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February 11, 2015

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara
Chairman, Senate Committee on Transportation

The Honorable Will Espero
Chairman, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Re: Senate Bill 783 – OPPOSE

Dear Senators:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, I strongly oppose Senate Bill 783.

SB 783 disregards some of the most basic rights that are guaranteed under the constitution. Under this bill, a person who chooses to invoke their fourth amendment rights and not submit to a blood, breath or urine test upon arrest is stripped of their second amendment rights. The prohibition on firearm ownership appears to attach indefinitely regardless of the reason for the arrest and the outcome of the charges, if any, until they submit.

SB 783 also disregards the second amendment rights of an individual based on the condition of a household member. If any person in a household is diagnosed with a significant behavioral, emotional or mental disorder, all members of that household become prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm for any reason, including hunting.

Further, SB 783 removes the rights of an individual based on their failure to pay spousal or child support. Being behind on child-support payments is not relevant to your constitutional right to defend yourself and does not indicate that you are a violent person or a danger to others. Individuals who find themselves in hard times should not lose the ability to protect themselves.

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Lastly, law enforcement is specifically exempted from each section of this bill, creating a special class of persons. Special privileges and carve outs should not be accepted for anyone, especially those who have sworn an oath to uphold the laws they were hired to enforce.

Thank you for your consideration and I ask that you oppose this bill.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel S. Reid", written in a cursive style.

Daniel S. Reid
State Liaison

Testimony for SB 783

by Robert Thurston

POB 1154

Haleiwa, HI 96712

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What is the purpose of this bill?

- Hawaii already has some of the lowest gun crime statistics in the nation.
- Hawaii gun owners are already subject to unconstitutional and highly intrusive background checks when purchasing legal firearms.
- There are enough regulations in place now.
- This bill will do nothing to reduce gun crime since criminals will not follow existing law by nature, they are criminals.
- Why is there an exemption for law enforcement?
- I am quite sure Senator Shimabukuro and the rest of the Hawaii Legislature has more important things to address such as:
 - Nearly the worst public education system in the nation.
 - Very poor infrastructure condition.
 - Some of the highest taxes in the nation.
 - One of the worst places to do business in the nation.

Please Ms. Shimabukuro focus on more pressing issues than make life even more miserable for residents of this state, residents that simply want to exercise their God given and Constitutionally guaranteed rights.



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To: Hawaii State Capitol
Attn: Senator Nishihara

From: Big Island Substance Abuse
Council

Fax : 586-6879

Date: 02/12/2015

Fax: 969-7570

Re: Urgent Letter to review

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Good Morning Senator Nishihara,

I am writing to you on the behalf of Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita, Chief Executive Officer of the Big Island Substance Abuse Council (BISAC).
If you would kindly review the letter that is being sent, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time.

Pam Deniz
Executive Secretary

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February 12, 2015

Senator Clarence Nishihara
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204
Phone 808-586-6970 Fax 808-586-6879
E-Mail: sennishihara@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Senator Clarence Nishihara,

I am writing this letter as a provider and concerned community member to request that the Senate call a hearing for bill SB748 (**Regarding Prescriptive Authority for Advanced Trained Medical Psychologists**). I am the current Chief Executive Officer of the Big Island Substance Abuse Council (BISAC). BISAC has been providing behavioral health services to the island of Hawaii for well over 50 years. As a resident and provider of the Island of Hawaii we see firsthand how physician and/or provider shortage, lack of resources, and gaps in services impact our clients and the communities that we serve. Staff who work in rural underserved areas of the island share their frustration about not having services available to their clients in areas such as Pahoa, Ka'u, Kohala, Hamakua coast, and Oceanview.

In 2011, BISAC opened up the Hawaii Island Health and Wellness Center to address some of these concerns and help close gaps in services. Since then our Licensed providers have been able to provide services to well over 600 clients with no more than 2 staff at a time. Some of the needs that have been identified is our inability to find physicians, APRNs, etc. to help our existing clients who require psychotropic medications. The responses that we receive are: 1) appointments will need to be scheduled months in advance, 2) are they in crisis?, 3) they are not accepting certain types of insurances, and/or 4) they are not accepting new clients at this time. This has occurred to nearly 95% of the clients that we serve.

I am clearly aware that this bill has been introduced several times in previous legislative sessions with no success. The opposition's argument is basically that they will be able to take care of these issues and provide this well needed service. It has been years and we are back at the legislative session again trying to convince all of you that our communities are still suffering with no end in sight.

