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February 26, 2016

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair and Members Committee on Judiciary House of Representatives Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street, Room 325 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 626, Relating to the Possession of Firearms While Consuming or Under the Influence of an Intoxicant

I am Richard C. Robinson, Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 626, Relating to the Possession of Firearms While Consuming or Under the Influence of an Intoxicant.

Forty-six other states have enacted laws prohibiting the possession of a firearm while consuming or being under the influence of an intoxicant. The HPD's policies specifically prohibit our personnel from handling their firearms while intoxicated. Our state should follow suit by supporting this bill. The adoption of this bill could likely prevent an avoidable tragedy in the future.

The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 626, Relating to the Possession of Firearms While Consuming or Under the Influence of an Intoxicant.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Robinson, Major **Records and Identification Division**

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February 24, 2016

Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Committee Members Committee on Judiciary State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Subject: House Bill 626 Relating to the Possession of Firearms while consuming or Under the Influence of an Intoxicant

Honorable Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members,

The Kauai Police Department supports the intent of House Bill 626 relating to the restricted possession of firearms while consuming or under the influence of an intoxicant.

However, and as you know, in order to infiltrate organized criminal factions and/or drug trafficking organizations, undercover law enforcement officers during the course of official business are compelled to consume moderate amounts of alcohol in order to blend in with the criminal element.

May I suggest that an amendment be considered to exempt law enforcement officers working in an undercover capacity during the course of conducting official criminal investigations.

Sincerely,

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| Daniel Reid | NRA | Oppose | No |

Comments: NRA opposes HB 626. This bill could have dangerous implications well beyond its intent. The terms "possession" and "under the influence" could have incredibly broad interpretations causing many people to unknowingly violate this law. For example, possession could be construed to mean any person who has access to a firearm. Further "under the influence" does not appear to set any parameters. Given this read, a person who has pain medication from a recent medical procedure or has had a few drinks with friends could be in violation once they are in their home.

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| James Revells | Valley Isle Sport Shooters | Oppose | No |

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| De MONT R. D. CONNER | Ho'omana Pono, LLC. | Support | Yes | |

Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT this common sense bill, as a firearm is a deadly weapon, which, if it is in the hands of someone who is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, can prove fatal. We already ban drinking & driving. It makes sense to also ban to possession of a firearm while drinking/drugging. Please honor the senseless murder of Colin Elderts!

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TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 626, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS WHILE CONSUMING OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN INTOXICANT

House Committee on Judiciary Hon. Karl Rhoads, Chair Hon. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

Friday, February 26, 2016, 2:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Honorable Chair Rhoads and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing the IMUAlliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 350 local members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony <u>in support of HB 626</u>, relating to the possession of firearms while consuming or under the influence of an intoxicant.

At the time of this hearing, there have been 34 mass shootings in the U.S. in 2016, citing ShootingTracker.com, accounting for 51 deaths and 131 injuries. In 2015, there were 331 mass shootings, totaling 367 deaths and 1,317 injuries. Our state's strong gun control laws insulate us, somewhat, from mass shootings, but the fact remains that unstable individuals can become violent without warning, making the need to maintain and strengthen our gun laws all the more exigent. Moreover, at least 26 states currently restrict firearms for people who are intoxicated, according to a study published in *Public Health Reports*. As the study's authors noted:

Restrictions on operating a vehicle while intoxicated are the result of decades of scientific study to establish a driver's risk of crash relative to the amount of alcohol consumed. Randomized, blinded, placebo-controlled trials using human drivers in driving simulators provided the foundation for establishing these specific risks. This line of scientific study has led to universal restriction of driving while intoxicated in the U.S.—a policy that has potentially saved tens of thousands of lives...Just as with motor vehicles, approaches to safety may not involve outright bans of guns but, rather, strong and clear restrictions of their unsafe use, such as alcohol intoxication.

We appreciate the difference in how vehicles and firearms are regulated. Vehicles are commonly (though not always) regulated by usage, whereas firearms are typically regulated through ownership. Parking illegally in front of a fire hydrant may garner a ticket, for example, while

people convicted of a felony may be banned from owning a gun outright. Felons, illegal immigrants, suspected terrorists, and even the mentally incompetent may drive, but not own firearms. Usage regulations, such as the one outlined in this bill, offer an opportunity to decrease the injury burden of firearms, though, just as vehicle crash deaths were reduced by regulating intoxicated driving. Given that operating a car places similar mental and physical demands on a person as does operating a firearm, one can surmise that alcohol decreases an individual's ability to use a firearm properly and, moreover, that successful implementation of laws restricting the possession or discharge of firearms while intoxicated holds promise as a public safety intervention.



Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely, Kris Coffield *Executive Director* IMUAlliance

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| Richard Frey | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Vernon Okamura | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I am OPPOSED to HB626 as written.

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| Edward Hampton | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: Once again, the bill is written too broadly, allowing for mistakes and misinterpretations by LEO's. Mere possession of a firearm while in one's own home could conceivably result in arrest.

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| Cecil E. Haverty | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Supported only if it is inclusive to all, including Law Enforcement Personnel. No individual should be authorized to carry concealed or otherwise, while in possession of a firearm and consume either alcohol or hallucinogens. Prescription drugs, other than those which may effect motor skills or decision abilities, should be considered as safe.

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| Tom Galli | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| William R Smith | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I OPPOSE this bill. Please don't pass. I don't even think it can be amended to something that I would support.

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| steven a kumasaka | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| George Pace | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Gavin Lohmeier | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Brian Isaacson | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: This bill is very problematical without limits and standards that will leave the application of the law up to individuals who will have no accurate means of determining if an individual is impaired while "under the influence" or consuming alcohol. Traditional German Scheutzenfests featured plenty of moderate alcohol consumption for decades without problems while competitors spent their days target shooting and enjoying themselves with a traditional shooting sport. Moderation seems to have no place in this bill as written, and someone could be charged for showing a friend an interesting gun while drinking a beer - how dangerous! Write in reasonable limits that will accomplish the intent of the bill - keeping people safe while allowing accepted social behavior - or shelve it.

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| Jeff Ball | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I cannot be denied the right to protect my family from an intruder into my home because I have a few beers. Would I need to hand the gun to my child and tell him or her to defend us ? Without any concealed carry permits issued in this State, this law is unnecessary and is a knee jerk reaction to the Deedy incident. If this law is passed, laws permitting concealed carry should also be passed.

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| Gordon Fowler | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I am forced to write and strongly oppose this legislation. The wording is far too ambiguous as to what "control or physically possess" means. Does it mean that I may not have a drink or three in my home if my guns are locked in my safe? I have control, I know the combination. Does it mean that after a ranger session I may not have a beer while cleaning my firearms on the patio or in my garage? My neighbor sees me and calls the police? I am guilty of a Felony? Once again the long arm of the government is reaching in on my rights. Nibbling away until there are no more. There are far more important affairs to attend in the legislative arena. What has our Democratic party come to? Thank you and Aloha Gordon Fowler

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| Dennis Djou | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I oppose this bill

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| Chris Lee | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: The ambiguity in the language could possibly make a law abiding home owner who may have a drink before bed then wake up in a self defense situation a felon. Possibly re-write or clarify conditions.

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| Nicholas Fidelibus | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: Aloha, This bill sounds like a no brainer, who wants intoxicated people running around with firearms? No one of course, but this is wasted legislation. Stop wasting your time creating laws if you are unaware of the current laws. If anyone commits a crime with a semi-automatic weapon, the current punishment is a felony and a minimum 5 year prison sentence. There is no need for this bill. Public intoxication and Driving under the influence are already crimes, possesing a semi-automatic weapon is already a felony while doing either. How many charges/convictions have there been for said law in the past 5 years? Is this really an issue in Hawaii? The only thing this bill does differently than current laws is to make it illegal for a person to own a firearm and get intoxicated in their home. A person has the right to get intoxicated in their home and they have the right to possess a firearm in their home. Current laws do not allow a person to lend firearms and they can't be given to a firearm sitter. This bill does not address possession and what that is, if it is locked in a safe at home, is it possessed by said person? What if that said person wants to get intoxicated? Should that person now get intoxicated in public? If so, what about when that person comes home intoxicated to his/her legally possessed firearms? I oppose this bill and the lack of insight put into writing it. Go back and read the constitution. Everyone has the right to bear arms, inalienable rights.

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| Alvin Battad | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I oppose this bill.

