder firearms which are pieces of history.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This is unconstitutional and you should be ashamed of yourselves to even present along like this it's about time we get back to the constitution and get rid of you fools.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose bill (sb307).

l've been hunting since I was 13 years old with adult family members. l'm 39 now. They taught me about firearm safety and how to be a responsible hunter. They also taught me that a 12g slug is good at dispatching a pig humanely. A 12g slug is much larger than a 50caliber, yet is a very popular hunting cartridge. So, popular that nearly every hunter I know has one. So this bill would make everyone of them criminals. That's not right!

Real criminals with 50 caliber firearms? Not likely. The ammunition is not readily available because not many people own that specific caliber. They tend to be hunting bullets; very good for bear. It has a really harsh kick but is effective at dispatching a larger game. That kick is enough to steer the average shooter away from most of these firearms. More so, I believe that criminals would have no use for them and would find the recoil to be much harsher than it's worth.

I don't own one, however I believe it has its place in precision sport shooting and hunting. I also believe that further restrictions for law abiding citizens that have no realistic impact on criminal activity is wrong.

If your goals are to stop criminals, I have the same goal. However you are not stopping criminals with this law, you are making criminals of your fellow law abiding citizens.

Thank you for your consideration and open mindedness to the views of an average joe.

I, Raymond DeCastro III, strongly opposes bill sb307. Thank you.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill because it is a violation of our constitutional rights. Our rights to bear arms shall not be infringed upon. The right in part is to ensure a tyrannical government does not take hold. Tyrannical government is already in power and the power grabs need to stop. Anything the government and military can own, we the people can own!

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill because it directly limits and restricts the law abiding citizens from protecting themselves and their family against criminals and outside threats. It also is infringes on the constitutional 2nd amendment.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill because it directly limits and restricts the law abiding citizens from protecting themselves and their family against criminals and outside threats. It also is infringes on the constitutional 2nd amendment.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose, I use my 50 bmg for long range hunting.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

According to several Federal Agency studies, the classes of firearms SB307 seeks to ban are involved in less than 4% of all homicides. The FBI UCR statistics for 2018 indicate out of over 14,000 homicides less than 500 were caused by the firearms SB307 seeks to ban.

Besides virtually wiping out organized skeet and trapshooting competitions along with small game hunting, SB307 will end re-enactments of historic battles, since the firearms used would become illegal to own.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This ban would make all 12 guage shotguns illegal, this is the most common shotgun caliber used for hunting game birds in the US, and most common caliber owned in the state. This means they are in common use and would be protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the U.S. 2008 Heller Decision.

I feel there are much more pressing issues in our state and country during this pandemic than taking legal property from law abiding citizens.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Our founding fathers have stated that our 2nd amendment shall not be infringed. This bill infringes the very core beliefs and ideals of a free nation. I am in opposition to this bill.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I firmly oppose bill SB301. It is a violation of our U.S.Constitution and an infringement of my fundamental right to keep and bear arms. It is my inalienable right of self defense. It is our basic liberty as Americans. We are law abiding citizens. We have a right to protect our lives and property. You do not have the right to dictate what kind of fire arms we can possess. You do not have the right to ignore the Constitution, our rights, and confiscate our firearms! More and more we are becoming victims of criminals who do not follow the law.

May I remind you that the government's job is to protect our rights, not deem what is appropriate for us.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill due to its infringement of my rights

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I OPPOSE SB307.

As an avid hunter I strongly oppose this bill. Banning 50 cal firearms will not make a difference in decreasing gun violence, and will only create problems for honest, hardworking hunters and outdoorsmen, who rely on firearms of those calibers to provide quality food for their families. On Maui we are dealing with critical environmental issues caused by an overpopulation of deer and goats, and an increase in firearms regulations is absolutely the last thing we need right now. I manage the livestock on a large ranch and we are facing a dire situation where we will have to cut back our herd numbers drastically because the deer and goats are destroying the land.

Please focus your efforts on real issues and stop hurting the citizens you claim to represent.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose SB307. This is A UNCONSTITUTIONAL ban on people to make Law abiding citizens criminals over night. A shotgun is the perfect home defense tool. There is no logic here in this anti-American gun bill. Smh.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Oppose to SB307. It's unconstitutional and an infringement to the 2nd amendment.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am against this bill because it doesn't only target criminals it also targets law abiding citizens such as myself. This bill infringes on my 2nd amendment right as a law abiding citizen.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Im against all bans that take away our god given right thru the 2nd amendment.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Firearms using 50 Caliber are in common use in Hawaii. To ban them would violate Hawaiian citizen's 2nd Amendment rights. The Second Amendment is our inalienable right. SB307 should not be passed.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

As I currently engage in sports using a shotgun this ban is unfair to be compared to a 50 caliber

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Constitution of United States of America 1789 (rev. 1992)

Amendment II

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.

At the time of the writing of the Constitution of The United States of America, every American household had the RIGHT to keep and bear the most advanced military firearm of the times. The most advanced ammunition was also possessed by RIGHT. There was no infringement then and there should be no infringement now.

Confiscation of private property from law abiding citizens is tyranny.

Creating criminals of law abiding citizens by passing unconstitutional laws is tyranny.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Aloha, I have been a trap shooter for 7 years now. It is the only sport I have built confidence and strength from. I have made amazing friendships with so many people through this disciplined game. Not only do we compete in trap and sporting clays on our county island but every year we hold Hawaii state competitions that connect shooters from each island. This builds even more connections for the state of Hawaii. I cannot imagine not being able to participate anymore because my right to bare arms was taken away from me. Please consider my plea and let us keep our firearms.

KathleenHeinrichs

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose this bill. This is not the type of legislation that would do anything positive for the people.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I own a shotgun for hunting and do not support it's ban.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary HEARING: February 9, 2021 at 9:15am

RE: SB307 Relating to Firearms

I OPPOSE SB307.

As a law abiding citizen who enjoys going to the gun range with my friends and family, I strongly oppose SB307.

These bills if put into effect will essentially make me and a number of other law abiding Hawaii citizens into felons through no fault of our own.

I do not see how this will make us safer as criminals will not turn in their guns. However, it can make it more dangerous for me and my family as I may not have the ability to defend my home in the event of an armed intrusion.

Hawaii already has one of the lowest gun violence rates in the nation with some of the most strictest gun laws, so why punish those of us who has been diligently following the letter of the law with regard to our firearms.

Although I am not a Democrat, I am registered as an independent with liberal leanings. If this bill passes then I will become a republican and do my best to get those responsible for this bill to be voted out of office.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This is an infringement on the United States Constitution...second amendment.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Please oppose any and all legislation that seeks to ban or infringe on America's right to keep and bear arms for two very sound reasons.

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1) It is a very well known fact that strict gun control does not stem gun violence. If that were the case, Chicago and Washington D.C. would be the safest places in the country as their gun laws are the most onerous in the country. On the contrary, both cities have the highest rates of gun crime found anywhere. As Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1764, "Laws that forbid the carrying of arms . . . disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes . . . Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."Â

--Thomas Jefferson, quoting Cesare Beccaria in On Crimes and Punishment (1764).Â

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2) Upon assuming office, you took a solemn oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States. The Second Amendment is a vital part of that Constitution you swore to uphold and is a primary guarantor of our unalienable rights, rights granted by our Creator that can never be surrendered to or granted by any government for any reason. Consequently you can never separate the sanctity of the unalienable right from the guarantor of that right without incurring the certain loss of both.

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You are therefore obligated by the Constitution and your solemn oath of office to oppose any and all infringements on Americans' right to keep and bear arms and I expect you to abide by that obligation in every way.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This is an infringement on constitutional rights... 2nd amendment.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I APPOSE THIS BILL sb307

I AM AN ADVOCATE FOR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY NOT UNNECESSARY & DIEDUCATED OVER REGULATION. (Any firearm is safe in the hands of a responsible person - even a section of pipe is unsafe in the hands of a criminal).

I TEACH SAFETY, RESPONSIBILITY & DON'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

- 1. BOTH GUN AND MAGAZINE RESTRICTIONS ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL (Recent 9th Circuit Court Ruling)
- 2. THERE IS NOT A GUN VIOLENCE ISSUE IN HAWAII (List Statistics) 2010 listed 5 gun related murders for 1,389,000 Citizens. None were AW, no 12g, no HCM were an issuer.
- 3. RESTRICTING LAW ABIDING CITIZENS DOES NOTHING TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY. (Clinton's AW & DON'T LAW ABIDING CITIZEN WE DON'T COMMIT THE CRIMES. WHY INFRINGE OUR RIGHTS?!
- 4. DEFINING CERTAIN FIREARMS/AMMUNITION AS "EVIL" OR MORE DANGEROUS IS DISHONEST AND DECEITFUL MARKETING FOR POLITICAL ATTENTION AND GAIN. (I don't like abortion. IMO it is the taking of a human life. However I DO believe in the right of an individual to make that choice for themselves. Because someone does not like guns does not give them the right to make that choice for me.)

LISTING A 12g IN THE SAME BILL AS A .50cal IS UNEDUCATED & DICULOUS. (A 12g is a short distance smooth bore firearm designed for multiple projectiles (bird shot). A .50 cal has a rifled barrel designed for a single long distance projectile). IT IS COMPARABLE TO PUTTING ROCKET FUEL IN YOUR HYBRID AND CALLING IT A MISSLE.

NOTE: While a 12g and .50 cal both have 1/2 bore diameter... A 12g has a chamber pressure of around 10,000 psi... a .50 cal is 20,000 psi. Even if you could put a .50 in a 12g you would potentially destroy the firearm, yourself and the ballistics of the .50 cal. The .50 round traveling down a smooth bore would have no stability and would tumble bleeding off energy. Velocity, accuracy, distance and penetration would decrease radically.

INCORRECTLY CLASSIFYING FIREARMS AS " AW" DENIES ME THE RIGHT TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP. (Shooting is a family activity. Some families restore classic vehicles or golf... we shoot. Imagine, upon your death for example, your classic vehicle or gold clubs being confiscated and destroyed. THAT IS CRIMINAL).

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I OPPOSE SB307.

As a Hawaii resident and resident of Kohala, upon reading the contents of the aforementioned bill (SB307) . I find it unlawful and distasteful for the local Hawaii government to disregard US constitutional rights but to also destroy my local communities ability to control the wild boar population by banning calibers used commonly for hunting. This bill will not only effect the hunting communities but the large farming communities on island.

Signed, Aiden James-Foree

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose SB307 because it will negatively affect owners of 12 gauge shotguns which is the most common sporting shotgun caliber. SB307 is a ridiculous bill which will not reduce crime in Hawaii since most perpetrators are not armed with 12 gauge shotguns nor .50 caliber weapons.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill as written would ban 12 gauge shotguns which are predominantly used in hunting and clay target shooting. This bill is a bad attempt at coming up with a solution to a problem that doesn't exist.

When, if ever, was a crime committed in Hawaii by a person or persons using a rifle that was chambered for the 50 BMG cartridge. A Barrett 50 BMG rifle sells for \$9000 and higher. One 50 BMG rifle cartridge sells for \$10-20 depending on where purchased. Not quite affordable for the average person and highly unlikely to be used by Hawaii's criminal population.

If you want to do something proactive, allow Kapuna to apply for and receive concealed weapons permits. That would make feel this Kapuna feel safer than this useless bill proposal.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

SB307 will in no way increase public safety in Hawaii. There is nothing inherently unsafe or dangerous about firearms of 50 caliber or greater. This bill, with the stroke of a pen will make firearms that are commonly owned by law abiding citizens illegal. Commonly owned firearms such as 12 gauge shotguns, which are used for hunting would be made illegal by this poorly thought out bill.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill. As a gun owner. I hunt with rounds greater than 0.5 inches and have my entire life. Having learnt from my father; I should have the ability in this great nation to build a relationship with my son by doing the same. It isn't the weapon that kills innocent people. It is the person. Rather than attack law abiding citizens who have owned and hunted for generations maybe communities should focus on the children and educating people. It's those people that haven't had that upbringing that are quick to criticize the gun owner. Maybe instead they should restrict regulate or terminate the production of violent movies and extremely violent video games as well as music that promotes violent actions all of which desensitizes people from those violent actions. Those areas are the problems. those Hollywood movie stars, writers and producers are the ones who are entering the minds of people and placing evil ideas into our communities. The family that spends time together hunting and owning a firearm is not the problem. They are actually the solution teaching generation about the respect of life and living off the land. True sustainability.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am against this bill because I am a hunter and I regularly uses these firearms to hunt for my FOOD that is all natural. Taking away my right to own and operate these firearms would not only take away my rights, but also food from my table. Also this bill will do NOTHING to the criminals. The only people that it would hurt is the law abiding citizens.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This is another bill that don't really make sense to pretty much anyone but those who sit in the high and mighty chairs in those protected buildings who are guarded by people with 12g shotgun & glocks and hell maybe even .50cals but yet hunters and your every day honest citizen can't own them? Please give me a break this is not right and all of you know it. #2A

StewartMcInnis

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Aloha Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

I oppose SB307

The firearms described in this bill, which include 12-gauge shotguns, are among the most ubiquitous enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of "law-abiding" citizens here in Hawaii and millions throughout our nation. To call for their outright ban is unnecessary, unreasonable, and unrealistic.

The enforcement of such a ban would be a logistical nightmare for our already overworked and understaffed police departments that have been stretched to their limits dealing with enforcement during the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic, which has been the subject of numerous reports.

It would also make hundreds of thousands of tax-paying and law-abiding citizens -- criminals.

Hawaii already has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the United States. These existing laws combined with our unique Island culture have enabled Hawaii to consistently rank among the state's with the lowest gun violence. The passing of new even more draconian gun laws here will have no impact on crime or public safety.

The Legislature should instead direct its limited and rapidly dwindling resources to tackling very real and more pressing issues facing our state, such as redeveloping Hawaii's devastated economy and dealing with increased economic fallout from the pandemic for which there is no end in sight. Failure to do so will have immediate and long-term consequences, both fiscally and in the voting booths.

I urge you to vote against SB307.

N.Kealoha

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I OPPOSE SB307.

iam requesting this bill be not passed. It will ban commonly use fire arms like 12g shot guns used in sport like trap shooting sporting clays and also uses to hunt with. It will have no affect on criminals only turn thousand of law abiding citizens into criminals for just having firearms they currently own and use for sport and hunting.

Thank you
Jason T Wolford.
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I OPPOSE SB307.

Where is the Justification to infringe on our Rights? Our Freedoms as outline in the Constitution of the Untied States Of America does not give Government the right to limit our Freedom!

BrianTokunaga

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill it will infringe my 2nd amendment rights.

XerxesAnatalio

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I do not agree with this bill and oppose. Illegal and taking away my god given rights as an American.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

FOCUS on real problems!

where is there any proof that .50 cal is an issue?

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill is unconstitutional and I oppose this bill.

TracyChang

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This law is unconstitutional which goes against the 2nd Ammendment. The state government is infringing on my God given rights as a citizen of the United States of America.

Banning any size caliber is the State government infringing on my rights.

Criminals don't follow the law. Why are you punishing law abiding citizens?

ErnestCheung

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I OPPOSE SB307.

My right to bare arms shall nit be infringed!! The problem is not guns but the people who have bad motives to use them. This bill will hurt the law abiding citizens and it wont stop bad people from hurting others with guns.

JenniferNapihaa

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill as it is an infringement on my Constitutional rights. Our economy is struggling and many families are becoming homeless and don't know where their next meal will come from and going after firearms is where your focus is. You should be working for the people of Hawaii to help get our economy back on track. Please focus on helping the people of Hawaii.

AngelikaSielken

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Why Ban Shotguns or black powder guns or any guns for that matter?! Shotguns are a useful tool used by my family for generations for wild fowl hunting! Shotguns are owned by a lot of people I know. Good people! Tax paying people! Voting people! We do not want guns regulated in Hawaii! We do not want our 2nd Amendment rights infringed upon! We The People have already had enough taken away!