This bill of course, with rigorous training requirements will help address the needs in our community and be another option of care for our clients. I invite you to walk the streets with us, listen to the concerns of our providers, and spend a day in the life of the individuals that we treat so that you can experience firsthand how the lack of prescribing providers has impacted our communities.

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I kindly ask that you allow this bill to get scheduled for a hearing. If you should have any further questions please feel free to contact me at (808) 969-9994 ext. 827. Mahalo for your time and patience in this matter.

With regards,


Hannah Preston-Pita, Psy.D. CSAC
Chief Executive Officer

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To:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Will Espero, Chair

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2015
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From:

William R Smith

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Phone: 808-561-3692

Email: WilliamRandySmith@gmail.com

Date of Testimony: Monday, February 10, 2015

Please Note My **Strong Opposition to SB 783**: Relating to Firearms and Ammunition

Please Oppose SB 783. This bill is a disaster. It requires that when someone applies for a firearms permit they must swear in writing that neither applicant or any of applicant's family or household members has now or in the past have/had "certain mental disorders." If applicant's don't swear so, they must lock up and secure or turn in all firearms and ammunition within 48 hours or pay a fine of \$50 per day.

SB783 requires that failure to pay child or spousal support is cause for revocation of a firearm permit (which means also turn in all firearms and ammunition that otherwise law abiding Hawaiian citizens have).

If someone is ever arrested and refuse a breath, blood, or urine test, they must turn in or dispose of all your firearms within 48hrs.

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Incredibly, law enforcement officers are exempted from all provisions. Why would law enforcement officers be exempt from something which is incorrectly intended to help with public safety?

There are already sufficient laws in Hawaii on safe storage of firearms, mental health background checks, and ways to go after "dead-beat dads," and drunk drivers without such severe infringements on individual civil rights. These existing laws should be enforced, versus creating more laws which would do nothing to help address the "intent" of this very poorly written bill.

Aloha
William R Smith

February 10, 2015

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To the Honorable Senate of the State of Hawaii,

I appreciate your time reviewing my testimony regarding **SB783: Mental Health, Firearm Permit Requirements; Psychological Clearance Requirements.**

As a constituent and taxpayer this legislation has me concerned.

How much will it cost taxpayers to enforce the guidelines of SB783 should it become law? How will these guidelines be implemented? Will law enforcement officers go door to door, into people's homes, in order to ensure that these guidelines are being followed? Under the Fourth Amendment, the authorities require "probable cause" of a crime in order to search a home. Does this mean that all gun-owners will be declared "probable" criminals simply because they are sportsmen or want to defend their families?

How much time will be taken from a police officer's regular duties in order to enforce the policy set by SB783? Shouldn't the time and energy of the authorities be spent pursuing career criminals instead of upsetting law abiding voters?

One such type of criminal activity involves the illegal trafficking of prescription drugs. Prescription drugs are a common target by burglars and thieves, often sold as an illicit recreational narcotic. Prescription drug overdoses surpassed auto accidents as the leading cause of death in Hawaii. Each year many people, including keikis, are victims of prescription drug overdoses. Yet are people mandated by law to secure their prescription medications in a "secured enclosed container"?

Please elaborate as to why certain members of the legislature are pre-occupied with security of firearms and not prescription drugs? Shouldn't the priority of the government be focused on the largest statistical threat to the public health and safety?

My final concern is how child support and firearm ownership are correlated. While I have a very low opinion of people who fail to pay child support, how exactly will confiscating the individual's firearms go toward helping the child? Why are firearms being scrutinized instead of other assets? Is non-payment of child support a public safety hazard? Or does the foundation of this legislation stem from hoplophobia?

In addition, the proposed legislation states that law enforcement officers are exempt. If non-payment of child/spouse support is against the law, and a law enforcement officer fails to pay child/spouse support, then isn't the officer committing a crime? Can one conclude that this legislation exempts law enforcement officers from abiding by the law? Shouldn't law enforcement officers, who defend the public safety and uphold the law, also be held to the same standards as ordinary citizens?

SB783 is legislation which, as a tax-paying citizen of the glorious USA, I hope will be opposed. Our hard-working men and women in uniform should not be overburdened with this policy. It would distract their energies from the greatest and immediate dangers to the

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public safety. I also hope that lawmaking begins with the Constitution, and adheres to the rights and freedoms that is the fabric of this country.

I appreciate your time and consideration, as well as your dedication to the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo and have a great day!

