

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3070

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2016

RE: H.B. No. 626  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 626, H.D. 1,  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS  
WHILE CONSUMING OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN INTOXICANT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote public  
safety by prohibiting the physical possession of any firearm while  
consuming alcohol in certain locations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Police Department of the City and County of Honolulu and  
three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in  
opposition to this measure from the National Rifle Association,  
Valley Isle Sport Shooters, and more than sixty individuals. Your  
Committee received comments on this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that forty-six states have laws  
restricting or prohibiting the possession of a firearm while  
consuming or under the influence of alcohol and other intoxicants.  
Additionally, several county law enforcement agencies have adopted  
policies that prohibit their law enforcement officers from  
handling firearms while consuming or under the influence of  
alcohol. Your Committee further finds that law enforcement  
officers should not in general be exempt from prohibitions against  
irresponsible possession or use of firearms.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing the exemption for state and county law enforcement officers and others from prohibitions against owning or possessing firearms under section 134-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 626, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 626, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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

*Clarence K Nishihara*

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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
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\*Only one measure per Record of Votes