WilliamConradt

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill. I feel since President Biden said I should have a shot gun for home defense that I should be allowed that right. Your bill would prevent me from doing this. Please focus and laws to prevent criminals and do not make laws that go after law abiding citizens.

NormaSielken

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill as I feel this is punishing legal gun owners who follow the law. Laws should be written and clear to go after punishing the criminal.

DeedraSielken

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill. As shotguns fall into this category, it makes little sense to continue with this

BrettKrueger

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This is an attack on our Constitutional rights. You realize that this would ban the very firearms that created this country in the revolutionary war. This also will hurt people who use these firearms for hunting to provide food for their family. Your time is better spent focusing bringing Hawaii out of this pandemic economic crash. Families really need help now.

DirckSielken

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill and others like it do nothing to curb firearms related violence by criminals and instead hinders the rights of law abiding citizens like myself. Moneys used to enforce this law would be better used educating the law abiding public about the safe use of firearms as well as enforcing existing laws that actually protect the public and punish criminals who commit violent crimes.

CraigBrumbaugh

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This is another infringement on our second ammendment for no other reason than you don't trust yourself with firearms. In turn, you believe other people shouldn't have them. The VAST majority of gun owners, owners of firearms large than .5 cal, are law abiding citizens. Stop your tyranny against the people.

JonathanTetsutani

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill. I think it is important that citizens have options to protect themselves and this would just take away many of the options. Those who own firearms go through a long process to register and own their weapons. We go through all the legal steps to be responsible gunowners and even after all these steps we are still having our rights being taken away. I think this is an unfair bill to present on common use firearms.

CharlestonTecson

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill is an encroachment on my constitutional right as a firearm owner. Most of the firearms that can shoot 50 caliber or larger are common use firearms and used for activities such as hunting. If this bill is passed it would take confiscate legally owned property from law abiding citizens. Instead of introducing bills slowly take away the rights of citizens that follow the law and are responsible firearm owners we should be focusing on bills that help our economy during this difficult time.

JessicaSielken

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill because The Constitution give's ALL AMERICANS the right to protect them self from a tyranical Government.

JohanneMitchell

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I OPPOSE SB307.

To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose the SB307 bill being presented as it would further infringe on my 2nd Amendment rights as a law abiding registered firearm owner. I feel that our taxpayers money could be better spent during these hard economic times due to the Coronavirus outbreak rather than going after the law abiding 2A community.

Thank you,

Sean J DeMello

SeanDeMello

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I OPPOSE SB307.

The ownership of guns is lawful and constitutional. My family legally hunts for both bird and larger game in designated hunting areas with said 12 gauge shotguns. Taking those away would limit our and other families' rights to hunt and provide food for themselves and others.

AngelaWermes

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I OPPOSE SB307.

The firearms I own to hunt and feed my family falls under this category. This is ridiculous! We are law abiding citizens who are not criminals and not idiots with guns! Don't make us law abiding citizens suffer due to criminal acts! We are not them! Criminals will never follow the rules! Why? Because we already have the strictest gun laws in the nation. Criminals will never follow the rules because criminals can't even obtain a firearm lawfully!

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I OPPOSE SB307.

As legislators continue to test the water regarding more gun control, I must continue to oppose. Our elected representatives should already be well versed in the popular arguments, so it is an inefficient use of time to recapitulate those ideas. What I will point out is that as more of the Hawai'i tax base is alienated by anti-firearm sentiment, more will continue to leave and be replaced by new residents that think kindly of this type of legislation. This type of new resident holds plenty of responsibility for the current conditions of Washington, Oregon, California, and New York. As you push to mimic their legislative efforts, you will mimic their failures. Productive residents are getting tired of this mindset and will relocate in higher numbers to leave you with an increasingly unproductive tax base. Please stop turning Hawai'i into Los Angeles, California. Please stop proposing new ways to limit our Constitutional rights.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill will only cripple law abiding citizens, and deny us from our rights to defend ourselves! Criminals will never follow the rules, so why do you continue to put the burden on law abiding citizens?

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill directly weakens my defenses from the wilderness which surrounds me. 12g shots are the safest and most effective defense against the boars that regularly break through my fencing to get at my pets and plants.

ChristopherTolbert

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am against this bill because it doesnâ \in TMt only target criminals it also targets law abiding citizens such as myself. This bill infringes on my 2nd amendment right as a law abiding citizen.

NorbertoDumo

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose SB307. This targets weapons which are commonly used in Hawaii to hunt. The bill would not make a significant difference in violent crime rates and would only penalize law-abiding citizens.

If you truly sought to make Hawaii a safer place to live, you would start with correcting problems caused by your lockdowns. When people are desperate, they turn to crime and people in Hawaii are hurting. Not because of 50 caliber weapons but because they were forced into poverty by their own government. Weapons bans will only drive out business and make families less safe in a state like Hawaii which fails to address the true underlying issues of problems experienced. People will have more of a reason to leave when they see that their rights are neither protected nor respected by their government servants.

I ask that you vote no on SB307.

BrieanneHoffmann

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill is very unnecessary. Hunting with a shotgun is very effective. It makes bird hunting/eradication and pig eradication possible. Bird hunting is a sport that runs through my family and wish to share this experience with my own kids. Farmer and ranchers will be a lot more successful with the use of shotguns. Black powder rifles are also a very common type of hunting here on kauai. A popular sport that should not be taken away. Some areas on kauai are only permitted to be hunted with black powder rifles. If those areas were not hunted, feral goats will continue overrun mountain sides and cause premature erosion. Furthermore feral goats will expand to highways and farmlands creating more damage. Shotguns and muzzleloaders are not a problem in Hawaii making it very pointless to ban. Other problems should be tended to. Small businesses, homelessness and our broken economy. The 2nd amendment is there for a reason.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This infringes on my second ammendment right and the right to defend my home and protect my family.

ChristinaWong

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill is unconstitutional and infringes on law abiding citizens right to defend themselves. Focus efforts on criminals not law abiding hun owners.

ScottRuzich

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill will not aid the police in stopping violent crime. These guns are mainly hunting calibers. This bill will only remove legally owned property from law abiding citizens.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose this bill sb301. Reason beating it is not constitutional and it's an infringement to the 2nd amendment!!!

John MarkGuillermo

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This would directly and negatively affect Hawaii's wildlife conservation efforts if you were to pass legislation banning firearms based on bore diameters.

Hunting seasons and revenue would sharply decline if shotguns and muzzle loaders were banned solely because they have to ability to accept a cartridge diameter that has arbitrarily been deemed unnecessary by authors of bills who have no understanding of the objects in question.

I have no faith in the government to be able to handle the influx of firearms being surrendered by law abiding citizens if you were to pass such terrible legislation. Leaving the responsibility to the owners for the faults of the systems. We cannot allow that to happen.

EthanFergerstrom

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill because its is unconstitutional and this bill would ban the rifles I use for for self-defense. Also shotguns are a common staple used for hunting.

ClaytonYoshida

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill, and all other gun ban bills presented, do nothing to tackle the gun violence issue.

This will do nothing but take guns away from the average, law abiding American and empower criminals who are able to purchase their weapons illegally. Bills like this WILL hurt people.

Should we ban alcohol because there's some people that drink and drive, or get drunk and hurt other people? Should we ban sugars because some people eat too much and hurt themselves? Should we ban cars because some people get in accidents?

Your focus is misdirected and you're hell bent on attacking the constitutional rights of law abiding citizens in the guise of "safety".

Refocus your efforts. Stripping Americans of the right to defend their lives, their loved ones, and their homes, isn't it.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I Strongly OPPOSE this bill. Infringes on our 2nd Amendment Rights.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Senators,

I am opposed to SB 307 which would ban .50 caliber firearms from civilian possession. This bill would effectively ban 12 gauge shotguns which are mostly used for sporting purposes--clay target shooting and hunting.

It would also ban historically significant firearms such as the blackpowder muskets and rifles treasured by the kings and chiefs of old Hawai'i, most of which are of calibers greater than .50. Blackpowder cartridge firing firearms were also part of the history of the early Hawaiian Republic and these too would be banned.

Additionally, many modern firearms are made for .50 caliber cartridges and are part of many local collections. To my knowledge, not a single .50 caliber round has been fired in the commission of any felony in recent local history.

Please do not support this bill, thank you.

JonChung

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose Senate Bill #307. As an avid sportsman and registered voter, I want to encourage you to work against the passage of legislation that threatens to infringe upon every American's constitutionally acknowledged right to keep & mp;amp; bear arms.

This bill prohibits the possession of all firearms with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher. This includes many firearms commonly used for hunting by law abiding citizens. I am concerned that this bill denies the due process of law which is fundamental, constitutional guarantee that all legal proceedings will be fair and that one will be given notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard before the government acts to take away one's life, liberty, or property.

Rather than further limiting the types of firearms that honest, responsible, law-abiding citizens have the right to possess; I encourage you to focus your energies on increasing the consequences for those who illegally use firearms in the commission of violent crimes.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill would ban commonly owned guns used for hunting

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Aloha!

I am a lifetime resident of Hawaii, have voted in every election for the last five decades, and am a legal owner of multiple firearms. Over the past 50-years, I have enjoyed my time at various local gun ranges where many friendships have been made.

Those friendships have built lifetime camaraderie that led to multiple adventures. These have included trips to Lanai to hunt sheep, deer and upland birds. Also to the Big Island to hunt sheep, goats and upland birds on the slopes of Mauna Kea. Locally, the start of upland bird season means shotgun hunting for upland birds on the hill top of Kaena Point. (Kuaokala)

SB307 as presented will immediately ban my most favored 12 gauge shotgun used for upland bird hunting. Where centerfire rifle hunting is not permitted, my use of blackpowder rifle would also immediately become banned.

Where is the logic in banning firearms used for sporting activities - as well as building friendships while enjoying the outdoors?

I would be remiss in not mentioning that those years of friendships built in the hunting fields also have built trust. In the last few decades, that trust has become a group of friends now assisting other younger groups to safely enjoy the outdoors. Including partnerships with DOFAW, Boy Scouts to host kids camps. Most recently, it's been participating in teaching and familiarizing women on outdoor activities.

Please reconsider and drop SB307.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I whole hearty OPPOSE SB 307. I'm a law abiding legal user of these legitimate calibers. This is an ill conceived bill that lacks any legitimacy.

KarlKubo

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill because me and my father use our 12G semi auto shot Guns to go Hunting on Mauna Kea. That $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{N}$ how we shoot our dinners. This is also unconstitutional.... 2nd amendment. We have the right when we use the tools properly.

JennaWermes

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I OPPOSE SB307.

The lack of understanding of some of these calibers is dangerous and why you are not making common sense laws that help. Many determining factors and velocity aren't considered by this bill. A .50 caliber going over a mile is not the same as one going only 200 yards.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill goes against my second amendment rights as a US citizen! I have the RIGHT to bare arms! Telling me which firearms are acceptable, how many rounds I can hold in the firearm, and banning previously acquired magazines that hold over 10rds that were legal at time of purchase...are all unconstitutional and an embarrassment to our Nation! What do we have left if the ones we look to for shelter and security, tarnish their legally bonded word to us as citizens? At a time where we all need each other a little extra in the world today, its especially significant here for us to join hands and stand Proud as United States Citizens....instead of feeling as if we the citizens become the ones who are hopeless without the Honor and Dignity we've upheld as a Nation all these years.

TylerKim

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I wish to keep my freedoms to enjoy firearms for sport, hunting, and home defense.

This bill is an infringement on the peoples rights of gun ownership and is not the American way.

We need to advocate for gun safety and education rather than gun bans and restrictions.

TylerOkamura-Tagupa

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Once again as the legislature session begins, bills dealing with firearms are submitted by anti-gun politicians. SB 307 is one of those bills.

The person or persons submitting this bill has know knowledge about firearms or ammunition. It is irrelevant what kind of bullet a firearm shoots. I do not believe there is any incident of a crime that has been committed by a perpetrator using a caliber of this size.

I have several 12 gage shotguns some valued over \$18,000 dollars. Some are used to hunt game birds and water fowl on the mainland, while the others are used for competition and recreational sporting clays, trap, and skeet shooting here at Koko Head public shooting range and state side where shooting events are held. A shotgun shell is larger then 0.5†in diameter but propels bb's when fired.

You are infringing on my rights and so many others like me that enjoy competition and recreational shooting. SB 307 should not be on the floor for discussion.

JackCovington

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill! I have a right to bare arms. Government needs to stop.. I am a responsible gun owner and I can tell you it is not the gun that kills people it is the person behind the gun. There will always have illegal and dangerous moments but why punish those who follow the law?

MaileCorrales

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I OPPOSE SB307.

As a law abiding citizens I oppose SB307. This bill would ban a very common hunting round used by avid hunters for deer or large game. I oppose SB307.

JacobBruhn

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose bill SB307 and in support of the constitutional rights in this country. This bill will make upright citizens into criminals with passing of this bill.

KentYoneda

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I OPPOSE this unconstitutional ban, as it INFRINGES on everyday citizens who are following the laws currently set in place by the State. To ban firearms that hunters rely on to provide game to their families and their communities is a travesty, especially in the current economic climate we are in.

PHILLIPHAN

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This Bill is unconstitutional and directly impacts individual ability to protect oneself and loved ones from unlawful harm. This Bill benefits no one as Hawaii is not a state with violent firearm issues. There are exponentially more deaths from drunk drivers than guns every year, but the state does nothing against them. This is bully politics.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Vote NO on SB307. It is a gross infringement of our God-given constitutional right to keep and bear arms. It is unconstitutional on its face and eventually will be declared so in a court of law. No scientific evidence supports the assumption that the firearms in the proposed ban have caused crime. There is no logical or constitutional justification to confiscate and/or destroy legally acquired property that has never been used in any crime. Nothing justifies the suffering of law-abiding citizens caused by the taking of their legally-owned property for no good reason. Many of these firearms are in common usage all over the USA. SB307 has no place in the statutes of any state in the USA. Please, kokua, save the taxpayers of Hawai'i the cost of defending an unconstitutional law. Vote NO on SB307.

MarionCeruti

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose SB307. It is unconstitutional. Stop taking away our freedoms. We need more firearms education and training, not gun control. Gun control only makes the law-abiding citizen future victims and strengthens criminals. Stop giving criminals more power. Give the law-abiding citizen a chance to defend ourselves.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

WHY DO I OPPOSE THIS BILL?

SHOTGUN BAN: This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches. I use this type of shotgun regularly for sport, recreation and hunting

MUSKET AND BLACKPOWDER BAN: For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!

HUNTING BAN: This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game. I am a licensed hunter and use these types of firearms regularly. A Bill banning them would have an adverse affect on my ability to enjoy doing what I love.

IN COMMON USE: Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

MISPLACED PRIORITIES: Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

GUN CONFISCATION: This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

2ND AMENDMENT: This bill would result in government committing a clear violation of the limitations placed on it by the US Constitution's 2nd Amendment guaranteeing that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

TaiwaNelson

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I write here today In opposition of Bill SB307 because it not only shows disrespect and Complete disregard to our 2nd amendment as it is crucial to our democracy a ban on any weapon part or caliber no matter how small is unconstitutional a ban on these firearms also prevents and would infringe on my right to protect my life ensure liberty and to myself and many others the pursuit of happiness and enjoyment of using these items at the range. Finally a ban on these firearms only incriminates the law abiding citizens when a law is introduced or passed it is supposed of the people protecting their freedoms as well as granting them security not incriminating disarming and destabilizing the American people as it says on the dollar bill "In God we Trust†than we can all trust that the right to bear arms shall not be infringed and is endowed to us by our creator unalienable and undeniable with liberty and justice for all

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I OPPOSE SB307.

WHY DO I OPPOSE THIS BILL?

2ND AMENDMENT: This bill would result in government committing a clear violation of the limitations placed on it by the US Constitution's 2nd Amendment guaranteeing that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

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MinakoNelson

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill on these merits.