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| CARL LEOTA | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I oppose this law is aimed at individuals who recklessly possess a firearm while intoxicated. The problem with this bill lies in the broad definition of "possession" which could possibly extend to a firearm that isn't actually in one's possession but nearby or accessible in one's home. For example, an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, could be charged with a crime

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| Dean Shimabukuro | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: This measure is too broad in its definition of "possession" and could be misused

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I oppose House Bill 626 which could result in an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, being charged with a crime.



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| Leon E Hallacher | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: HB 626 is so ill-conceived that it needs to be completely re-written. What exactly defines "under the influence of an intoxicant"? In the case of alcohol, would that apply after the first sip of a drink, when in fact ethanol begins to cross over neuron cell membranes, or only to somebody over the legal limit to operate a motor vehicle? Maybe it would apply to individuals at half the legal limit to drive? Hopefully you see the problem. You need to come up with a list of "intoxicants" and quantitatively define "under the influence". What exactly defines "recklessly possess a firearm"? Possession of a firearm under a pillow? Probably 'yes'. Possession of a firearm in a night stand drawer? Probably 'no'. Possession of a firearm in a small safe bolted to a dresser near the bed? Almost certainly 'no'. Problem is... "recklessly possess a firearm" absolutely needs to be defined if people are to know how to conform to the law. As an aside, you should probably add the word 'loaded' to the firearm descriptor. For now, HB 626 needs to be killed.

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| Gregory Arianoff | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: Oppose House Bill 626 which could result in an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, being charged with a crime. This bill does nothing to prevent crimes but actually creates more crime by turning law-abiding citizens into instant criminals and simply violates their rights to privacy. How would such ludicrous law be enforced without violating the 4th Amendment of the US Constitution?

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| Cc: | booboobear26@gmail.com |
| Subject: | *Submitted testimony for HB626 on Feb 26, 2016 14:00PM* |

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| Debbie Okamura | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Tim Clayton | Individual | Oppose | No |

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I, Sean Dupuis, a resident of Kahaluu and an upstanding law abiding citizen, oppose HB626. While laudable in its intent, the language is so vague as to be wide open to various abuses of a civil right. Until a reasonable and precise degree of "impairment" and a strict definition of "possession" that constitutes a clear and present to those in the vicinity of one so impaired are both specified, I must urge you to vote against this bill.

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| Sent: | Thursday, February 25, 2016 10:55 AM |
| То: | JUDtestimony |
| Cc: | hisurfdog@yahoo.com |
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| Jeff Ball | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Cc: | rickbratt@gmail.com |
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| Rick Bratt | Individual | Comments Only | No |

Comments: Please vote no on this bill, it is poorly worded and would result in a much broader application and interpretation than intended.

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| Sent: | Thursday, February 25, 2016 10:04 AM |
| То: | JUDtestimony |
| Cc: | mike.wee@hawaiiantel.net |
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| Michael A. Wee | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I strongly OPPOSE this bill. It is far too broad, poorly written, and will create unintended consequences for law abiding citizens. For example, a gun owner hosting a super bowl party at home, where his guns are stored, would be an instant criminal if beer was served. This is certainly not the intent of the law, but it could be unreasonably enforced in any given situation.

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| Jason Schick | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I am opposed to this bill. It does not specify whether or not a beer or glass of wine would be considered apropos intoxication when cleaning your firearm or locked away in a safe. Due process should always be considered when the Bill of Rights is being violated.

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| Cc: | a_roberts_84@yahoo.co.uk |
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| Andrew Namiki Roberts | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I stronlyt oppose this Bill, The bill is very broad and has no definition of what intoxicated or possession is. This bill is also trying to fix a problem that we dont have.

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| Tom Galli | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Chris Arnold | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: STRONGLY OPPOSED. HB 626 is aimed at individuals who recklessly possess a firearm while intoxicated. The problem with this bill lies in the broad definition of "possession" which could possibly extend to a firearm that isn't actually in one's possession but nearby or accessible in one's home. For example, an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, could be charged with a crime. Likewise, "intoxication" is not defined.

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| То: | JUDtestimony |
| Cc: | scott_shimoda@hotmail.com |
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| scott shimoda | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| То: | JUDtestimony |
| Cc: | susan.mulkern@gmail.com |
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| Susan Shaheen Mulkern | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: STRONGLY OPPOSED. HB 626 is aimed at individuals who "recklessly possess a firearm while intoxicated". The problem with this bill lies in the broad definition of "possession" that can extend to a firearm that isn't actually in one's possession but nearby or accessible in one's home. For example, an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, could be charged with this as a crime. Also, "intoxication" is not defined.

