

# LATE TESTIMONY

Ms. Faye Hanohano, House of Representative  
Chairperson, House of Representative, Public Safety Committee,  
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Honorable Representative Hanohano,

Greetings, to you and the Members of the House of Representative, Public Safety Committee.

My name is Glen M. Hisashima, a former employee of the Department of Public Safety, Corrections Division on Hawaii Island.

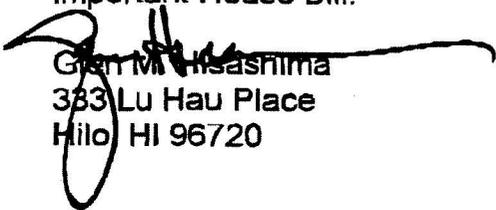
Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of House Bill 1292, referencing the planning, design and construction of a State Qualifying Shooting Range to be located at the Kulani Correctional Facility site on Hawaii Island.

Due to the closure of the Keaukaha Military Range, there are no "certified" shooting range for any State or County Agency to use in completing mandated yearly qualification of their staff in the use of their authorized weapons. This is a great liability that these agencies bear if their employees are not qualified as they use "Deadly Force" in their daily workday.

This range if approved will be for the sole purpose of allowing the Law Enforcement (Hawaii County Police Department, Prosecutor's Investigators, etc.), State Agencies (Sheriffs, Corrections, Conservation Law Enforcement Officers, Marine Patrol, etc.) and the possibility of Federal Enforcement Officers (National Parks), to complete mandatory yearly qualifications of their employees.

With the status of the State of Hawaii's Economical situation, this may not be a priority at this time for the Hawaii State Legislature, however this is an issue that will not go away and must be addressed before a multi-million dollar liable suit is filed against the State or County when an employee discharges their authorized weapon in the performance of their duties. This facility if approved will be an important factor to minimize the liability of these agencies by meeting the required qualification in the use of authorized weapons.

Again, I thank you for your time in reviewing my testimony in support of this important House Bill.

  
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**Comments:**

East Hawaii needs a qualifying firing range. As a employee of the Public Safety Department, this would help me and my co-workers immensely. I am in strong support of this Bill.

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**Comments:**

Honorable Chair Hanohano and members of the House Committee of Public Safety:

I write in strong support of HB1292. At present, with the Kilauea military shooting range shutting down, all police, sheriffs, and related law-enforcement officials must rely on private lands in order to become a qualified shooter. If an un-qualified officer were to shoot and harm someone on the job, the state could potentially assume liability for such an event and therefore face costly litigation and any other associated legal costs therein. It is therefore essential that public safety officials in East Hawaii obtain the certification they need in an expedient and accessible location. Kulani Correctional Facility provides an excellent venue for this process.

Even amid the state's current financial crisis, it is imperative that we make this facility a priority if we are to safeguard the ability of our law enforcement officers to fully carry out their responsibilities, and to do so with the proper certification. The alternative—that is, running the legal risk that some of our public safety officials may be forced to resort to gun use on the job while un-certified—is not acceptable. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1292.

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**Comments:**

Chair Hanohano: I work for the State Public Safety Department in Hilo and think this is a good Bill. Kulani is a good location for a qualifying shooting range and we need one on this side of the island. Police officers, correction officers and other professionals would use it. I support the Bill; thank you for listening to my opinion.