SHOTGUN BAN: This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches. This is unconstitutional.

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GUN CONFISCATION: This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property.

I oppose this bill.

DavidLau

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I OPPOSE SB307.

WHY DO I OPPOSE THIS BILL?

2ND AMENDMENT: It would result in a clear violation of the limitations on government regarding the peoples' right to keep and bear arms

SHOTGUN BAN: This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches. My son and I are trap shooters and our ability to enjoy this sport would be adversely affected by a shotgun ban.

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HUNTING BAN: This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters including myself and my children to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.

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MISPLACED PRIORITIES: Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

GUN CONFISCATION: This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

JoshuaNelson

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose to this bill . Like most people we use our guns to hunt deer for meat to feed families and to teach to our selfâ \in TMs and others we can still count on our lands to provide us with food .

AlyssiaFraser

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I OPPOSE SB307.

The State legislatures continued preoccupation with citizens who legally own firearms that represent no threat to society is repugnant. Instead of continued fear mongering it would be a pleasant change if our legislators would concentrate on encouraging our court system to hold criminals accountable instead of these continued exercises aimed at restricting law abiding citizens rights to exercise the Second Amendment. Statistics do not support the level of interest or fear of legally owned firearms currently displayed by our representatives. Bill after bill designed to infringe citizens rights that are in direct violation of the U.S. Constitution only detracts from worthwhile work that the legislature should be doing and they know full well these bills will end up in court defeated. Many of these onerous bills are already seeing defeat on the mainland as they work through the court system. Quit wasting our time and money and get back to the business of "We the People" instead of showboating for political purposes. I would encourage supporters of this bill to take the time to read both the Second Amendment and the Federalist Papers that clarify its' meaning and purpose.

RobertCoster

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Law abiding citizens should not have access or the rights to these bigger caliber weapons because these are used by the people to hunt which is a means of feeding family and house holds.

KawelaKaeo-Mata

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I OPPOSE SB307.

The second amendment shall not be infringed.

Holden Pattengill

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I OPPOSE SB307.

It is unconstitutional

PeterManibusan

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I OPPOSE SB307.

why are you banning shotguns? Can you work on legislation that we actually need during the pandemic and economic downturn? We dont need bills to "fix" things that are not problems. Please quit treating the state like it is your own home owner's association. The cost of living is so high in Hawaii people actually need to hunt for food.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Dear Madam and Sirs,

During these uncertain times of protests, riots, pandemic, I am writing you asking you to honor your oath. Protect the Constitution. Oppose any and new gun restriction proposals. Support, stand and protect the 2nd amendment rights of the people, not infringe and restrict. Rights that weren't given by you and should not be restricted by you. Hawai'i has and already is one of the most strictest states in the nation regarding gun laws and ownership. Passing any more will not make any change, but turn many law abiding citizens into criminals. You'II have thousands overnight. Laws will not stop the acts of a madman. Assault is an action, it could be done with bats, sticks, knives, hammers, vehicles and even empty handed, I don't see you go after those. Inanimate objects are harmless without the intentions behind it. On the flip side they can be used for good. Tools to build, fix and repair, sport, family time and protection. Please oppose ANY gun control measures, they will not stop shootings, they will only harm law abiding citizens as myself.

Daniel Yoro Sr.
DanielYoro
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Sincerely,





I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose SB307 it is unconstitutional, the firearm used to win America's independence was with 50 & amp; amp; 68 caliber firearms. Further more very few crimes are committed with 50 calling firearms. SB307 is aim right at the law abiding citizen for no reason other than Further infringement on an individuals right.

JonathanByerly

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I OPPOSE SB307.

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GUN CONFISCATION: This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

JeremyKahaialii

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill. The right to bear arms shall not be infringed. This bill only punishes law abiding citizens.

RoyceLuna

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this this bill. And it unconstitutional and a infringement to rights l'm a hunter and I own shotguns and 50 caliber rifles for hunting .this bill would make a mess in the system making once again legal gun owners in criminals

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Please do not ban 50 cal. weapons, that are useful in protection of our families. Banning 50 cal weapons would take away our ability to hunt bird game for my family.

KentPaulsen

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I OPPOSE SB307.

oppose this bill because the 2nd amendment clearly states the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. Even though Hawaii was illegally annexed it should still follow us laws/constitution. Why are you wanting to ban these weapons when shootings are very rare in Hawaii? Hawaii has one of the lowest murder rates so what is this really about? More control? Hawaiians/Americans should have the same rights as other Americans so stop acting like tyrants and defend the constitution. Remember the oath you took.

10 U.S. Code § 246 - Militia: composition and classes

- (a) The militia of the United States consists of all able-bodied males at least 17 years of age and, except as provided in section 313 of title 32, under 45 years of age who are, or who have made a declaration of intention to become, citizens of the United States and of female citizens of the United States who are members of the National Guard.
- (b)The classes of the militia areâ€"
- (1)the organized militia, which consists of the National Guard and the Naval Militia; and
- (2) the unorganized militia, which consists of the members of the militia who are not members of the National Guard or the Naval Militia.

JasonPotts

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose this bill. Shotguns are some of the most popular hunting rifles in use today even our president uses them for sport. All of the firearms listed on this list are in common use today and are protected by the SCOTUS Heller decision. Please stop trying to take firearms away from law abiding citizens that use them for hunting or sport.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I appose SB307. This bill infringes on our second amendment to keep and bear arms.

KuhinaKahaialii

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I, David W. Harwood-Tappe, OPPOSE AND DECLARE MY DISSENT OF THIS BILL FOR REASONS STATED HEREIN.

" Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves. " Quote by William Pitt the Younger, 1783.

Our country was founded, and our great Constitution written based on the fundamental principle that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. One of those rights is the right to self-defense and the defense of others! We hold these truths to be self-evident! However, it appears that it is not self-evident to our current Congressmen and Congresswoman and that We The People need to remind you of these facts.

To secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed (WE THE PEOPLE). Whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

This bill is a direct violation of our right to self-defense protected by the Constitution of the United States as it would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches. For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!

This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.

Firearms capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property.

Please uphold your oath to defend the Constitution of the United States by killing this bill and all other bills like it that come down the pipeline of tyranny! Mahalo!

DavidHarwood-Tappe

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I OPPOSE SB307.

OPPOSE SB307

"Owning a thing" is not a real crime, regardless of what that thing is. Criminalizing the ownership of ammunition of any kind is a violent threat against peaceful people who have not harmed or threatened anyone. Hawaii already has too many of these kinds of laws. Turning peaceful people into criminals will do nothing to reduce violent crime. Arbitrary restrictions on ammunition size do nothing to reduce violent crime.

Instead of persecuting responsible, peaceful people, work on opening up the economy so that people don't continue to lose their homes and livelihoods. You can do it!

JackW

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I OPPOSE SB307.

It is the right of the law abiding citizens to own firearms to protect themselves from threats foreign and domestic.

KanaleBallungay

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill goes against my second amendment rights as a US citizen! I have the RIGHT to bare arms! Telling me which calibers are not acceptable and no grandfathering in effect...are both unconstitutional and an embarrassment to our Nation! What do we have left if the ones we look to for shelter and security, tarnish their legally bonded word to us as citizens? At a time where we all need each other a little extra in the world today, its especially significant here for us to join hands and stand Proud as United States Citizens....instead of feeling as if we the citizens become the ones who are hopeless without the Honor and Dignity we've upheld as a Nation all these years.

KekaoKahanu

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I storngly Oppose this billÂ

This bill would ban many firearms used by local hunters and sportsmen here in Hawaii whom hunt bird, deer, and any other big game.

this bans all firearms capeable of firing rounds .05inches or larger which makes 12gague shot guns illegal as well as most hunting rifles. \hat{A} \hat{A}

This bill would make it legally owned and purchased personal property immediately illegal and force law abiding gun owners to surrender their firearms. Â

Again why is the legislature trying to do this during a pandemic our taxpayer time and money should be spent doing better things like helping people recover from the pandemic. \hat{A} \hat{A}

This bill is anti-constitution.

CalvinKajiwara

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I Oppose this Bill as it Directly Affect me, as I have legally in my possession Firearms that this bill goes against.

CalvinFlores

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose! This makes no sense.

CaseyNakama

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill because it infringed on my rights to own a firearm

LanceDavis-Zinsman

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I OPPOSE SB307.

In regards to the the .50cal ban. A 12 gauge shotgun and a muzzle loader has been firearms used for harvesting food for a long time. 12 gauge shotguns are also used for sport like shooting clays. Muzzle loaders are a single shot and also a hobby. The shooter can regulate the amount of power in grains he needs to shoot with. There are also many hunting seasons for muzzle loader hunting. The shotgun and muzzle loader are useful firearms and should not be banned or condemned. At least you can eat what you harvest with a shotgun or muzzle loader. The .50BMG is not and should not be used for Hunting anything. One would not be able to have anything left to eat. .50BMG is more of a long range target shooting firearm. It is a just to say I have one type of firearm. Ban the .50BMG it's not a useful firearm. BUT the shotgun and Muzzle loader are very useful in so many ways and well loved.

BrandonDiego

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am strongly opposed to this bill as it is an illegal infringement of our constitutional rights.

MichaelJohnson

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I OPPOSE SB307.

GretchenCates

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill to the ban of these firearms and the limitations of such magazines. They violate the right to bear arms and infringement of such. The right to self protection is a RIGHT from birth. Firearms allow the normal individual to protect themselves and family against violence. Without firearms normal people are at the disposal of criminals. Not everyone is youthful and fight capable, thus the need and requirement for firearms. Police response is just that, a response, the normal response time for police patrol is 7min depending on locale.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Opposed:

Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher affected by this bill are the in common use and are protected from ban under the Supreme Court of the United States 2008 Heller Decision.

This bill would force legally owned property by responsible citizens to surrender or destroy their property.

KevinTamayose

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill is going to hurt a lot of people who use these larger caliber rounds for hunting and gathering food for their families. Iam against this bill and hope you folks rethink this.

WilliamMorn

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose SB307. 12 gauge shotguns and 50 caliber ammunition are very popular among's gun owners. They are very common and used almost every day for multiple reasons such as hunting recreational shooting and home defense. Taking away my right to own a 12 gauge shotgun prevents me from hunting and providing for my family.

MattHofbauer

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I OPPOSE SB307.

These firearms are used for sport and hunting.

Not to cause any harm

I oppose this bill.

EdmundSilva

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose the following proposed bill: SB307 50 caliber or greater firearms ban. Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision. Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners and obstructing constitutional rights of citizens, the legislature needs to put its resources to helping the citizens by keeping criminals off the streets, implementing a better strategy to mitigate COVID-19 without crippling our economy, and finding better ways of educating our keiki.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am against bill SB307

DustinFields

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Once again, you are infringing on my rights. You need to concentrate on bigger issues like the economy, reopening Hawaii, and Covid-19.

Please drop this nonsense bill.

AlexanderIbi

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill out of principle. I don't currently own a firearm that meets this regulation but I'm not sure why you feel the right or need to restrict what a LAW-ABIDING citizen can own. This would effectively make all shotguns, large caliber hunting rifles, and black powder guns illegal. These are used very frequently in hunting (yes even black powder...my uncle took me on my first hunt with a 50 CAL black powder rifle...and I shot a pig and it is one of my fondest memories growing up). The CRIMINALS who would do harm with a firearm don't care about breaking your gun restriction laws...the only ones who follow these laws are LAW-ABIDING citizens who wouldn't commit crimes with them anyway. YOU ARE ONLY PUNISHING THE RULE FOLLOWERS. It has ZERO effect on stopping or lowering crime in anyway.

Dustynlwamoto

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose bill SB307. This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.

AlejandroMunoz

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am sure that ignorance is the highest form of not being informed. How can seriously group all guns in a certain category and ban them? As a law abiding gun owner who enjoys shooting skeet with my 12ga. Shotgun that you you would ban it. I strongly, I do mean strongly oppose SB307.

LaughlinTanaka

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose this bill.

This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.

For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!

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This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

DavidKikukawa

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose SB307 it infringes on my right to enjoy recreational trap and skeet shooting at the public shooting range at Koko Head since I use a 12 gage shotgun. I also shot trap and skeet competition tournaments on the mainland. This Bill should not past since it will affect many people like myself that are law abiding citizens and enjoy recreational shooting.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I OPPOSE this bill. This bill infringes on my right to bear arms under the 2nd amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Hawaii already has the most stringent gun laws and it has been working and effective, so there's no need to add anymore burden for law abiding citizens. Criminals do not follow laws, therefore this bill will not do anything to curve crimes in Hawaii, but leaves good citizens unprotected due to these strict gun laws. Please concentrate your efforts on Covid 19 effects on Hawaii economy and find ways to help Hawaii struggling citizens and businesses instead. Thank you!

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I OPPOSE SB307.

If enacted, this bill would make the majority of shotguns used for Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clay shooting illegal. Many of us have invested significant amounts of money to acquire these firearms for the sole purpose of participating in these sports, and this bill would unlawfully prevent us from owning and using them. Passing this bill would be nothing short of a blatant abuse of authority with no conceivable benefit to making the population any safer. You must not let this bill become law as it is written as it is a clear violation of the second amendment to the United States constitution.

RobertLillie

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

SHOTGUN BAN: This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.

MUSKET AND BLACKPOWDER BAN: For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!

HUNTING BAN: This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.

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GUN CONFISCATION: This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

GregoryShiwota

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose any bill that attempts to regulate, dictate or push stipulations on Americans constitutional rights to own and bear arms. I find it ridiculous that the government is trying to take away people rights, including guns, free speech, etc.

JamesLangston

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I highly oppose this bill. It bans commonly used guns that have been used for many decades for hunting and sporting purposes. It makes law abiding citizens into criminals over night. This bill is misguided, as no person has committed a crime in hawaii with a .50 caliber weapon. It is unfounded and overreaching. Muzzleloader hunting has enjoyed a long history in hawaii and most guns are chambered in .50 caliber up to .70 caliber and are not used by criminals for nefarious activities. Many of these guns have been handed down from generation to generation. Please reconsider this bill and vote no. Thank you.

NathanRoldan

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I shoot trap and sporting clays and use a 12 ga shotgun

I also use a 54 cal. Mussel loader to hunt this ban would Unfairly prevent me from

These activities.

ToddThuro

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I AM AN ADVOCATE FOR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY NOT UNNECESSARY & DIEDUCATED OVER REGULATION. (Any firearm is safe in the hands of a responsible person - even a section of pipe is unsafe in the hands of a criminal).

I TEACH SAFETY, RESPONSIBILITY & DOING TO STITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

- 1. BOTH GUN AND MAGAZINE RESTRICTIONS ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL (Recent 9th Circuit Court Ruling)
- 2. THERE IS NOT A GUN VIOLENCE ISSUE IN HAWAII (List Statistics) 2010 listed 5 gun related murders for 1,389,000 Citizens. None were AW, no 12g, no HCM were an issuer.
- 3. RESTRICTING LAW ABIDING CITIZENS DOES NOTHING TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY. (Clinton's AW & DON'T LAW ABIDING CITIZEN WE DON'T COMMIT THE CRIMES. WHY INFRINGE OUR RIGHTS?!
- 4. DEFINING CERTAIN FIREARMS/AMMUNITION AS "EVIL" OR MORE DANGEROUS IS DISHONEST AND DECEITFUL MARKETING FOR POLITICAL ATTENTION AND GAIN. (I don't like abortion. IMO it is the taking of a human life. However I DO believe in the right of an individual to make that choice for themselves. Because someone does not like guns does not give them the right to make that choice for me.)

LISTING A 12g IN THE SAME BILL AS A .50cal IS UNEDUCATED & DICULOUS. (A 12g is a short distance smooth bore firearm designed for multiple projectiles (bird shot). A .50 cal has a rifled barrel designed for a single long distance projectile). IT IS COMPARABLE TO PUTTING ROCKET FUEL IN YOUR HYBRID AND CALLING IT A MISSLE.