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| То: | JUDtestimony |
| Cc: | kevinjmulkern@gmail.com |
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| Kevin Mulkern | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: STRONGLY OPPOSED. HB 626 is aimed at individuals who "recklessly possess a firearm while intoxicated". The problem with this bill lies in the broad definition of "possession" that can extend to a firearm that isn't actually in one's possession but nearby or accessible in one's home. For example, an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, could be charged with this as a crime. Also, "intoxication" is not defined.

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| Todd Yukutake | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I oppose this bill as it needs to be specific in the requirements (blood alcohol content, etc) to prevent misuse of the law and removal of rights from a person.

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| Cc: | danmorris@outlook.com |
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| Dan Morris | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Byon Nakasone | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| То: | JUDtestimony |
| Cc: | koakahu@yahoo.com |
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| T. Merrill | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: Oppose. This is a feel-good measure that accomplishes nothing. If one comes to the attention of the police due to being intoxicated and in possession of a firearm--that means they most likely have already violated other more serious laws against a person. Those particular violations are the ones that should be prosecuted. Any intoxication simply goes to the state of mind of those offenses...

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| Max Cooper | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Laug | hlin Tanaka | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill.

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| Cc: | bizkellam@gmail.com |
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| Elizabeth Kellam | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Tony Sylvester | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I strongly oppose HB626. What happens if I am at home enjoying a bottle of wine with my wife and later that night someone breaks into my home and attacks me or my family? Do I have the right to defend myself?

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| ROBERT | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: Prohibits the physical possession of any firearm while consuming or under the influence of an intoxicant. STRONGLY OPPOSED. HB 626 is aimed at individuals who recklessly possess a firearm while intoxicated. The problem with this bill lies in the broad definition of "possession" which could possibly extend to a firearm that isn't actually in one's possession but nearby or accessible in one's home. For example, an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, could be charged with a crime. Likewise, "intoxication" is not defined.

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| Philip Tong | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I OPPOSE this bill. Needs better definition otherwise too broad and dare I say it tyrannical in nature!

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| Cory Lee Valdez | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I strongly apposed

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| DAVID | Individual | Comments Only | No |

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| WILLIAM MURPHY | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: The language in this proposal is vague and lacks specific definitions for the very terms that it intends to regulate. Additionally the proposed law is redundant with other laws. I oppose this measure.

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| Kainoa Kaku | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: The problem with this bill lies in the broad definition of "possession" which could possibly extend to a firearm that isn't actually in one's possession but nearby or accessible in one's home. For example, an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, could be charged with a crime. Likewise, "intoxication" is not defined. Furthermore, if I as a free individual decide to come home and drink a few beers, that should not disqualify me from defending myself or my family if an intruder breaks into my home.

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| Gretchen Cardoso | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: A good law finds its strength in definition of terms. This bill has none. Both possession and intoxication are not defined. This bill is vague and could be abused or applied inappropriately. Please scrap this one and start over. Mahalo for considering my testimony.

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| Anthony | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| То: | JUDtestimony |
| Cc: | surfgeorge@yahoo.com |
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| George Pace | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Frank J Mulec | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: Need to define physical possession and intoxicant.

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| Russell Takata | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I strongly OPPOSE this bill. The broad definition of possession can result in unnecessary and unwarranted charges on a person who has had alcohol in his/her home but has no intention of handling a firearm which is locked in a safe.

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| Joel dela Cruz | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: The problem with this bill lies in the broad definition of "possession" which could possibly extend to a firearm that isn't actually in one's possession but nearby or accessible in one's home. For example, an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, could be charged with a crime. Likewise, "intoxication" is not defined. This bill as you can see is poorly worded and can be abused to take away the constitutional rights of a citizen due to its poor wording.

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| David Brilliant | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Vernon Okamura | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Shyla Moon | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: HB626 needs amendments to state that the definition of intoxication will not hold the individual guilty if say for instance someone goes home intoxicated and goes to sleep next to his loaded gun that is in the same room. If this loaded gun is in a safe and he or she is intoxicated this person is not guilty of anything. Messy legislative laws creates criminals of legal gun owners. Please keep in mind our federal government has laws on guns that conflict with this proposed bill HB626. Strongly opposing HB626; and for the record I am one of those legal gun owners.

