STAND. COM. REP. NO. 414 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fc416, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2996

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2996 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to allow law-abiding citizens better protection by repealing the prohibition against the manufacture, possession, sale, or acquisition of detachable ammunition magazines for pistols with a capacity in excess of ten rounds.

The County of Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Hawaii Rifle Association, and two concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of the Attorney General and Honolulu Police Department opposed this bill.

Your Committee recognizes that while the intent of the existing prohibition on higher capacity magazines is laudable, it should be noted that only law-abiding citizens appear to comply with this law. In contrast, criminals, who do not have the same respect for the law, are able to gain access to higher capacity magazines and use them to commit crimes. Your Committee believes that law-abiding citizens should not be put at such comparative disadvantage and that repealing the prohibition on higher capacity magazines will improve the ability of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves and their families.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2996 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs,

KEN KEO Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2996	Date: February 9, 2006			
Committee Referral: PSM, JUD	The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended Hold	□ Pass, with amendments□ Recommit			
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)				
2. CHONG, Pono (VC)	V/		Casaninanara ay Kalindania na banga.	
3. LEE, Marilyn B.				
4. NAKASONE, Bob	_		enteres de la companya de la company	
5. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				~
6. SOUKI, Joseph M.	V			
7. TANAKA, Kameo				
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
9. MOSES, Mark S.	V			
10. STONEBRAKER, Bud				
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TOTAL	0			
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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