NOTE: While a 12g and .50 cal both have 1/2 bore diameter... A 12g has a chamber pressure of around 10,000 psi... a .50 cal is 20,000 psi. Even if you could put a .50 in a 12g you would potentially destroy the firearm, yourself and the ballistics of the .50 cal. The .50 round traveling down a smooth bore would have no stability and would tumble bleeding off energy. Velocity, accuracy, distance and penetration would decrease radically.

INCORRECTLY CLASSIFYING FIREARMS AS " AW" DENIES ME THE RIGHT TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP. (Shooting is a family activity. Some families restore classic vehicles or golf... we shoot. Imagine, upon your death for example, your classic vehicle or gold clubs being confiscated and destroyed. THAT IS CRIMINAL).

Robert-JosephSigel

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill because it takes away the firearms market I am able to use to go hunting. You do not need a FFL to purchase and use a muzzle loader. No other state regulates muzzle loafers. It just goes to show Hawaii is moving in the wrong direction

JustinRoldan

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly OPPOSE bill SB307. I believe that bills such as these are a waste of tax payer and law enforcement resources. Bills splice as these will make law abiding citizens, felons overnight. Laws such as these are an attack on our second amendments rights and a complete violation of our rights. Laws such as these remove the peace and security that law abiding citizens receive by responsibly owning firearms that can protect them from the evils of this world. As a registered voter, I strongly urge our representative to REPRESENT their people and reject this overly oppressive bill.

BrianOshiro

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill does nothing to stop crime or make citizens safe. Its arbitrary and illogical. Outlawing hunting firearms like 12 gauge and muzzleloaders would negatively impact the environment ie and Hawaii's hunting both native and tourist populations. Please think it through.

AnthonyEMPTING

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose bill SB307 !!!!!

ElsieRyder

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am in opposition to SB307 (Relating to firearms, safety and high caliber weapons) because the limitation of firearms to less than .50 caliber makes the use of current firearms for hunting, competition and recreational shooting illegal. Shotguns of 12 gauge are among the most currently used firearms for hunting, competition and recreational shooting (e.g. skeet/trap shooting competitions). Their bore size exceeds .70 caliber. So too, are the large number of muzzle loading (though not considered firearms) rifles and shotguns that are currently used for hunting and recreational shooting.

I urge that no further action be taken regarding SB307.

BrianNakashima

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose the bill because our politicians in hawaii are corrupt and are greedy selfish people,2nd ammendment shall not be infringed

JoshuaDominguez

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill, it is nonsensical. .5in diameter is an arbitrary deciding factor for a ban and includes many common and popular guns such as shotguns and muzzle loading black powder guns which do not appear to be the intent of this poorly thought out bill.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill SB307 it is against the law to allow this bill to be past please do not break the law that has already been working for us we the people stand against this bill now and for ever!!!

AnthonyOliveira

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose this bill which is unconstitutional and would make criminals out of many legal gun owners. This would make firearms illegal that are currently rly in common use for self defense and hunting. One stroke of the pen should not make law abiding citizens into criminals.

JonathanFong

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I OPPOSE SB307.

OPPOSE

This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches, most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned.

This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.

Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property.

Does the state intend to pay the owners affected the current real value of these firearms?

Why not utilize your time to focus on helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners.

MichaelRiley

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I OPPOSE SB307.

These tools are in common use and are protected from ban under Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

This Bill will make my shotgun, that I hunt with, illegal. That's the same type of shot that our current president recommends for self defense.

This would also ban muzzle loading black powder historical pieces. What are you trying to do leave us completely helpless? Stop waiting Hawaii tax payer money and stop infringing on the second amendment.

We need these tools to keep our family's safe from all the drugged and crazy lawbreakers.

This Bill will only punish the lawful citizens of Hawaii.

Do not pass this Bill.

Z.H.

ZacharyHenderson

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Its sad that yearly we do this.

I oppose this bill due to the fact that it has not been studied, its introduced by the same set of anti gun legislatures and it lacks a definitive reason why.

Bazookas and atomic bombs are banned with everything else the government is worried about why ban this when it would include any caliber over 50 cal such as 12 gau hunting shotguns. If you pass this one and the assault rifle ban you would ban hunting with shotguns in hawaii which is perfect for deer hunting

My thought is unless you have shot what your trying to ban you shouldn't be allowed to vote on it. (Roz baker- your anti fun anti gun anti everything please retire so we can actually worry about meaningful items) ive asked to speak to you multiple times and you conventionally ignore your constituents when its gun related.

Gents lets focus on rebuilding hawaii not tryind to devide it further with meaningless un enforceable laws.

AlexRedeker

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill will instantly turn law abiding citizens into criminals while taking away a effective means of self defense and recreation for many, so I oppose this bill

HonsonNguyen

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill would take away family $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{T}^m$ s ability to defend their home and love ones, it is also unconstitutional.

JordanVan Barriger

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am a lic hunter. the 12 gauge shot gun is the go to tool for hunting many different types. Banning 12 gauge will not be advantageous for anyone in hawaii. There are no habitual use of

the round in crimes or injury. where is your Data to substantiate such a ban? Responsibility is always in the hands of the citizen. we voted for you and it is not right to ban a specific round arbitrarily.

kaipoBallungay

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose SB307...it goes against my 2nd Amendment right and will NOT vote for and Legislator who supports this bill!!!!!

PamelaNakasone

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I OPPOSE SB307.

To whom it concerns,

I highly oppose this bill due to the unnecessary and wasteful burden this would put on gun-owning citizens especially hunters whom commonly use these types of firearms. Pushing this bill would only hurt many law-abiding citizens with such firearms in this current stressful and unforgiving climate. As such I oppose this bill as it only hurts those that are already struggling.

RafaelGuzman

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RE: SB307 Relating to Firearms

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RamiroNoguerol

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Use your smart brain to legislate a productive outcome, otherwise get out of office, this bill infringes my 2nd amendment right.

BrianDy

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ScottMiller

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ByonNakasone

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Its out rights as Americans to own what every caliber we like. We follow the laws that you put in place and yet you still do not think we're responsible enough? There's more important issues that the government should be concerned about, like how they'll help small businesses recover from the mandatory lockdowns.

KeokiKaimiola

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill because it will do nothing but infringe on my rights.

TravisKoki

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I wish to oppose SB307. It is a ridiculous idea to ban any caliber. Its failure can be seen in the state of California. The calibers noted have no history of posing any public threat. A ban of this sort will only lead to the introduction of new high power calibers, already seen in CA.

DavidSteele

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am a resident of Hawaii and I strongly oppose SB307, and I ask you to also oppose this bill. This bill will effectively ban every shotgun and black powder rifle that is in production for the last 200 plus years and is in common use for bird and game hunting, sporting clays, shooting competitions, as well as personal home defense. Other rifles and handguns that are capable of firing a round .50 caliber or larger are in common use and are protected by the 2008 Heller vs. DC US Supreme Court decision. This bill is unconstitutional and infringes on the rights of citizens. I ask you once again to please oppose SB307.

Thank you very much,

Seth Addison

SethAddison

sethaddison@hotmail.com





I OPPOSE SB307.

I don't support this bill for the fact I use a shotgun for sporting clays, trap shooting and hunting birds. Why would it make any sense to ban 12 gauge

JaysonYamada

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I OPPOSE SB307.

It's our right and it should not be infringed

AdamBanas

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JamesRankin

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose this bill for its infringement of the 2nd Amendment. Hawaii residents are suffering economically due to the pandemic; with our state having the highest unemployment rate in the nation.

This bill does nothing to help struggling working class and only serves to disarm law abiding citizens as crime rates continue to rise.

VladimirCabias

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I OPPOSE SB307.

As a law abiding citizens I oppose SB307. This bill would ban a very common round used by avid hunters for deer or large game. I oppose SB307.

JacobBruhn

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EdAu

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am writing in opposition of bill SB301 and SB307. Under the Constitution, the 2nd Ammendment affords me the right to bear arms. These Bills that are in favor of gun bans, magazine bans, etc... infringe on my 2nd Ammendment rights and is Unconstitional..2nd Ammendment was witten to prevent a tyrannical government, the 2nd Ammendment is my God given right to protect my family, and my personal property...Please vote No to SB301 and SB307 and uphold the Constitution in its entirety, as you swore to do when you took the oath of office! We the people voted for you to protect the rights of the PEOPLE. Mahalo Damen

DamenMakua

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Many law abiding citizens enjoy hunting wild pigs and other animals for the purpose of feeding their families. Shotguns are most likely the choice firearm for this activity. Why is the state legislators so willing to destroy this for so many citizens? This is so unfair and is a direct assault on our 2nd Amendment Rights. Please reconsider and cancel this bill. Mahalo.

CherylHolliday

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I OPPOSE SB307.

The 2nd amendment was put in place to protect the people against corrupt government. These laws that allow government to have superior firepower over the people takes that right away from the people.

RayBalderama

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill does nothing to stop crime punishes law abiding people who legally bought and own such items. Bans muzzleloader and shotguns.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill as it an infringement on 2nd amendment rights guaranteed under the US Constitution. I am and have always been a law abiding citizen. I am a retired combat veteran and retired law enforcement. The legislature has much bigger fish to fry than wasting its time on bills which are in conflict with 2A rights.

AndrewBerky

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill is a clear violation of the 2nd Amendment of the United States constitution and would ban the most common hunting arms in use today, rendering thousands of citizens felons. Highly Opposed.

ChristianGrado

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SamuelDeCosta

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill. Due to I use my 12ga for hunting and competition and sporting purpose

SpencerLegaspi

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose bill SB307 because it once again infringes on my second amendment right to keep and bear arms for self defense.

TitusMatautia

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill is overreaching and will not have the intended effect of reducing gun violence. It also infringes on our second amendment. I do not support this bill.

JustinEnos

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill as it's completely unnecessary and pointless. Many hunters use this caliber firearm.

AlanKoons

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill. Due to i do use a 12 ga shotgun to go hunting for bird and for sporting purpose.

SpencerLegaspi

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DanielLee

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BryanArvesu

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I, a citizen of the United States of America and resident of the state of Hawaii urge my representatives to oppose SB307. This bill will ban and label many law abiding citizens as felons as 50 caliber ammunition is within common use such as 12 gauge shotguns as well as 50 caliber black powder firearms. 12 gauge is dimensionally 50 caliber.

This will also place a ban on conventional hunting for the citizen's way of life and wildlife management as 12 gauge shotguns (technically 50 caliber) are the primary tools to conduct these necessary activities. 50 caliber ammunition is a very common ammunition and should not be banned.

RichyChang

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This is a gross infringement on every individuals rights protected under the constitution. This completely goes against the constitution.

GregoryCanduer

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Aloha this bill will hurt a lot of Hawaii residents who rely on these rounds for hunting and home defense ,as well as turning legal gun owners into criminals overnight ,lawmakers need to focus on the increase in crime in Hawaii and getting vaccinations to those who need it !!!

ROBERTJEFFCOAT

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This Bill is unfair to the law abiding citizens who have followed and complied with all gun laws up until now. Law abiding citizens are not criminals. Law abiding citizens follow the gun laws and controls that are in place. Criminals acquire weapons illegally to practice their crimes. This ban would not stop the criminals from continuing their use of such weapons this bill seeks to ban. If we are not passing this bill in order to address the criminal use of these weapons, then what is this Bill's intended purpose???

CurtisVana

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Hunting provides food for people and is a necessity to life. This bill will limit a persons ability to survive. Biden himself said to buy/own a shotgun

JeromeSidley

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose this bill. You Democrats do nothing good for the safety of the people of Hawaii.

ShaneAgena

shanehchkr@yahoo.com





I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose is unconstitutional Bill

DonaldAsshole

crazy96733@yahoo.com





I OPPOSE SB307.

No way. Your now going to take away collecting rare older weapons as a hobby to test out in hunting or making video of the history of it by shooting it. No way once again. Again first and second amendment.

RobertSantillan

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February 8, 2021

The Honorable Karl Rhoads Chairman, Senate Committee on Judiciary Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Rhoads:

On behalf of the members of the National Rifle Association in Hawaii, I would like to communicate our strong opposition to Senate Bill 307 (SB 307).

SB 307 contains vague language that simply bans "fifty caliber guns". Given the lack of definitions, the bill as written, could ban .50 BMG rifles, .500 Smith & Wesson revolvers, and .50-caliber pistols like the Desert Eagle. Moreover, due to the bizarre drafting, this legislation has the potential to implicate shotguns and even many muzzleloaders, especially those popular for hunting.

SB 307 is effective upon passage, turning the otherwise law-abiding into felons with the stroke of a pen, for possession of these commonly owned firearms. We encourage the legislature to focus on sound public safety policies that focus on criminal behavior and criminal misuse of firearms, not continue to pile more restrictions on the law-abiding.

For the foregoing reasons and many more we request your opposition to SB 307.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reid

Western Regional Director

NRA-ILA



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:18:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Robinson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Senate Bill 307, if enacted, will ban the possession and use of many types of guns that are presently employed in activities like hunting and target shooting. Also it is a direct violation of the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Also, it has no "grandfathering" clause, and may therefore be a violation of the U.S Constitution's prohibition of "ex post facto" laws.

Thus I oppose it.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:26:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert M Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is important and necessary legislation in keeping Hawai`i safe from weapon and firearm violence. Please support it, especially in light of those who would deny even the existence of gun violence in our schools, workplaces and society.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:30:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing today to voice my opposition to SB307 in my capacity as an individual citizen.

This bill will ban the possession, sale or transfer of all firearms that can fire a round 0.5" or larger in diameter which would include large caliber pistols, black powder guns, and shotguns. This is a blatant assault on the second amendment of the Constitution and would make gun owners across the state criminals overnight requiring them to surrender or destroy their property.

The Supreme Court has already ruled on firearms in common use in the 2008 Heller Decision. Why is Senator Rhodes wasting our time with meaningless legislation like this when Hawaii has other priorities? Please kill this bill immediately and send a message to your colleague that this is an endeavor that will only waste precious resources.

I strongly oppose SB307.

Mahalo,

Michael Botello



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:36:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John D. Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to SB 307, if adopted it would outlaw my 12 gauge and 20 gauge shotguns! Senator Rhoads should know, but does not care to know, that 12 gauge and 20 gauge are larger than half an inch; .50 caliber is a half inch!!!



Aloha Hawaii State representatives,

My name is Brandon Kishimoto and I vehemently oppose senate bill 301. This bill is in direct violation of the second amendment right given to us in the United States Constitution. "Shall not be infringed" is not a suggestion, it is a directive given by our founding fathers.

I have lived in Kaneohe all my life and I have a great love and respect for these islands. It hurts to see that some individuals like Mr. Rhoads want to join in on the few other states like California that regularly trample the constitutional rights of its citizens. I see no evidence that guns are a major source of violence in Hawaii. I also see no evidence that passing more gun control measures is necessary. We have the lowest gun violence in the nation. In fact, we have the lowest any kind of violence in the nation, so the argument that we have low gun violence because of strict gun control is absurd. We as gun owners in Hawaii are extremely careful and responsible with our firearms. We follow all laws and regulations, even those that we do not agree with. We do this because we value law and order and respect authority. Please do not take advantage of our Aloha.

I oppose Senate Bill 301 because it is an unnecessary measure that violates the United States Constitution and it will alienate hundreds of thousands of responsible gun owners in Hawaii. Criminals will still have any weapon they want. Please do not take away our right to defend ourselves and our God given right to freedom.

Aloha, Brandon



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:42:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenny Kwan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE. This does not make sense at all. SIZE DOES NOT MATTTER. From a hawaii hunting perspective, it is ILLEGAL to hunt with anything less than 44 CAL (0.44") because it is not strong enough for an ethical kill. Even a 20GA shotgun diameter is greater than 0.50" and that is not recommend for hunting because it is on the weaker end. The home defense shotguns are 12GA and 20GA. This bill would essentially make all home defense shotguns illegal. That will not make sense.