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| Phil Ramil | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: This bill is overly broad as it doesn't define "intoxicated" nor clearly define "possession."

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| Jeffrey Chang | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Francis Chantavong | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSED. HB 626 is aimed at individuals who "recklessly possess a firearm while intoxicated." The problem with this bill lies in the broad definition of "possession" which could possibly extend to a firearm that isn't actually in one's possession but nearby or accessible in one's home. For example, an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, could be charged with a crime. Likewise, "intoxication" is not defined.

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Hawaii State Legislature State House of Representatives Committee on Judiciary

State Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair State Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Committee on Judiciary

Friday, February 26, 2016, 2:00 p.m. Room 325 House Bill 626 Relating to the Possession of Firearms While Consuming or Under the Influence of an Intoxicant

Honorable Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura and members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Russel Yamashita and appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to House Bill 626 Relating to the Possession of Firearms While Consuming or Under the Influence of an Intoxicant. As well intentioned as the purpose of this legislation may be it would be totally unenforceable and, in fact, make anyone who owns a firearm a criminal for having a drink in their own home. Also, anyone in that residence would be subject to arrest as well if they were having a drink.

This legislation is clearly a veil effort to deprive law abiding citizens of their firearms by creating totally a setting by which the police would be able to arrest anyone in the home of a gun owner and use such an arrest for the confiscation of their firearms. For those who have quickly forgotten, last year a similar version of this bill, HB 888 CD1, was recommitted when it was found to be unacceptable to this body.

I strongly recommend that this committee hold this bill.

To the Honorable Karl Rhoads and members of the Judiciary Committee

I am writing concerning HB 626 relating to firearms. I was denied firearm registration a few years ago here in Hawaii because I was placed in the NICS database for an incident which occurred in 1991 in Los Angeles, California where I used to live. The Brady Bill had not yet been passed by Congress but I was retroactively placed in the NICS database without my knowledge or consent once the bill was passed. A mistake was made by the hospital involved in a psychiatric hospitalization which should have cleared me from any mental issues. The court came into the hospital and decided I should be released prior to certification. The hospital reported to the State of California before and not after my release which was an error. The documentation relating to my release has been lost by the agency responsible for keeping a record of it. I went to great lengths of trying to retrieve it but records for 25 years ago in this case may be lost or removed.

I am unable to defend myself or family with a firearm permanently due to this error. The agency responsible (State of California) for placing me in the NICS database has refused to withdraw my placement on it despite my appeals to them and NICS. This has not only cost me my 2nd Amendment rights but prevented me from getting a career in law enforcement or any type of employment which requires a firearm. I have been certified by a medical doctor licensed in the State of Hawaii that I have no mental issues. This was not sufficient for the HPD (Honolulu Police Department) firearms registration office to allow me to register a firearm. This bill HB 2632 would continue the unfair and un-Constitutional laws which have been used against me. I am absolutely sure that many others have been unfairly processed in this system as well. This system has not made anyone safer here in Hawaii. It has had the opposite effect instead. People are unable to defend themselves, their homes and businesses, or their families against gangs and criminals. Gangs and criminals do not obey the law. Legislating against everyone does not prevent criminals or gangs from committing crimes. It only prevents law abiding citizens from exercising their Constitutional rights.

This body should not be in the process of incrementally taking rights away from citizens. Is this your purpose? On the face of it the bill seems to make sense but what about situations where people have been victimized by the bureaucratic process? What about cases where a person has a few beers and sobers up later? What about mistakes made by employees of a hospital or government? Nameless and unelected government officials refuse to correct their mistakes and are unaccountable to the people. Due process requiring judicial input in a court of law should be required for all bills such as these which take away the peoples rights. Please do not pass this bill. I believe you should make your time worthwhile by repealing bills such as these and implementing the spirit and letter of the law in our US Constitution for the people of Hawaii. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Larry Fenton