Tim
Hilo, HI

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Regarding the requirement to surrender all firearms and ammunition in possession following refusal to submit to a breath, blood, or urine test.

While it may make sense for the law to levy such a requirement for individuals operating motor vehicles, the same reasoning cannot be extended to the possession of firearms and ammunition. Operating a motor vehicle on the public highways is considered a privilege, and in return for being granted such privilege, drivers are subject to implied consent to be tested for intoxicants. Keeping arms, on the other hand, is a right specifically guaranteed by the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Hawaii. Citizens are protected from unreasonable searches and seizures by the fourth amendment to the U.S. Constitution; requiring abrogation of that right in order to continue exercising another enumerated right is absurd on its face.

Regarding the requirement for an applicant for a permit to acquire a firearm to affirm that no members of their family or household are or have been diagnosed with a significant behavioral, emotional, or mental disorder.

This places an unreasonable burden on the person who is already required to apply for a permit to exercise a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitutions of the U.S. and the State of Hawaii. Adult members of another's household have no duty to report to anyone else in the household anything about their health. Unless the applicant is professionally qualified to diagnose such disorders, there is no way the applicant can be required to affirm either way.

Finally, regarding the exemption for law enforcement officers from the above requirements.

This provision in effect creates a privileged class of citizen. Are we to believe that a law enforcement officer that has been "diagnosed with a significant behavioral, emotional, or mental disorder...that impairs the judgment, perception, or reasoning necessary for the safe operation of a firearm" should be able to retain firearms and ammunition when an "ordinary citizen" should not? Does this not violate the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?

I strongly oppose this proposed legislation and urge the members to vote against.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tyrel Cuyo	Individual	Oppose	No

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kalsey nacis sr.	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nelson.C	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill with the reasoning that an individual should not be denied or punished for trying to exercise their right due to a disability that a household member may or may not have. Further more should not have to surrender what has legally been bought and paid for. Also, how is writing a sworn statement proof that such statement is true. In regards to DUI, Child and Spousal Support, that is a completely separate issue and should not have bearing on individual rights, The 'Shall Not Be Infringed' part of the 2nd amendment should be re read.

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david mares	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sean C Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: we do not need more laws, just enforce the ones we already have. Owning firearms has nothing to do with what you want to do.

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Brian Cabreira	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE. There are enough, better measures in place. This will waste time, money and resources. And why would PO's be exempt, they should be held to the same standards or higher, especially in light of recent happenings within HPD. This is just a feel good bill that would not deter bad intentions. AGAIN, the good suffer while the bad will be bad.

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Beacher Weitz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joni Kamiya	Individual	Oppose	No

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Frank D Deknis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe that this bill is too extreme that it extends to the state of family members. Why should a person's right to have firearms be denied because a family member may have a mental or other issue? This is clearly in violation of the Second Amendment and will clearly be dismissed in a court judgment. Please focus laws on preventing and punishing illegal gun activities vs removing an individual's right for things out of their control. Thank you.

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Ryan Kohatsu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm a little ashamed to live in Hawaii and see unreasonable bills like this get heard. While reasonable ones for "salt of the earth" people are so much more difficult to even get a chance. Does this bill even need explaining? Highly opposed.

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Donn Yanagisawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael S. Preston	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Even if I supported the basis of this bill, which I do not, I would not agree with: - First and foremost the exclusion for Police Officers. They are able to truly exercise the RIGHT to Keep and BEAR Arms so to exclude them from being screened for pertinent mental conditions is ludicrous. - Secondly, the Constitutional RIGHT to Keep and Bear Arms is not a tool to be used as a leverage to enforce things which are not related at all, to get people to pay alimony or child support, or to obtain breath, urine or blood samples. The exclusion for Police Officers should not be considered. The only part of this legislation I stand behind is the clarification about mental health screening and a TEMPORARY limitation.

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Kenny Wusstig	Individual	Oppose	No

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James Revells	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. Please vote "NO".