The bill says "The legislature is committed to protecting the safety and well—being of its citizens. The fact that Hawai'i still allows any firearm or rifle with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher is inconsistent with this commitment."

First of all, most of the citizens are law-abiding citizens. By taking away shotguns and firearms greater than 50 CAL, the law-abiding citizens will not be protected. Secondly, owning anyfirearm or rifle with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber DOES NOT any effect on the safety and well-being of the citizens. You are not comparing apples to apples. What difference does it make if a crime is committed with a 50CAL firearm vs a firearm that can only fire 22? Crime is crime.

Suggest changing bill to state "It shall be illegal to commit any crime with any firearm or rifle with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher."



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:48:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Austin White	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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This bill would ban all firearms capable of firing ammunition rounds 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include **ALL** 12 and 20 Gauge Shotguns. The diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches and the diameter of a 20 gauge slug is 0.615 inches. This bill also does not address the exception to usage of Black Powder rifles, which commonly use 50 caliber balls, thus banning all balck powder firearms in the state.



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:09:57 AM

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Justin H	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support this unconstitutional bill. The second amendment is written in the constitution and has been upheld all these years. Trump and his fakenews shows how fragile our democracy is. The 2nd and 1st amendment are key for democracy and the future of America. Remove either of these and Trump wins. I implore you to not violate what little rights we have left.

Thanks,

Justin



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:27:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jostin A Iriarte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose Senate Bill SB307 as it is against the 2nd amendment.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:39:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John D'Adamo III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB301 OPPOESE



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:42:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tod Gushiken	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm OPPOSED to SB307. Not expressly stated, but this bill is essentially a ban on shotguns. SB307 prohibits possession, which would criminalize thousands of sport shooters, hunters, and law-abiding citizens.

Hawaii has far greater priorities given the ongoing pandemic, a crumbling economy, horrendous unemployment, rising crime rates, rampant homelessness, etc. These are the glaring issues that should garner attention.



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:55:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

· SB307 - 50 caliber firearm ban **OPPOSE!**

Any firearm with the capacity to fire ammunition 50 caliber or higher.

Bans for possession, manufacture, acquisition, and transfer into Hawaii Note: this would include 50BMG, 500S&W revolvers, 50 Desert Eagle, **12GA Shotguns**, muzzleloaders, etc.

This would negatively affect ALL gun owners.

There are more than twice the registered gun permits than registered voters in Hawaii.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:04:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barry Aoki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB307. The ban of these firearms are unreasonable and unlawful.

All of the 50 caliber firearm owners I know are law abiding and productive citizens in Hawaii. This ban will eventually lead to the banning of more firearms that have not been readily used in crimes in Hawaii. The criminals will still be able to obtain firearms through illegal channels and because they are criminals, they don't care about laws.

This bill will negatively affect my ability to protect myself, my family and my ability to compete in organized competitions. Place the blame where it belongs, at the criminals. Don't place the blame at the law abiding gun owners.

Strongly OPPOSE SB307

Barry Aoki



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:11:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ian Bishop	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello.

As an avid hunter and law-abiding gun owner, I strongly opposed SB307.

Below are a few key points you may not be aware of regarding .50 caliber ammunition.

- **SHOTGUN BAN:** This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.
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- **HUNTING BAN:** This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.
- IN COMMON USE: Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **GUN CONFISCATION:** This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

Again, I strongly urge you to say NO and oppose SB307.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Ian Bishop



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:22:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jefferson Foust	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this buy as it would make the number one home defense weapon illegal to own, the 12 gauge shot gun. Instead you would rather have people shooting smaller bullet this are more likely to travel far beyond it's intended target and or the walls of one's domicile.

A shotgun is the safest choice for a home defense weapon and should not be made illegal.

As well as many people in hawaii still do hunt as a primary means of food and now you would make this illegal for them to do meaning more hungry families then we already have.



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:33:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Blue	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill due to the fact that it is unconstitutional and infringes on my right to bear arms. I have a right to choose what caliber of firearms that I as a law abiding citizen would decide to choose. It is a freedom that will be limited and infringed on by the language of this bill. I urge you to please vote in opposition of this bill and to uphold the constitutional rights of the people. Thank you for your time.

Mahalo



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:05:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Aruda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose to bill SB307



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 12:47:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please oppose SB307. This bill will do ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to prevent or reduce crime in Hawaii. Large caliber guns are, well, large, heavy and unwieldy. the 50 caliber rifle is 30" long. 50 caliber guns have never been used in the commission of any crime in Hawaii, and never will be because they are unwieldy, and if you try to put one inside your belt, the weight will cause your pants to fall down. Additionally, the bullets for 50 caliber guns usually cost about 10 times more than what normal gun ammo costs, and since it's such a small niche category, 50 caliber bullets are hard to find here in Hawaii, you're not going to see any criminals stocking up on 50 caliber ammo, ever. This bill just doesn't make sense, none at all, it's just ridiculous. Not even "common sense". However, this bill will discriminate unfairly against the many Hawaii firearms enthusiasts who do shoot 50 caliber guns for hunting, sport, and just plain old shooting fun at the range.

Please, oppose this bill.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:06:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Megan Pearl	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

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 those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a
 result of the Coronavirus.
- **GUN CONFISCATION:** This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property which is completely unconsititional.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:23:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

In one fell swoop, SB307 would completely eliminate all shotgun hunting and shotgun sports (as skeet, trapshooting, five stand, sporting clays, three gun competition, and the like) in the State of Hawaii. The shotgun gauges typically used for these legitimate, recreational purposes are 12 gauge, 20 gauge, and 28 gauge, whose equivalent calibers would be 0.729", 0.615", and 0.550", respectively, all of which would fall into the "50 caliber or higher" prohibition prescribed by this bill.

By like token, operable historic and antique firearms, such as black powder flint and percussion rifle muskets and pistols, typically are 50 caliber or above and would likewise become illegal contraband under this bill.

And of course, all of those persons who up to now have lawfully possessed and used shotguns and historic firearms would, the day after this bill's enactment, become felons. A violation of Section 134-8(a) HRS-- the section to be amended by this bill by insertion of this 50 caliber limitation-- is a Class C felony offense.

Which perhaps brings up the most important question- what is the real need for this bill and what interest is to be protected? Firearms of 50 caliber or more are very heavy and ungainly and hardly the type which perpetrators would want to utilize to commit crimes.

Perhaps greater thought and consideration should be given to drafting proposed legislation. This bill is clearly not an example of such thoughtful consideration.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:48:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
justin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Sb307

I am here today as a law abiding citizen of Hawaii with the hopes of becoming a legal firearm owner within the state as I turn 21 at the end of this month. Furthermore I intend to help prevent any measures from passing that will remove our rights to firearm ownership. I am here representing the next generation of law abiding citizens of Hawaii, like myself, who would like to practice and protect our 2nd amendment right once we are able to do so safely and Legally. I am here in opposition of Bill SB307, which i believe helps push to effectively ending the 2nd amendment right to bear arms within our state. I have come to testify that Bill SB307 shows complete disrespect to the people of this nation, to the constitution and complete disregard to our 2nd amendment. The founding fathers who risked life and limb to create this country and ensure our freedom recognized the necessity of the people having the right to bear arms as a crucial piece to our democracy; a ban on any weapon, part or caliber, no matter how small, is unconstitutional. A ban on these firearms also prevents and would infringe on our rights to protect our lives, for the people to be able to ensure liberty from threats abroad or domestic, and finally to myself and many others, greatly infringe on the pursuit of happiness and enjoyment of using these items at the range.

Finally a ban on these firearms only incriminates currently law abiding citizens of Hawaii. When a law is introduced or passed, it is supposed to be for the people, of the people, protecting their life and freedoms as well as granting them security and liberty by helping to ensure our collective safety, and freedom to live as we choose. Suggested bills and or laws should not be incriminating, disarming, or destabilizing the American people and laws like this do not speak for me and many others, law abiding citizens of Hawaii and this great nation who would like to see our freedoms maintained. As it clearly states, "In God We Trust," on the American dollar bill, for they knew then and today that we should entrust that the right to bear arms shall not be infringed and is endowed to us by our creator unalienable and undeniable.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 1:54:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyle Morin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My stance on this bill is to oppose it.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 2:19:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
william racoma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill even makes my grandfathers shotgun illegal as well as HIS grandfathers hand me down family heirloom black powder musket



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:12:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lindsay J Parker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good Afternoon

I, Lindsay Parker oppose SB307



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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:29:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kristi yamanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am in total and complete opposition to this infringement on my 2nd amendment rights. I am not a criminal and I do not take the use of firearms lightly. This government overreach must stop now.

Please provide factual statistics that reveal how many registered gun owners with rifles vs. how many shootings are committed in Hawaii with the same types of rifles you are attempting to ban.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:34:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

this legislative body does not have the authority to define the 2nd amendment of our constitution per their own ideolgy.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:44:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Hoeflinger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There are no data whatsoever to support the proposed bill's premise that firearms of fifty caliber or higher pose any threat to the safety and well-being of Hawaii's citizens. It is a statement without any foundation whatsoever.

Passage of the subject bill would outlaw the use of virtually all shotguns (12GA, 16 GA, 20GA, and 28GA) whose bore diameters (the measure of caliber) all exceed 0.50 inches, or 50 caliber. It would end all popular Skeet, Trap, and Sporting Clays target shooting in Hawaii, and terminate the state's Game Bird Hunting Program – all without any rational need or purpose.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 3:51:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robyn Rayburn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB307

Why 50 caliber? Why not 1000 caliber or.03 caliber? Do any of you who plan on voting for this even know what 50 caliber is? Or that 1000 and .03 are not calibers at all? Are you voting on things you know nothing or little about? If you know little or nothing about firearms, how about the Constitution? You took an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. The Second Amendment of that Constitution states, in part, "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." To vote for anything that infringes on this right of the people you represent is in violation of your oath and of the Constitution itself.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 4:00:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Bolo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This Bill will outlaw all 12 gauge shotguns and half the musket/muzzleloaders. wipeout bird game hunters.

A 12 gauge is a .73 caliber.

joe Biden told me to get a double barrel shotgun for home defense and I went out and got one.

now you folks want to outlaw it?

with all due respect, sometimes elected officials need to read and understand what is written.

not just the headline and synopsis.

totally unnecessary law being proposed for unnecessary reasons and again only affecting law abiding citizens.

enforce the laws already on the books. I can't say that enough.





I OPPOSE SB307.

Really! This bill would include the everyday common shotgun! Why? So....no 3 Gun competitions, no skeet shooting, no trap shooting, no bird hunting, what is the purpose of this bill? I strongly oppose this bill!

MichaelLofton

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BlaiseYamauchi

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Legal property should not be taken from law abiding gun owners.

LorettaGraham

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Please cancel this bill. I am an avid Skeet shooter and use Koko Head Skeet Range every weekend. Banning 12g would take away a great outdoor activity many residents here on Oahu enjoy. This bill is too broad in its description and would unnecessarily put law abiding citizens into the category of criminal. Thanks, Robert

RobertCullen

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill would prevent me form using my

C&R license obtained through the ATF.

It also violates my Constitutional right to keep and bare arm. It also brakes your oath of office to protect and uphold the constitution. Your oath to office is something not to be taken lightly.

GeorgeWeaver

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This proposed ban is unconstitutional .

DaneChing

blackmamba@google.com





I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly urge that 12 gauge shotguns not be banned. They are a proven home protection weapon and offer much more stopping power against home invaders than 16 or 20 gauge shotguns. Please vote NO.

GregoryShepherd

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose bill SB307.why would you want to take away one of my methods for providing for my family's consumption? My 50cal. Muzzleloader has provided many meals for over 30yrs! I am a law abiding citizen that exercise my right to bear arms, a constitutional right. Dont take that away!

WesleyLaders

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I OPPOSE SB307.

My name is Harold Pang, lifetime resident of the state of Hawaiâ€~i. I am a responsible gun owner and have been for many years. I adamantly oppose SB 307. I believe this bill infringes on my constitutional right to bare arms in the protection of my life, the life of my family, the protection of my property and further violates my civil rights and liberties. Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous and are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

HaroldPang

poiboy87@gmail.com





I OPPOSE SB307.

I do not support this bill.

This bill seeks to solve a problem that doesn't exist. How many crimes are committed by .50 caliber weapons? I have NEVER heard of a crime committed anywhere with a weapon like that. So citizens who do own these weapons would be considered criminals, simply for owning a firearm that makes some people feel scared.

Please use your time wisely, and solve real problems - passing legislation to ban big bullets and shotguns doesn't address the root causes of crime and violence.

Sincerely,

Jon Gushiken

Kahului, HI

JonGushiken

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill because owning a 12 gauge shotgun doesn't necessarily mean it is for hunting. In many cases it is used for sporting clays. Hunting and being able to provide food for our families is a good thing, time in the field with younger generations of family members also is a way to strengthen bonding and build valuable memories. Hunting is a very valuable life skill.

RaamaStuart

raamastu@gmail.com





I OPPOSE SB307.

My name is Taylor Warn and I live at 1926 Fern ST Honolulu and I am employed by the City and County of Honolulu.

I am in opposition to this bill not only due to it violating USA Citizen's Second Amendment rights; but also from a logical standpoint when you consider the State of Hawaii is one of the most geographically isolated places on the face of this planet.

When we are only one natural disaster away from being truly 'on our own' for an unforeseen amount of time, it would seem extremely unwise to limit what types of tools can be available to law abiding citizens for survival and self defense purposes.

In the end, measures such as this proposed bill only serve to make life harder for law abiding, productive members of society; while making it easier for criminals and agents of chaos to harm and take advantage them.

Aloha and Mahalo for your time and consideration.

TaylorWarn

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This is a bad bill because it would ban 12 gauge shotguns which are used for bird hunting. I strongly oppose this bill.

MarionFreet

marionfreet@hotmail.com





I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this unconstitutional bill.

You will be making criminals out of thousands of law abiding firearm owners. Support our rights. Not destroy them.

WilliamHopkins

rachs@earthlink.net





I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly OPPOSE SB307

As stated in the bill, Hawaii has one of the lowest incidents of gun crime in the country and with the all the problems of State faces from the pandemic, including the loss of tax revenue, massive unemployment, the impending wave of evictions and foreclosures, homelessness, the massive amounts of small businesses shutting down for good, etc, you're wasting you time on this.

this bill is so poorly written and thought out, it's obvious that the author saw a talking point and ran with it, without bothering to check the facts. The facts are this bill will outlaw the 12 gauge shotgun, one of the most common firearms used for hunting, sport shooting, home defense and by law enforcement.

This bill will outlaw many muzzle loading firearms that were state of the art during the Revolutionary War over 200 years ago. This bill will make possession of those firearms a crime, making thousand of tax paying law abiding citizens criminals overnight.

I Strongly OPPOSE this bill fir the reason stated above.

RaymondIshii

ray38super@gmail.com





I OPPOSE SB307.

What is the rationale behind this bill except to make criminals of hunters and shooting sportsmen and women that legally own the above referenced firearms and use them in legal activities.

Stop wasting our tax dollars on bills like this and use it to keep the real criminals incarcerated!

NancyTimko

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I OPPOSE SB307.

History has shown why firearms are removed from the populace, not for the protection of the public, but to empower the government imposing their will...look at any communist country, from their infancy to now. "I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic;" Caliber is irrelevant, ANY object can be used as a weapon...

KirkKama

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Hawaii statistics do not support the need for further restrictions on the 2nd Amendment. The size of a bullet is irrelevant to crime rates or suicides. This is another arbitrary and unnecessary weapons ban on calibers that have been in common use for decades. Please vote in opposition of this bill.

ReginaldEubanks

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Please VOTE FOR THIS BILL. The general public does not need access to weapons of this caliber to hunt or protect themselves.

MaryDinits

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am writing in opposition to SB307. The declaration to ban all firearms capable of firing a a round 50 caliber or larger is unfair to sporting shooters. There are residents who compete nationally in long range shooting competitions that are being forced to give up something that they love due to unfounded fear.