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| Kory Ohly | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I oppose HB626. While I personally am not a fan of intoxicants, many are legal to sell, buy, and consume. And I respect others' rights to enjoy that. Drinking is legal. Driving is legal. Owning a car is legal. Sitting in a car is legal. Sleeping in a car is legal. Driving drunk is reckless and NOT legal. Driving recklessly while sober is also illegal. Notice it is the recklessness that is illegal, not the possession of the car. Is it necessary to make a law whereby you take away a person's car if they are drinking and have the keys in their pocket? Or get drunk while the car is in the driveway? Of course not! This bill is not about cars, however, but rather firearms. It is LEGAL to be intoxicated. It is legal to own and possess firearms. Making it illegal to possess firearms while under the influence of intoxicants is unfair. A person who owns firearms and also drinks or consumes whatever intoxicants become legal in the future should be allowed to do so provided they do so responsibly. Think about what you are REALLY worried about. Things that are actually dangerous such as shooting at someone or brandishing a firearm are already illegal, whether intoxicated, or sober. That is enough. Please kill this bill and start thinking before you write the next one.

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I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 626 due to broad definition of "possession" which could possibly extend to a firearm that isn't actually in one's possession but nearby or accessible in one's home. For example, an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, could be charged with a crime. Likewise, "intoxication" is not defined.

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| Brendon Heal | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: This bill would mean that a LAWFUL GUN OWNER would not be able to enjoy a drink in the comfort of their OWN HOME, and yet have arms to protect themselves. How would a person, having a lawful drink in their home, defend themselves and their loved ones should the need arise? Shall a person lose all rights, if a home invader enters and does felonious acts to the home owner, if said home owner defend his life and property if he/she had a drink? This bill should be struck as it stands. I STRONGLY OPPOSE. Not only does it put the public in danger, it strives to make LAWFUL DEFENSE of the home a crime.

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| Keola | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Carlo Barbasa | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| astin crawford | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Zon Sullenberger | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I oppose this bill because the definition of "possession" is too broad and could lead to abuse, and/or an unjust prohibition of a fundamental right. Please vote NO.

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| Dr Marion Ceruti | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 626. The problem with this bill lies in the broad definition of "possession" which could possibly extend to a firearm that isn't actually in one's possession but nearby or accessible in one's home. For example, an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, could be charged with a crime. Likewise, "intoxication" is not defined. Some prescription drugs have different effects on different people. What is an intoxicant to one person produces no intoxicating effects in another. Citizens should be not be faced with the choice of having to give up either their health or their constitutional rights and self protection. We already have laws that hold accountable anyone who misuses a firearm. This bill is not necessary and it will create more problems than it purports to solve.

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| Frank D Deknis | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: STRONGLY OPPOSED. HB 626 is aimed at individuals who recklessly possess a firearm while intoxicated. The problem with this bill lies in the broad definition of "possession" which could possibly extend to a firearm that isn't actually in one's possession but nearby or accessible in one's home. For example, an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, could be charged with a crime. Likewise, "intoxication" is not defined.

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| Bruce F Braun | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Ramiro Noguerol | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: The problem with this bill lies in the broad definition of "possession" which could possibly extend to a firearm that isn't actually in one's possession but nearby or accessible in one's home. For example, an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, could be charged with a crime. Likewise, "intoxication" is not defined.

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| Bruce F Braun | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Yvette Makahanaloa | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSES

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| Brad Pocock | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Brandon Elizares | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I strongly Oppose...

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| Philip Pearson | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: This bill is written to go after law abiding gun owners and the average citizens when it should be written to specifically address pubic servants, politicians, city/state workers, and especially law enforcement officers. It is shameful that SHOPO, UPW, and HGEA have you in there pockets and that public servants and especially law enforcement officers can discharge a firearm injuring, killing, or causing property damage and the people involved are not tested for drugs or alcohol and are not punished or fired but instead protected and shielded by the unions and the politicians we elected to look after us, the public. It's even more shameful that we the taxpayers pickup the tab for the mess caused by these incidents and individuals. Why are public servants and law enforcement in Hawaii not required to take a blood alcohol or drug test after an incident such as a shooting or accident? We expect our bus drivers and pilots and others to be tested. It's no wonder confidence in the HPD and our elected officials is so low. This bill needs to be re-written to specifically target law enforcement and public servants where it is mandatory to be tested for drugs and alcohol when involved in any firearm incident or accident with the penalty of dismissal (firing from their job) for refusal.

