

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 134-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 [In an exceptional case, when an applicant shows "(a) 4 reason to fear injury to the applicant's person or property, the] The chief of police of the appropriate county [may] shall 5 6 grant a license to an applicant who is a citizen of the United 7 States of the age of twenty-one years or more or to a duly 8 accredited official representative of a foreign nation of the 9 age of twenty-one years or more to carry a pistol or revolver 10 and ammunition therefor concealed on the person within the 11 county where the license is granted. [Where the urgency or the need has been sufficiently indicated, the] The respective chief 12 of police [may] shall grant to an applicant of good moral 13 character who is a citizen of the United States of the age of 14 twenty-one years or more, is engaged in the protection of life 15 16 and property, and is not prohibited under section 134-7 from the ownership or possession of a firearm, a license to carry a 17

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- 1 pistol or revolver and ammunition therefor unconcealed on the
- 2 person within the county where the license is granted. The
- 3 chief of police of the appropriate county, or the chief's
- 4 designated representative, shall perform an inquiry on an
- 5 applicant by using the National Instant Criminal Background
- 6 Check System, to include a check of the Immigration and Customs
- 7 Enforcement databases where the applicant is not a citizen of
- 8 the United States, before any determination to grant a license
- 9 is made. Unless renewed, the license shall expire one year from
- 10 the date of issue."
- 11 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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### Report Title:

Licenses to Carry; Firearms

### Description:

Requires a county police chief to grant a qualified applicant a license to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun and ammunition within the county.

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