Also hunters such as myself that primarily hunt upland birds and deer are also being banned and lumped in with a criminal element because of my use of a 12ga shotgun. The 12ga shotgun is historically a tried and true all around hunting firearm.

AllanLos Banos

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Hawaii has one of the most strictest gun laws in the country, we don't have as many gun related crimes compared to other states therefore we don't need more restrictions to the law abiding citizens.

JayAgas

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Hawaii is small enough that you have a great opportunity to structure your rules and training of your citizens to follow a required training course in citizenship and arms training at the summers of their high school years or on entering the state on a permanent basis. Guns are not the problem. Having guns in untrained and unlicensed hands are the problem.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill.

HUNTING BAN: This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.

IN COMMON USE: Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

MISPLACED PRIORITIES: Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose this bill.

This 50 cal ban and will also include 12 gauge shotguns like we use for cowboy shooting since you can use them to shoot slugs which is larger than a 50 cal round.

Amanda MaeMarzan

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I respectfully oppose this bill since it violates my second amendment rights.

RobertOkuda

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am a professional hunter and a recreational shooter. I oppose this bill as it only punishes law abiding citizens who use their guns for shooting at the rifle range and for hunting in the U.S. and other countries.

Criminals do not abide by laws, so it will have no effect on them.

CharlesTom

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Why are you focusing on LEGAL gun owners, who use then for competitive sports or hunting large game. Enforce the laws that are already in place, and take action on those who are violating current laws.

LAWRENCEPAGADUAN

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose Bill SB307. It's not the caliber size, magazine capacity, or type of firearm that poses an issue. Law-Abiding citizens should not be penalized. It is our 2nd Amendment and Constitutional Right to Bear Arms and Defend Ourselves.

JasonBaligad

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I strongly oppose bill SB307. I do not understand the purpose of this bill other than to diminish the rights of lawful gun owners. I feel the effort made to create this bill would've been better served to help Hawaii's economy recover from the effects of the pandemic.

SilverioAlejandro

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I OPPOSE SB307.

The gun laws in Hawai'i are already stringent enough. I'm a lifelong gun owner, and dem voter, but these kinds of bills erode my confidence in our lawmakers and alienate law abiding gun owners like me.

StephenMcCurry

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns and most black powder musket rifles used in the revolutionary war.

This would ban legal firearms used for hunting deer and fowl in Hawaii that has a MINIMUM caliber requirement.

MarcusYoung

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I OPPOSE SB307.

It's unconstitutional. There are to many grey areas in this bill, which could be used wrongfully in stripping a person of their rights to ownership of a firearm.

JohnBowker

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This bill is un-constitutional and makes thousands of law abiding voters into criminals.

Criminals will not pay attention to this law.

Vote NO!

GrantTolleth

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I submit this testimony in OPPOSITION to SB307 as it is unnecessary and does nothing to address any problem, currently or historically, that has risen in Hawaii. There is no rash of crime that has come about or been exacerbated by the use of a .50 cal firearm. Furthermore, it is attempt to further dampen and and restrict a specific right guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. The fear of .50 cal machine guns that this bill's sponsors are attempting to foster have already been slain in Hawaii's current machine gun ban. This is simply another attempt to stoke fear and further chip away at the 2nd amendment.

I currently own a .50 cal black powder rifle as part of my collection. It is a replica of an iconic and historic American firearm. The size of the projectile it shoots should not make it illegal.

This legislation is misguided and absolutely unnecessary.

PJ Long III

PeterLong III

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I OPPOSE SB307.

SHOTGUN BAN: This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.

MUSKET AND BLACKPOWDER BAN: For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!

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MISPLACED PRIORITIES: Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

GUN CONFISCATION: This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

FarenMotz

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This Bill aims to make a commonly owned item, illegal, and make criminals out of ordinary people. This bill is an affront to rights PROTECTED by the Constitution, and the intent of it's creation.

By establishing limitations on a protected right, bills like these also lay the groundwork for establishing limits on Religion, Free speech, and other rights.

There is no data to support the limitations on freedoms, nor to support the submission of this bill.

Furthermore, the very fact that these bills are proposed, when limitations are placed on testimonies and public discourse is deceitful and improper. Submitting this bill, when the problem of the State's economy and welfare hasn't been addressed is non-sensical.

I expect nothing less than to not push this bill any further.

Sincerely,

Kent Kurihara

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am opposed to SB307. This does not outright mention it, but it is essentially a ban on shotguns. SB307 makes possession illegal, and thus would criminalize thousands of sport shooters, hunters, and law-abiding citizens.

TodGushiken

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I am against the proposed bill SB307 for the following reasons, as highlighted by the Hawaii Firearms Coalition:

SHOTGUN BAN: This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.

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GUN CONFISCATION: This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property

CONCLUSION: I am against SB307 for the reasons stated above.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony against SB307,

JohnTerry

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I OPPOSE SB307.

What are the stats on Criminal Crimes committed here in the STATE OF HAWAII that involves High Caliber ammo? Let alone crimes committed with Firearms in Hawaii compared to the Continental United States? Minimal!!

The STATE of HAWAII has the out most toughest firearm laws through out the United States by far!! When is it enough!!

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I OPPOSE SB307.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Oppose

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I OPPOSE SB307.

This is a complete infringement of our constitutional rights!

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I OPPOSE SB307.

OPPOSE

This bill would ban all firearms capable of firing ammunition rounds 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 and 20 Gauge Shotguns. The diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches and the diameter of a 20 gauge slug is 0.615 inches. This bill also does not address the exception to usage of Black Powder rifles, which commonly use 50 caliber balls, thus banning all balck powder firearms in the state.

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE. This does not make sense at all. SIZE DOES NOT MATTTER. From a hawaii hunting perspective, it is ILLEGAL to hunt with anything less than 44 CAL (0.44") because it is not strong enough for an ethical kill. Even a 20GA shotgun diameter is greater than 0.50" and that is not recommened for hunting because it is on the weaker end. The home defense shotguns are 12GA and 20GA. This bill would essentially make all home defense shotguns illegal. That will not make sense.

The bill says "The legislature is committed to protecting the safety and wellâ€" being of its citizens. The fact that Hawaiâ€~i still allows any firearm or rifle with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher is inconsistent with this commitment."

First of all, most of the citizens are law-abiding citizens. By taking away shotguns and firearms greater than 50 CAL, the law-abiding citizens will not be protected. Secondly, owning anyfirearm or rifle with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber DOES NOT any effect on the safety and well-being of the citizens. You are not comparing apples to apples. What difference does it make if a crime is committed with a 50CAL firearm vs a firearm that can only fire 22? Crime is crime.

Suggest changing bill to state " It shall be illegal to commit any crime with any firearm or rifle with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher. "

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I OPPOSE SB307.

Aloha,

I do not like this proposed law and ask that you stop pushing it. I personally own a 50 caliber rifle and don't understand your need to ban them. To my knowledge a 50 caliber rifle has never been used in the commission of a crime in the United States of America's history, ever..... So why is it a problem now. Additionally you have failed to look and realize this law also bans shotguns as they are technically larger than .50cal as you specified in this bill. You have bigger issues to deal with such as COVID and illegal fireworks can you please stop pushing bills like this that don't even target issues in our society.

Mahalo,
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I OPPOSE SB307.

Hawaii has one of the lowest gun crime rates in the USA. There is no good reason to impose any more gun regulations on the public. Period

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I oppose sb307

PeterSourisack

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I OPPOSE SB307.

I legally own 12 gauge shotguns that are used for hunting and sport shooting. This bill infringes on my second amendment rights. I oppose this bill.

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<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 4:24:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samuel Webb	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it will ban all shotguns.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 4:43:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trevor Tamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. The fact that this bill and many of the other bills targeting gun owners starts off by saying that it is because of "strong laws" that Hawaii has low gun crime is the government taking credit for the quality of the people. It is not the government that makes the person, but the other way around. The fact that in the past, people active in sport shooting have reached out to politicians to get educated yet received no response or outright refusal is embarrassing on your parts. In this day and age where people need to know factual and truthful information to get educated shows your unwillingness to learn and your desire to bandwagon instead. The language in the current law shows the ignorance of our local government when it attributes "teflon or any other similar coating" as giving a bullet "enhanced metal or armor piercing capabilities". Those coatings are to reduce metal on metal wear from the projectile passing through the barrel. Stop getting your information from movies and step out and actually learn something.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 4:51:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyle Sherrer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good afternoon,

I strongly apose SB307, as it will place restrictions on commonly owned firearms in the state of Hawaii, and the nation as a whole. If you visit most gun shops across Hawaii, or the nation you will see the majority of long guns on sale have many if not all the features listed in SB307. These features are common place in firearms market today.

According to the FBI's annual crime report, rifles of all types in the United States only account less than 450 homicides a year. Meanwhile vehicle fatalities account for over 30,000 people a year, and millions of people die from various forms of cancer every single year. Based on the FBI's data this bill would not reduce homicide in the state of Hawaii.

Please do not pass this legislation, as it would turn many law abiding tax paying citizens into felons. This legislation would force citizens to either leave the state or be felons. This legislation will not age well and reflect poorly on those who voted to pass it. These weapons are commonly used by hunters on my island.

Thank you for taking the time to. Read my testimony.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 4:55:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jordan Au	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello,

I oppose SB307. I oppose this bill because there is no grandfather clause which would make legally bought items illegal. Also, firearms that are 50 caliber or greater are next to never used in crimes. This is a punitive and arbitrary bill that will do nothing to reduce gun deaths. More people are killed in traffic accidents than are killed by firearms that are 50 caliber or greater. In addition, black powder muzzle loading firearms and most shotguns would fall under this bill, thus making firearms commony used for sporting and hunting also illegal. This bill will only make legally bought items illegal and not reduce gun deaths at all. I do not support any bill that would take away private property due to random laws that would accomplish nothing.

Thanks,

Jordan



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:06:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raymond White	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB307 because it needlessly bans firearms in common use for self-defense, sport, and hunting. Even Musket and Blackpower ban which these firearms date back to the revolutionary war. Blatant infringement on our 2nd Ammendment rights. Our legislature is sworn to protect and defend the constituion of the United States, not suppress US citizens rights provided by the constituion. Misplaced priorities.

Please redirect our legislatures time and energy to rid this Aina of COVID-19 so our keiki can return to school, and our brothers and sisters can go back to work to support their ohana!!



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:07:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Tanouye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is an attempt to slowly chip away at every legal citizens second amendment right. This bill will ban firearms that are very common in use for sport or hunting. Antique firearms collectors will also be forced to surrender firearms under this bill. This bill will not produce any results that will make our state safer.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:15:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elton Miyagawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

With all the critical health and economic issues the State faces, nonsence legislation like this introduced by Sen. Rhoads shows his lack of knowledge when it comes to firearms laws. If a firearm is prohibited, what difference does it make what caliber it is?



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:16:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Respectfully request that this bill be withdrawn. I have a question, when did a firearm get a stigma from having a certain caliber? Especially a big caliber. A 50 cal is not concealable, legal or otherwise. Shotguns from gauges 12. 12, 20 and, 28 gauge are all bigger a bore than .50 also muzzle loaders which shoot one bullet at a time and you have to reload powder and the bullet down the muzzle like the 1800's I can't think of a time ever where one was used in a crime. Midwestern states use shotguns to hunt safely due to the fact that the rounds disperse and don't carry their energy over long distances. Hunting rifles and shotguns are rarely if ever used in crimes. This bill wasn't well thought out at all. 12 gauge is the most popular shotgun caliber and is used for skeet, trap, sporting clays and hunting. Lets propose bills that make sense.

Thanks,

Anthony Empting

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:18:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George Carvalho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against this bill every year we go through the same thing over and over and not one 50 cal crime committed. Wit all that is going on in the state is this really necessary? Trap and skeet sports shooters and hunters would be come criminals for enjoying a legal recreational sport come on!



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:19:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Riemer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB307. Although I do not currently own a 50 caliber or higher firearm, I mat some day wish to purchase a 12 guage shorgun for hunting and protection. I do not feel that the State of Hawaii should limit my rights to own large caliber firearms. There are some situations where only a 12 gauge shotgun is needed to stop some game animals at close range and a 12 guage shotgun with the right load in the shell is an effective means of stopping these animals.

Adittionally, the 2nd Ammendment of the US Constitutuion was established to provide protection to the citizens from a tyranical government. If we ever need to protect ourselves from an out-of-control government, we will need to have large caliber arms to do so.

Again, I oppose this bill.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:23:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Muneoka-Nagy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill because it infringes on my 2nd amendment right. A firearm is just another tool like a knife or a hammer. You don't blame the knife when someone is stabbed, you don't blame the car in drunk driving accidents you blame the person responsible for the act. Why should it be any different for firearms? More laws won't stop criminals from doing wrong but they will turn law abiding citizens into criminals and making it harder/ impossible for law abiding citizens to defend themselves or put food on their table is unconstitutional. Guns don't kill people, people kill people.

As a constituent, I ask you to please oppose SB307

Countless law-abiding citizens, such as myself, own and use magazines that hold more than ten rounds of ammunition. They are standard equipment for many of the most commonly-owned firearms in use for self-defense, competition, hunting, and recreational shooting.

Please don't restrict my ability to protect myself and my loved ones. There's no reason to believe that criminals will have any more respect for new gun laws that will only restrict self-defense rights of law-abiding citizens like me. Instead of exploring more ways to take away my rights, the Legislature should be looking to reduce crime by going after criminals and their illegal activities directly. Thank you.



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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:26:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wesley Mun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not see the reasoning for this bill. Have these proposed banned firearms been causing havoc in our community. I have firearms of this nature, which I use for self defense when traveling in the back woods of Alaska. I use and carry them annually.

It is not the firearm that committs the crimes. Is it wise to upset the law biding, voting legal gun owners in the state? We have proven our worth as shown in the low firearm related crimes in the State.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:27:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
james	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is the very type of fraud Bill 307 Hitler or communist minded people like. Prove to me this will reduce crime. Chicago has lots of gun laws but people getting shot like crazy. Stop copying the Mainland. There gun laws don't WORK!!!! Do your research!!!!



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:32:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rory Bolton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB307 taking the rights to own a firearm or rifle of 50 caliber. This would be a unnessary restriction in the ownership of firearms to promote gun safety.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:43:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rogelio Lazaro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

- SHOTGUN BAN: This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.
- MUSKET AND BLACKPOWDER BAN: For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!
- **HUNTING BAN:** This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.
- **IN COMMON USE:** Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **GUN CONFISCATION:** This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property.

This bill punishes law abiding citizens of the State of Hawaii.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:47:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Onnagan	Testifying for Hawaii Firearms Coalition and Valley Isle Sports Shooters	Oppose	No

Comments:

This again is against the 2nd Amendment as Americans! Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus. This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game which is so wrong in so many ways as Americans. Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision. This is clearly another bill that would not help us law abiding citizens.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:47:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Harper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

this is another ban that will solve nothing, when will the legislature understand that the guns & ammo are not the problem, if you want to stop crime start with the criminals & leave the law abiding alone.



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 5:55:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Pcola_Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT ADDTIONAL TEXT FOR THIS BILL

Although, the State has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation, there always is room for improvement in Public Safet.

Any firearm or rifle that has the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher, should not be owned by ANY MEMBER of the PUBLIC in Hawaii.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:03:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Crow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly Oppose Bill SB307 for the following reason;

I have been hunting since I recieved my hunter's safety certificate in 1978 at the age of 13. This bill would even make my 12 gauge shotgun illegal.

I watch the local news every day and I even do searches online. I Can't find any crimes that have been committed by Legal gun owners with a .50 caliber in the state of Hawaii or even the entire USA that would lead towards any reason this Bill should have been introduced.

Therfore, I don't see any reason this Bill SB307 should even be considered.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:53:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tihane Lopez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB307.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:53:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan Kahl	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

In the same manner as SB301 I can't believe that it has come to this. Unbelievably un American and disgusting. An absolute infringement on our Second Amendment. An insult to all of the professional sport shooters, collectors and hunters across the state. This bill cannot pass.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:54:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brendon Heal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose this bill.