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| john w farrar | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: Speaking in opposition to this legislation. Does the word possession mean holding or in contact with the firearm? If not could the definition extend to mean nearby or accessible in ones home? Too broad of a definition of the word "possession".

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| Kelly Moore | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: Again, where is the due course of law in this matter. This is just another broad stroked bill aimed directly at citizens in an effort to illegally seize guns by any means. This must be stopped.

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| Aaron Asuncion | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Albert Morgan | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: This bill is overly broad in the definition of "possession". It should be killed this session.

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| Michael Orr | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: STRONGLY OPPOSED. HB 626 is aimed at individuals who recklessly possess a firearm while intoxicated. The problem with this bill lies in the broad definition of "possession" which could possibly extend to a firearm that isn't actually in one's possession but nearby or accessible in one's home. For example, an individual who has come home from having a few drinks with friends and goes to bed next to a nightstand containing a loaded self-defense gun, could be charged with a crime. Likewise, "intoxication" is not defined.

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| Marlene Orr | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Matt | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Adam Lipka | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: This is a poorly worded law that if passed would definetly bring up constitutional rights violation lawsuits as it is currently worded. The wording would basically make someone a felon if they kept a firearm in their house and consumed a glass of alcohol before bed even if they didn't commit any criminal act or even touch their firearm. Have we had a problem with drunks shooting up the place that no one is aware of? How does the Reckless endangering law in the HRS not already address this issue? Or for that matter other laws like assault, attempted murder, homicide, and the like as well not address the consequences of any issue with neglectful handling of a firearm due to intoxication? This is an absurd governmental over reach into people's private lives without cause that could potentially violate both 4th and 2nd and possible other constitutional amendments if enforced and I and many others like me oppose this law and demand as a constituent that legislators not allow this to pass to become law in Hawaii.

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| Mark Genovese | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: spend my tax money elsewhere.

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| Philip Pearson | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I am opposed to this bill as it is too broad in its definition. A person a home consuming a beer could be changed under this bill just because they have a firearm in their house. Persons that are licensed to carry a firearm and discharge it causing personal injury or property damage should be subject to alcohol testing as they are when operating a motor vehicle. A special provision should be included that no law enforcement officer can be exempt and must be tested immediately for alcohol or drug impairment upon any firearm incident just the same way as pilots and operators of public transportation are.

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| Philip PEarson | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| William M Chase | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I have Sent an email to Mr. Karl Rihoads, about opposing HB 626. I ask that this bill is not passed due to its broad explanation, as this bill is attempting to TAKE a person of this nations, 2nd amendment rights away. If this bill is meant for police, off duty peace officers, others in law-enforcement, and those with concealed or open carry licenses then it should be made very clear that this Bill 626 is made for them and not directed at your non law enforcement unlicensed concealed/open carry average everyday citizen. Then and only then would I then agree with the Bill, if officers/agents, those individuals licensed are going to drink and carry they should be punished by having there weapons/firearms taken for a period of time. But, as it is it states "RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS WHILE CONSUMING OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN INTOXICANT. Prohibits the physical possession of any firearm while consuming or under the influence of an intoxicant." House Bill 626. It does not specify peace officers and those with concealed or open carry licences, and it only leaves that this Bill is directed at the average citizens of Hawaii. With this Bill you would give peace officers and others the ability to just mention that a person seems intoxicated, they can then have probable cause, which allow for law enforcement to confiscate firearms and infringe on a persons second amendment right; even if the citizen has done nothing wrong but stand there with rifle about to go hunting and there is an empty beer bottle next to them that is not theirs. Police are people too and are fallible; but who is a judge going to believe the accused or the officer who knows there way around the law, and might get a slap on the wrist. The citizen not as lucky, you would put that person through so much strife and money in order to clear there name to get there guns back because the officer made a mistake. And this Bill is so vague, it is as if it is not know that the State Hawaii says it allows licences for open/concealed carry, but it is left up to the police chief of that district to make the decision to issue concealed/open carry licences. And that if you looked at that record of licences issued next non are issued. As far as i know only law enforcement and other policing agencies are the only ones in the state of Hawaii to carry weapons off duty concealed or openly. The only situations I could come up with that this bill has any application for the average citizen, not of law enforcement or any other agencies, is hunting, that is heavily regulated by DLNR and other agencies already and has stringent laws. Going to or from