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Grant Nagata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Senate members of Public Safety and Transportation, I am writing in opposition of SB783 regarding Mental Health; Firearm Permit Requirements; Psychological Clearance Requirements. I feel it is a violation of the 4th Amendment of the United States Constitution to have any personal property seized whether it is a firearm, ammunition, vehicle, house, etc. for refusing to submit to any kind of test. The 4th Amendment protects the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures. I believe the sanctions for refusing to take a breath, blood or urine test are unreasonable. I know that this bill is an attempt to proactively stop firearm related crimes by screening people who have emotional/mental issues, I can appreciate that. Truth is this bill will not solve the problem. I believe the problem is one of character and values. These emotional/mental disorders are the result of the way we think, the way we treat ourselves and others. I challenge you tonight as you sit around the dinner table with your family, ask them what core values do we stand for as people and as a family? The response should be quick, like when someone asks you your name. I ask people this question from time to time and the response is usually "ummm...", "what do you mean?", "I don't know" or "let me think about it". Interesting isn't it? What if the value of integrity and being a genuine person was taught around the dinner table and modeled by just half the families in Hawaii? I oppose SB783 because it violates the 4th Amendment right and will not solve the problem. It will just be another law to pile on top of all the others. Focus your energy and resources into programs that will help solve one of the underlying issues: lack of character and values. Thank you very much for your service and for making our Islands the best it can be. Respectfully, Grant Nagata

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Eric Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hawaii firearms law is already unconstitutional and this bill puts it over the top.

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Robert Grover	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB783 Failure to submit to a test is not a valid nor sufficient reason for removing ones civil rights. Why exempt law enforcement officers from this proposed amendment? Are the police above the law? The current climate of distrust between the public and the police force will be further stressed by the implementation of such a measure, and the right of the people is not of a lesser value than that of the rights of the force charged to protect the interest of the state. In the second portion of the proposed amendment requires individual citizens to swear to the mental health of others in the household. This is not valid as well, in that, unless that person is a physiological doctor, trained in the diagnosis of such afflictions, how can one swear to the mental health or well being of any persons? This is a huge overreach in the law, that will most definitely serve to incriminate otherwise innocent citizens and impose more infringements on their civil rights. Furthermore, again, law enforcement exemption will further be stressed by implementation. In the third proposal, failure to pay child support is a whole differing category of law, this should not even be in this bill as it is not related. Recoup of unpaid child support must be effectively acquired by other more effective and constitutional means. In conclusion, I urge all members to OPPOSE this bill, in it's entirety. The bill will overly infringe on the rights of the citizens, and be gravely detrimental to the relationship of the public and law enforcement. Thank you very much. Respectfully, Robert Grover Kapolei, HI 96707

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Travis Seeber	Individual	Oppose	No

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Randy Rodriguez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We don't need more government infringement on the 2A.

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tony lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: STRONGLY OPPOSE

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taylor sumida	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: my family and I do not support this bill

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Dwayne Lim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose SB783. HRS134 is the authority and guidance that covers firearms, ammunition and dangerous weapons. There is no reason to create another law that will be ambiguous to the existing HRS134.

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Gavin Lohmeier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose. There are already sufficient laws in Hawaii on safe storage of firearms, mental health background checks, and ways to go after "dead-beat dads," and drunk drivers without such severe infringements on individual civil rights. This bill is also poorly written

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Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

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Kevin Kaohi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB783 is an unnecessary law and appears to be a politically motivated attack to the second amendment.

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Gary Fuchikami	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm opposed to SB783 because it places unnecessary requirements upon the civilian regarding firearms that has nothing to do with blood tests, breathalyzer tests, etc. I suspect this is an issue that will not pass Constitutional muster. Secondly, why are law enforcement personnel excluded? It seems to me that our HPD history has shown that many officers have been charged with serious crimes (taking crack/ice while on duty and eventually dismissed from the force; domestic violence and abuse; etc., etc.) I don't think LEOs should be exempt from the law if you're going to pass such a law. I suspect the drafter of this bill doesn't have any experience with the "real world" and should stick to subjects where they can be considered an "expert" in. History also shows that in Hawaii, knives and other edge weapons have been used in significantly more crimes, assaults and murders than firearms have. To target firearms and their owners seems to be an assault on our Constitutional guarantees and violates the rights of all law-abiding citizens in our State. Thank you for allowing me to speak my mind.

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Robert Topic	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill leaves every individual in the state exposed to potential harassment by the government. It is also very vague in any possible management if enacted. Will government officials, employees and police be also held accountable with this bill. If this bill is enacted then all government officials, employees and police should be the first to step up and sign this agreement. This alone would cripple the protection of all individuals within the State of Hawaii since many of these employees assigned to protect us would need to surrender their arms. This bill has been hastily created, should be rejected and its creator should be admonished.

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Susan Shaheen Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill.

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Kevin Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. I am flabbergasted the police would be exempted.

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