There are tens of thousands of rifles and shotguns, including black powder single shot and hunting weapons, legally owned and used in this state. The owners of these firearms are not the problem. There are practically ZERO crimes committed by the legal owners of such firearms. However, there are TONS of instances where MULTIPLE REPEAT FELONS have committed crimes, some with ALREADY ILLEGAL firearms.

Seems the problem's root lies there, NOT legal firearms owners.

The priorities of the legislature should be on the problems of the economy and Covid, NOT making legislation that harms law abiding citizens.

No new gun laws are needed, especially right now. It will solve ZERO issues.

OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:55:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brent Uemae	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it bans commonly owned firearms used for hunting.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 6:58:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Herbert Nishii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB 307.

This Bill is worded in a way that will ban many common firearms - example: the 12 guage Shotgun - as worded the Bill Bans the possesion,sale,or transfer of ALL firearms that can fire a round 0.5" or larger in diameter - a 12 guage shotgun slug is 0.79" - thus making a common firearm and a common ammunition type illegal!

The 0.5" or larger in diameter type ammunition is "very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision" (quoted from the Hawaii Firearms Coalition)

I oppose SB 307 - also because it is the doorway to "government", future process, of Gun Confiscation. Ammunition Limitation is another step, that leads to, Gun Confiscation.

I am in OPPOSITION of SB307 because it punishes the Law Abiding Firearm Owner NOT the Criminal.

Thank you.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:11:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ross Fujimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB307 because it will ban 12 gauge shotguns and .50 caliber muzzle loader rifles which are commonly used by law abiding hunters.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:17:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis Djou	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:17:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
john	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:33:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
c ching	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill becuase it is unconstitutional and would ban firearms I use for recreation and self-defense.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:40:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Jason Keaulana Oppose bill SB307. Again 2nd Amendment Government taking our rights away from all law abiding taxpayers.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:41:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronnie Gonzales	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am disappointed at how law abiding citizen would be unable to own any firearms 50cal or larger, including shotguns, as a firearm owner, I would like to express my freedoms including owning a tool to defend my life or use to take a meal to my family.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:42:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. The Second Amendment gives me the right to keep and bear arms of any type or caliber.

It does not mention or restrict calibers.

This bill is just another attempt to slowly errode my rights.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:43:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Normand A Cote	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha JDC,

I strongly oppose SB 307. We the Law Abiding residents of deserve all rights of the US Constitution.

Respectfully,

Normand A Cote

Law Abiding Citizen



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:10:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clayton Shobu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose this measure because it is taking away my constitutional rights. I own rifles and guns for sport and not for crime. I am a responsible adult and do not agree with this billl.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:12:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chenoa F Genobia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because this would also make it illegal to own any shotguns.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:31:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brendan Balthazar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Here we go with another bill that will hurt all the honest hunters, ranchers, and gun owners. I hope this bill will die. Every year there is someone who introduces a gun bill that only pertains to honest gun owners. They never target the problem which is the crooks. Baning a gun that can shoot a 50 cal will mean banning all shot guns. Their bore daiamator is much larger. Also saying that no one can be grand fathered in is also another demonstration of taking away a persons rights. They bought the gun when it was very legal. So lets make something ilegal so we can go to there place and take it away. Because the state requires all leagal gun owners to regester their guns. Laws will not take anything away from the bad guys. Who thinks up these things? Laws should be passed to give police more rights to serch a person or their property if they determing the guy is nuts. Like already happened in Honolulu. When they went back to his place he shot both of them. They already knew he was nuts when they first talked to him ,but did not have the legal right to go and search his place and take his guns. This is a very bad bill and I hope it does not pass.

Brendan Balthazar



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:44:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jorge gonzalez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. A broad ban on this type of ammunition unfairly targets legal gun owners in the state. Firearms in these calibers are commonly owned and used for hunting and sporting purposes.

I fail to see how this type of ban would reduce crime or target criminals.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:50:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Travis Slavens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a taxpaying citizen and a firm believer in our constitutional rights which allows us to defend ourselves from tyrannical oppression. I oppose SB 301 and SB 307



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:54:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aimoku Chee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am in opposition, The legislature should support the Second Amendment and not do things to erode our constitutional rights. The legislature has sworn to uphold the U.S Constitution and Bill of Rights. I have a bachelors in political science and was told by my professors at the University of Hawaii that the Japanese High Command during World War II did not invade the U.S Mainland and Territories because they were aware that thy would suffer high casualties and losses in their military because the U.S populace was heavily armed and would defend their homeland. This deterred the Japanese military from invading the U.S physically.

Furthermore, the Third Reich disarmed the German and Austrian populace of small arms when Hitler came into power. The disarming of the national populace was also done by Joseph Stalin and the Russian Communist, Mao ZeDong and the Chinese Communist party as well as, other dictators like Pol Pot, Hugo Chavez, Fidel Castro in small counties like Cambodia, Venezuela, and Cuba. The list go on and on of these countries which were once free and fell to dictators because their populace was disarmed. These governments which disarmed their populations eventually committed horrific genocide on their citizenry and populations. The disarming of the populace by these nations added to the holocaust of the Jewish people (6 million people murdered), the deaths of 100 of millions of Chinese nationals, and Russian Citizens 40-60 million are the estimated murders of these tyrannical regimes. Castro murdered 15,000-30,000 himself in Cuba and Island similar to Hawaii. Had the citizenry not been disarmed these tyrants would not likely come to power. In the world we live in today with all the national turmoils it is easy to see that the U.S could be invaded by Russia, China or N. Korea. We are the first line of defense for the U.S Mainland, if our enemies will try to over take us, we should at the least have the rights to defend our families if such a predicament should arise. To do this we need small arms to keep and protect our liberties or we will not even have a chance of surviving.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:02:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dallin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Senators,

I oppose SB307 in regards to firearms that fire 50. caliber or higher. This is another firearm bill that is unnecessary and will not benefit the state of Hawaii nor make it any safer. Weapons that fire .50 caliber or higher are expensive weapons that not all citizens are able to own. Not only that, the ammunition for the weapon is expensive as well. This means that not everyone can own such a weapon and there are not many owned by law-abiding citizens. Therefore, I do not see the need for a bill to ban a weapon that is financially hard to possess and has not been used in any crimes that have been committed in Hawaii.

This bill is an infringement of my second amendment rights. Despite the high cost of the weapon, I should be able to have the right to purchase and possess such as weapon as my rights allow me to. SB307 will not make Hawaii a safer place. It simply focuses on an issue that does not exist. I propose that the legislature focuses on the issues that do exist and is contributing to the crime that is occurring in the State of Hawaii. I stand on my stance of opposition to the bill.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:03:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
PHILIP LAPID	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

It is never the intention of a good person to do crime at home with family, but to love, cherish, and protect them. It is never in the mindset of a good citizen to do crime in the workplace but to earn for a living and feed the family.

Now the mindset of a criminal is to cause pain, loss, anger, and altogether destruction of peace of a normal person that is a law abiding citizen as well as the society and the community.

A person of crime does NOT care at all about any of these bills in the house or senate. They do not need to write any testimonials.

Restricting law abiding firearm owners from owning large caliber firearms makes no sense. A firearm is a firearm, a tool, an object. There is no need or sensibility to restrict or ban such categories of firearms.

Please create more bills against the citizens of which the way of living is to cause pain, loss of properties and peace of mind, anger, and suffering towards the good citizens.

I do not support this bill because it is against a good tax payer person that wants to buy firearms for a hobby and recreational activities.



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:13:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Sub	mitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
rob	ert nago	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

i hereby oppose SB307

it is very unlawful and unconstitutional to disarm responsible gun owners.

Especially those who practice safety and security in there own homes and as well as at the range.

By hindering gun owners from purchasing firearms and ammunition to gather and harvest for there family. You hurt their livihood and there RIGHT to gather with what ever means possible.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:23:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cecelia Yamamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As written, this bill would make it illegal to own any shotgun with a bore diameter greater than .410 guage. Even President Biden recommends using a shotgun for self-defense. This bill clearly violates the 2nd Amendment.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:29:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
mitchell weber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB307,

Banning ammunition .50 diameter and larger would effectively ban the sale or possession of 12guage shotgun ammunition and many calibers that are used in muzzle loaded firearms. Fifety caliber firearms are more common than one thinks, members of the committee should reflect on the implications of banning this caliber size and also ask the question to the introducing legislators their reasoning behind their intentions(other than the lobby money that was given/will be given to promote this bill).

Regards,

Mitchell Weber.



The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chairman
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Nishihara; Vice Chairman Wakai,

I am writing to register my **strong opposition** to Senate Bill 307 (SB 307), the proposed prohibition on "any firearm or rifle with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher".

I oppose this terrible bill because it would ban, outright, the ownership of a common class of firearm used by citizens of this State and this Nation for hunting and self-defense, every day.

I'm referring to the common shotgun. EVERY shotgun from 28 gauge up through 8 gauge and beyond has a bore diameter that is larger than 0.50 inches. **Which is "fifty calilber"**.

Clearly, the modifications this bill present are badly conceived and written.

Former President Obama is not a fan of firearms, nor is current Presiden Biden. Yet even both of them have publicly admitted that shotguns are useful tools, both for personal defense and for recreational activities.

Aside from the fact that it would make the ownership of common calibers of shotguns illegal, this bill blatantly in violation of the 2nd Amendment, in spirit, intent, and if it passes, in action.

So. PLEASE vote AGAINST this awful bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:34:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill SB307, because a lot of hunters use 12 guage shotguns for hunting and for sport. Why would you ban legitimate sports just because you oppose guns? I don't like baseball, will you ban baseball bats? Baseball bats are used more often in violent crimes than shotguns. It just doesn't make sense. Please don't pass this bill. it infringes on my rights as a law abiding citizen to my sport. Thank you, Michael Miura



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:40:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doug Thatcher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- SB307 50 caliber firearm ban
- I OPPOSE!

I have 50 cal Muzzel loader that I use in permitive hunts infact 50 calaber is the smallest allowed now TO HUINT IN HAWAII.

This bill covers Any firearm with the capacity to fire ammunition 50 caliber or higher.

Bans all of the above for possession, manufacture, acquisition, and transfer into Hawaii Note: this would include 50BMG, 500S&W revolvers, 50 Desert Eagle, 12GA Shotguns, muzzleloaders, etc.

I am oposed to this and ask youi to vote against SB307

Mahalo

DOUG THATCHER



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:44:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leona Souza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:48:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Chee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I, Jeffery Chee am strongly against the law that bans the 50 calibers. I use my S&W 500 magnum and the Desert Eagle 50 as a backup when I go to Alaska and Africa. I am highly for the second amendment of the constitution to keep and bear arms. I am a member of the NRA, SCI, and Hawaii Firearm Coalition. Taking away my rights is unconstitutional.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:50:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lambert Castillo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am oposed to SB307 as most equipment that are introduced in this bill would not allow me to use the equipment that I already used in the past for hunting.

Hunting is a source for me to put food on the table for my family in a sustainablity fashion.

- **SHOTGUN BAN:** This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.
- MUSKET AND BLACKPOWDER BAN: For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!
- **HUNTING BAN:** This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.



What moron conjured up this idiocy?

Show us the statistical evidence of how many Hawaii citizens have had their "safety and well-being" violated by "any firearm or rifle with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher".

Surely if this is important legislation based upon anything resembling reality there must be a plethora of real-world evidence documenting the harms caused by such weapons as are proposed to be banned. Why hasn't the genius who "thought" (I use the term as loosely as possible) this up provided such compelling evidence? Let me guess: none exists? Thus this proposed legislation is the fever dream of some oath-violating fascist authoritarian statist who longs for the day when all law-abiding citizens will be disarmed so that... do we really need to even say it out loud?

Anyone who took an oath of office to support and defend the constitutions of the United States and the state of Hawaii must vote no on this absurd thinly-veiled civilian disarmament scheme.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:02:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Yamamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill in no way makes Hawaii safer. This bill will only hurt firearm sports enthusiatics, hunters and collectors as well as potentially make all shotguns, other than a 410 guage shotgun, illegal.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:19:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benel Piros	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill will cause law abiding citizens own illegal items that they obtain legally with a stroke of a pen. Forcing them to surrender or destroy their property that they worked hard for and again had obtain legally.



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:41:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Yee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB307, it is unconstitional. It would also ban weapons that myself and many others own for hunting, sport, recreation, and self-defense. It would lead to a ban on 12 guage shotguns, to many this is the go-to for home defense. Please do not pass this bill and make law abiding citizens who gain security from owning a shotgun into criminals.



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:52:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha! My name is Alan B. Fernandez and I am representing myself. I am submitting my written testimony in OPPOSITION to SB307 50 caliber firearm ban. I enjoy going hunting for deer and mouflon to provide food for my family and to share with family and friends. I especially enjoy utilizing my muzzleloader to hunt. I OPPOSE SB307 because it will ban me from utilizing my muzzleloader to hunt and to provide food for my family and friends.

Thank you!



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:57:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven T Takekoshi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

08 February 2021

TO: The Honorable Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee

JDCtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: Testimony Regarding SB 307

Aloha, I am Steven Takekoshi a citizen of the United States and Hawaii and I am providing written testimony to the Committee in opposition of SB 307. I desire that this testimony be read for the record.

This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger, which includes any shotgun above .410 as well as many blackpowder muzzle loading firearms which are not currently regulated. This bill would ban the possession of firearms in "common use" by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.

Under District of Columbia v. Heller the United States Supreme Court noted all bearable arms are presumptively protected by the Second Amendment, and the state bears the burden of proving otherwise – such as by proving the arms to be "dangerous and

unusual." Additionally, Heller affirms protection for firearms in "common use for lawful purposes like self-defense." "Common use" suggests two possibilities; one is a narrow, numerical standard that would protect best-selling models from popular manufacturers but allow prohibitions on obscure brands of essentially the same gun, or that "common use" means functionally common which would protect the entire class of similarly functioning arms. The Court did not need to elaborate on "common use," since handguns are obviously very common. However, the common use standard is entirely adequate for resolving a broad category of claims and it is especially suited to resolving challenges to supply restrictions—i.e., gun bans of various types which this bill effective does.

This bill seeks to negate a right which is protected under the United States Constitution. On that fact alone this bill should be terminated. I strongly oppose this bill as it focuses on the seizure of legal property from law abiding citizens through legislative fiat and squanders our government's scarce resources supporting a vocal special interest minority instead of helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns as a result of the Coronavirus.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony regarding my opposition to SB 307.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:00:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maddyson Jeske	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB307.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:05:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Martin Marcello	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill, i am a legal gun owner and i feel that this Bill in an infringement on our 2nd amendment right to own a shotgun or large caliber handguns.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:06:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Hashimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The broad sweeping ridiculousness of this bill is amazing. 12 gauge shotguns are used by hunters and competitors throughout the state. Skeet and trap are Olympic sports, and 12 gauge shotguns are used for these events. Muzzleloaders are used by sportsmen and history reenactment shooters at the range. Other firearms covered by this bill have probably never been used in a crime and they're definitely hard to conceal. When was the last time a crime was committed by a 50 caliber rifle? We need to stop going after the firearms owned by legal, safe, law abiding citizens. You are creating a solution which doesn't solve the problem.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:12:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB307.

The list of prohibited firearms in the state of Hawaii is already long enough and doesn't need to grow any further.

By prohibiting another type of firearm we are eroding our second ammendment right. Where does the banning of firearms end? Please do not support this measure. Mahalo.