a gun range or gun shop, which requires for most citizens to drive and if your drinking and driving your already wrong. You deserve the DUI and if your carrying firearms i agree they should be taken, but not have your second amendment rights taken, and held until the case is resolved in the court system. The final place is in your private residence. It would give the peace office/s responding to an incident or a call, the ability to take a private citizens firearms just because they see or think they have probable cause to due to the broadness of HB 626. Officers know already whether a citizen has firearms since the law requires every law abiding gun owner to register every fire arm with the police station of the city/county with which they live in. I'd like to give an example: (well make the situation clear, they are a responsible gun owner. No history of mental health, no long wrap sheet, they are not a criminal master mind a drug dealer. Nothing extreme average citizen) The citizen was sleeping and was woken up at midnight. the citizen is now in fear for there life because someone was rattling the front door then moved to the back door attempting to break in. Citizen calls the police tells them that they fear someone is outside trying to get in. Officers are dispatched to respond and arrive at the residence. officers knock on the door and let the citizen know who they are. The citizen opens the door and officers see that the citizen has a firearm, its pointed in a safe direction gun on safe, and ask them to place it on the table to how they want it placed. Citizen complies, police search see nothing. One officer noticed empty beer bottles on the table next to the firearm. The officer proceeds to ask if the citizen had been drinking, with no reason to lie, the citizen replies honestly, "yes". With Bill 626 it allows for officers to take our example citizens weapon that they were using because they feared for there life and could face criminal charges for calling the police to help them. That is one example out of a plethora that could be used. I am a citizen and I do NOT agree with House Bill 626.

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| Eric Ako DVM | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Pete Wilson | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I am in total support of this bill. Alcohol and firearms are like oil and water.

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| Brian Isaacson | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: This bill is overly broad with no specific definitions related to intoxication or possession, leaving little guidance to law enforcement personnel to apply to specific situations. Historically, the German Scheutzenfests were held for decades in Germany and the U.S. where beer was part of the week-long match schedule. Moderate consumption during the matches wasn't a problem. this bill could make criminals out of two friends looking at an interesting firearm while having a beer - certainly not the intent of the measure. Either narrow the specifics of the bill or discard it.

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| Jan Schwearzenberg | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: legislation is ill defined. Does not make clear what "possession" or "intoxication" means. Laws already exist regarding irresponsible use of a firearm. Because I "possess" a firearm in my house, locked in a safe, but am having a drink in my living room, am I now in violation? This law says YES I have committed a crime. Stupid law!

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| Edward | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. The reason i oppose is due to the fact that possession of a firearm is too vague. Does it mean ownership? Or does it mean being at home while enjoying a glass of wine? Its way too vague and puts a lot of us law abiding citizens in the gray area. Please think carefully before potentially putting good law abiding gun owners in a difficult position. Thank you for your time.

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| Brian Lau | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Dylan Armstrong | Individual | Support | No |

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| Ronald G Livingston | Individual | Oppose | No |

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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE: H.B. NO. 626, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS WHILE CONSUMING OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN INTOXICANT.

BEFORE THE: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY



p.m.

| DATE: | Friday, February 26, 2016 | TIME: | 2:00 |
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| LOCATION: | State Capitol, Room 325 | | |
| TESTIFIER(S): | Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or Karen A. Droscoski, Deputy Attorney G | eneral | |

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) supports the intent of this bill and provides the following comments and suggested amendments, to further the intent and provide clarity.

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the physical possession of any firearm while consuming or under the influence of an intoxicant.

We recommend amending the measure to clarify "physical possession" to overcome potential constructive possession situations. Additionally, we recommend wording which excludes intoxication in the home, other temporary residences and places of sojourn. And lastly, defining "under the influence." Specifically, we recommend the committee reword subsection (g) as follows:

(g) <u>No person shall be in actual, physical possession of any firearm</u> outside of the home, temporary residence, and places of sojourn, while consuming or under the influence of an intoxicant. A person shall be "under the influence" if the person is under the influence of alcohol or drugs in an amount sufficient to impair the person's normal mental faculties or ability to care for the person and guard against casualty; the person has .08 or more grams of alcohol per two hundred ten liters of breath; or the person has .08 or more grams of alcohol per one hundred milliliters or cubic centimeters of blood.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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| Glennon T. Gingo | Hawaii Rifle Association | Oppose | Yes |

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