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:32:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Cher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm a posing SB307 it is our right second amendment and constitutional rights legislation is to uphold the Constitution and the second amendment And any other amendment just by you guys presenting all these gun bills trying to ban guns and it's not just guns it's trying to make everybody take the vaccine wear facemasks it seems like your Socialism is turning into communism the people in Hawaii don't want to live in communism But it seems like some of you in the legislature want this and to those of you that want this communism well you should move to a communist country that's all I have to say have a nice day



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:48:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amber Tranetzki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose



Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:56:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon Cornforth	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a resident of the State of Hawaii and member of the Hawaii Firearms Coalition, I oppose this bill for the following reasons,

- **SHOTGUN BAN:** This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.
- MUSKET AND BLACKPOWDER BAN: For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!
- **HUNTING BAN:** This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.
- IN COMMON USE: Firearms capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- **GUN CONFISCATION:** This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property.

It is especially aggregrious that there is no provision for GRANDFATHERING AFFECTED FIREARMS CURRENTLY LEGALLY OWED. This proposed law does nothing but erode our Constitutionally protected Second Amendment Rights. For this reason, I am opposed to it and request that our Representatives focus on much more important issues like rescuitating our failing economy and getting our students back to school.



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 11:58:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fel Sepada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB307

This bill will affect the popular and very effective home defense and hunting 12 gauge ammunition greatly and therefore will affect those that rely on and use it. Hawaii already has one of the most heavily applied anti gun laws and yet We The People's representatives keep on infringing on our 2nd amendment rights and produce more and more bills.

This will affect We The People greatly.



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 12:53:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Skye Kahoali'i	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this legislation on the grounds that it is ill-defined and disingenuously vague in that it seeks to ban any firearm or rifle that can fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher. Since no specific cartridges are mentioned, this includes many firearms that meet the criteria without being of the type presumably in question, including black powder rifles and revolvers, smokeless cartridge revolvers and rifles that fire nominal *pistol* cartridges, as well as every common shotgun above .410 guage (caliber) since all of those gauges of shotguns above .410 can fire slugs, which are larger than fifty caliber solid projectiles. In addition there seems to be no mention as to whether the projectiles encompassed are those of solid projectiles or multi-projectile types that encompass the same mass.

Further, other than some vague reference to an unknown organization that purports to "rate" states' firearm restrictions, this legislation does not show what benefit it will bring to our state, beyond an implied benefit of greater safety, but does not state from whom. The proponent legislator seeks to have it both ways in the introduction to the proposed legislation wherein he touts the restrictiveness of our firearms laws, then tacitly admits they are not strict enough to suit him.

Hawai'i gunowners are already fully vetted as to their qualifications to own firearms, it should not matter which or what type, because of the imagined fears that even certified as law-abiding, they need to undergo further restrictions and suspicion. The proposed legislation seems to take a position that could be likened to a prospective driver not only passing Hawai'i's written and road tests, went further and passed a defensive driving course, only to be denied the purchase of a high performance vehicle because of what they *might* do with it, like drive under the influence or recklessly.

As much as legislators might want to enact such legislation, those laws that depend upon prior restraint with no stated and verifiable benefit have already been deemed unconstitutional.

This proposed legislation should be scrapped for being a waste of legislators' time and taxpayers' money.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:39:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Shimabukuro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to passage of SB307 as it is an infringement on the rights of all US citizens afforded by the Constitution of the United States.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2021 2:29:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
steven schramm	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

to broad of a subject this means you cant own any shotgun for hunting



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2021 3:22:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. Hawaii already has some of the most restrictive gun laws and there is no need for more.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2021 4:32:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clinton Bodley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose.

This law would restrict access to almost all shotguns, and many dedicated hunting revolvers and muzzleloaders.

The use of .50 cal cartridges in crime is extremely rare due to the expense and bulk.

Thank you.



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 5:30:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ri	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this bill. It will ban some common firearms that have been in widespread ownership since the turn of the century. It is an arbitrary restriction created by someone with 0 firearm knowledge that provides no benefit to any citizen.



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 4:38:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon Montenero	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As written, the proposed legislation is too broad and undefined, leaving too much to interpretation. In its present form it would ban 12ga shotguns used for sporting and competition, replicas of 19th century black powder rifles, and certain large caliber pistols.

It should narrowly focus and describe the .50cal Browning cartidge used in Barret rifles that it is attempting to ban. However, such legislation would have NO affect on gun crime as criminals do not use these firearms (except on the Mexican border) and is again simply an imposition upon law abiding peaceful legal gun owners.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2021 5:48:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessie Alejandro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose once again. Restricting our 2nd amendment rights going against what was written long ago is wrong to us law abiding U.S. citizens!



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 7:01:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Chirico	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposing SB307 because it violates my consitutional rights. The consitution does not allow for you or any legislative body to pick and choose what arms you feel is appropriate for citizens to own or not to own. There are many states with less restrictive gun ownership rules that show less crime when people are allowed to protect themseles from criminal who do not follow laws or rules. Kate Stinley who was Murdered in San Franciso and died in her fathers arms by an illegal alien who was repetitionly deported and protected by santurary city poiices and DA's is just one example. With the new adminatrations policies you can bet many more like that criminal are on the way, in fact DHS has 900 newly arrived ILLEGAL ALIENS in custity right now that the gloriuosly stupid new Adminstration wants released into the US. The truth is police arrive way to late to protect us and the best defence is to be armed. I usrge you to oppose this bill.



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 7:19:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cassidy KOHOUT	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

It's ironic that those who would eagerly send armed men to confiscate the firearms of the law-abiding, commonly do so under the refrain that "the second amendment was written with muskets in mind, and not assault rifles"... Yet this language would literally ban 1700's era muskets and shotguns.



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 7:27:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Boyd Ready	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Senator Rhoads, and Committee Members:

After having acquiesced in the Governor's 'emergency' powers for nearly a year, despite the 60-day time period set, thus relinquishing the legislatgure's popular oversight of government executive action, you now wish to push forward this move to disarm the citizenry. Our Hawaii Constitution includes the right to keep and bear arms. The size of the projectile in the arms kept by the citizenry has usually been construed as those calibers in common civilian use. This measure is an infringement of the citizen's rights. What unlawful killings have been occurring with the use of such firearms? Snorkeling gear is infinitely more dangerous, in practice, than these weapons. I urge you to focus on things that actually and in fact are killing people needlessly. Leave our constitutional rights uninfringed.

Boyd Ready

Haleiwa



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:11:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
BRETT WAIPA	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good morning. I am in opposition to SB307 as it infringes on 2nd Amendment right to bear arms by making illegal firearms that fire 50 caliber or higher. 2nd Amendment does not place limits on the arms that we can bear. As stated in the bill, Hawaii has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation. I believe this bill is misdirected and seeks to enhance the states gun safety rating while not improving the safety or well-being of its citizens while infringing on legal and responsible gun owners. Instead, what Hawaii needs are stricter laws enacted for those who illegally obtain and use guns in the commission of a crime. Thank you.



State of Hawaii House of Representatives and Senate SB 301, SB 307, HB 31 and HB 1366 RELATING TO FIREARMS TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

TESTIFIER: Craig Dansie DATE: February 9, 2021

Good afternoon.

My name is Craig Dansie and I am a man currently domiciled in Hawaii in the County of Honolulu My address is 150 Hamakua Drive #304, Kailua, HI. After reading SB 301, SB 307, HB 31 and HB 1366 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** of said bills relating to firearms.

How about you stop proposing and voting for legislation that violates the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and the United States Constitution? How about upholding your oath to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii?

Constitution of the State of Hawaii, Article I § 17:

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.

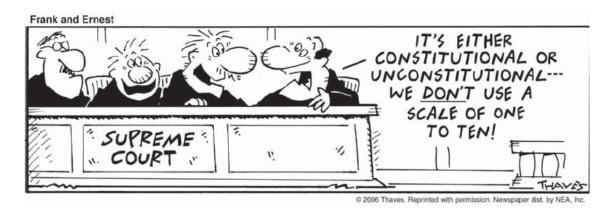
Constitution of the United States, 2nd Amendment:

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

"The Constitution is either a superior, paramount law, unchangeable by ordinary means, or it is on a level with ordinary legislative acts, [...] alterable when the legislature shall please to alter it." - Chief Justice John Marshall

"All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void." (*Marbury vs.Madison*, 1803.)

Vote no on SB 301, SB 307, HB 31 and HB 1366.





Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:25:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Large caliber weapons are rarely used in crimes. These weapons can be an effective deterrent for law abiding citizens to use against criminals. Especially law abiding citizens that live far from police stations and police patrols. If or when a tsunami or hurricane hit our islands government protection and control will almost certainly be non existent in some communities. Law abiding individuals will must have the constitutional right to protect and defend their neighbors and families.



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:40:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walter Philbrook	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

12 gauge shot guns are the most common and are used for hunting and home defense. To ban such a weapon would be ridiculous. Most bird hunters in the state would have to stop hunting. This would result in an over population of a species, which in turn could be a danger to competing birds. Not to mention flora and fauna. You forget, hunting is used to cull herds etc. I will never vote for a representative that would support such a bill.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:43:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marichris Diga-Lazo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL. STOP GUN CONTROL AND START EDUCATING ABOUT GUNS! STOP THESE FEAR TACTICS!



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2021 9:02:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Wang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly OPPOSE



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2021 9:08:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
brett sherwood	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 9:34:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JB	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Shotguns are not and should not be considered in this ban. They are used for hunting and for self- defense. The idea how these laws are written are asinine and meant to mislead the public. Furthermore, having possesion of a shotgun should not be criminalized and responsible, law-abiding firearms owners should not have to surrender their property for defense or hunting.



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 9:45:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sam Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB 307

As a law-abiding citizen of the State of Hawaii and the United States of America, I strongly disagree with this measure. Once again, legislators are proposing an act that will result in marginalizing the law abiding citizens of this state and country by removing constitutional rights and, in an unprecedented manner, requiring the surrender of American's personal property. In addition to this, this act is in conflict with the US Supreme Court which has protected these firearms (2008 Heller Decision) as popular and in common use. This act is clearly another example of the intent to remove the constitutional rights of law abiding citizens. In this case, it is also an attempt to confiscate the private party of those same law abiding citizens. This is unacceptable.

This act will in fact be likely to create the opposite of its stated intent, which is to sustain the current status of the state's status of having the lowest number of gun fatalities per capita. Like the failed prohibition of alcohol, the act of making guns of any type illegal will create an environment where only criminals, who are already willing to break the law, become the only class of citizen who will be willing to go to any lengths to acquire them.

A better approach would be to work with the law abiding citizens of our state who are in the legal firearms industry to provide education, training and awareness of the responsible ownership, use and activities that firearms owners can participate in. A society of educated law abiding citizens who are armed, if they so choose to exercise this constitutional right, will be far safer than a society of uneducated and frightened victims with no way to protect themselves from a burgeoning class of illegal gun owners with criminal intent.

Please vote to sustain the constitutional rights of Hawaiian residents and allow us to remain protected from those who have no intention of following the law. Please choose not to remove the rights and personal property from law abiding Hawaiian citizens. Vote no on this measure!



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2021 10:15:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Arakawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I **oppose** this bill. This would ban many shotguns and black powder firearms. Stop harassing people and trying to confiscate their property.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2021 10:30:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is gun control by stealth



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2021 11:02:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cassandra Korte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 11:45:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mr. & Mrs. O'Neill	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I respectfully urge the Senate to oppose this bill. It is in direct violation of our Second Ammendment rights given to us in the United States Costitution. It is nothing but a back door gun control measure.

PLEASE oppose this measure.

Regards, Steve and Linda O'Neill



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 11:58:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am baffled as to how a law like this can pass it's first reading.

This law would not just ban one of the most common guns in the state and nation (shotgun s), but would pretty much end hunting in our state for many animals like pheasant, wild turkey, and even wild pigs. These are invasive animals that need to be kept in check.

This legislative government has repeatedly failed to account for common gun acceptance and scotus rulings, not to mention constitutional rights.

Even our current president of the US, who is a known anti gun advocate, said to use shotguns for home defense.

These bills make no sense legally and commonly.

I oppose this and any other bill that puts restrictions on our god given rights and freedoms.

Thank you



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 12:15:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
scott shimoda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This bill would ban all 12 gauge shotguns used for hunting and sports shooting. Instantly creating criminals of ALL hunters who legally bird hunt. Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2021 12:46:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benedict Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a retired GySgt Marine, born and raised in Hawaii. I own a security company in Hawaii. I do not want my 2nd amendment infringed upon. I oppose SB307.



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:04:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Greg Bentley	Testifying for Berean Beacon Ministry	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a Veteran of the US Army and a resident of Hawaii. I am the directory of the Berean Beacon Ministry which represents over 6000 constituents. I wish to voice our opposition to HB307.

The Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States clearly states: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

Many use 12 gauge shotguns for home defense. All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill. Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!

Thank you for considering our testimony. Greg Bentley



<u>SB-307</u> Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:11:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Libert James Chung	Individual	Oppose	No	Ī

Comments:

As a law-abiding citizen, a hardworking single father that pays my dues and taxes, exercising the safety and responsibilities of owning firearms and supporter of the 2nd Amendment, I do not support the SB307.

In Jesus name, amen!



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:15:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesse Simonson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose the introduction of SB 307 as it continues to infringe upon our 2nd amendment right as United States citizens. The prohibition of .50-caliber+ firearms would do nothing to stop a criminal from acquiring "any" type of weapon illegally and doing as he/she pleases. This bill is a direct attack on our constitutional right and should be shutdown immediately.



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:31:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Distinguished Legislator.

I am strongly opposed to SB307. Poorly written, SB307 displays legislation with no understanding of firearms. As written, ALL 12 gaug shotguns now become illegal. The 12 ga. shotgun is the mainstay for all clay sports at Kokohead and Schofield skeet, trap, and Sporting Clay events. It is also the primay shotgun caliber for pig, bird and deer hunting. It is also used in the majority of home defense shotguns. Most gun enthusiast own a shotgun and the vast majority of them will be in 12 gauge. You risk stripping thousands of law abiding, tax paying citizens of their sport, their abilty to feed their families, and protect themselves.



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 1:37:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Krystyn Llacuna	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

- This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns- the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.
- All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!
- This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.
- Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.
- Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners
 the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the
 government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.
- This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 2:25:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB307 for the following.

SHOT GUN BAN: This bill would ban all guns capable of firing ammunition capable of firing a round 0.5 Inches or larger. This would include ALL 12 Gauge Shotguns-the diameter of a 12 gauge slug is 0.79 Inches.

MUSKET AND BLACKPOWDER BAN: For the same reason All 12 Gauge Shotguns would be banned under this bill, Most muskets and black powder firearms would be banned, including those used in the Revolutionary War!

HUNTING BAN: This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game.

IN COMMON USE: Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision.

MISPLACED PRIORITIES: Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.

GUN CONFISCATION: This bill would make legally owned property illegal with the stroke of a pen and force gun owners to surrender or destroy their property



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 4:00:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tawny Ann Onnagan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Firearms with capable of using rounds of 50 Caliber or higher are very popular and numerous. This means they are in common use and are protected from ban under the landmark Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) 2008 Heller Decision. This bill would ban the possession of firearms used by a lot of hunters to hunt fowl, deer, and big game. With that being said, many law abiding citizens that I know who hunts for a living to find the means to provide for their families will be devestated if this bill should go through. Instead of focusing on the taking of legal property from law abiding gun owners the legislature needs to put its resources to helping those citizens crippled by the government lockdowns of their businesses as a result of the Coronavirus.



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 5:38:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Sub	omitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
la	n Shields	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

This bill is an infringement of 2nd amendment rights. There has been overwhelming testimony opposing this bill, and it is the duty of representatives to represent their constituents by opposing this bill as well.

Best Regards,

Ian Shields



Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:05:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Abagail Hamman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

According to the Second Amendment of the US Constitution, "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."



<u>SB-307</u>

Submitted on: 2/9/2021 10:50:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Zach Eisenberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

In light of the rising crime epidemic against law abiding citizens it seems illogical and inhumane to deprive us of the right to defend our homes and families against criminals threatening our lives. The recent rash of armed robberies have been well planned by multiple well armed perpetrators. Weapons such as 12 gauge shotguns are vital to home defense and are an affordable defense option for many families wishing to defend themselves from multiple armed attackers.