

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1036
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1036 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that failure to register a firearm within the required time period does not relieve the owner of the duty to register the firearm; and
- (2) Allow the owner of an unregistered firearm to register the firearm thereafter without penalty.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Institute for Rational and Evidence-based Legislation and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the National Rifle Association Hawaii and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the goal of ensuring that all firearms in the State are registered by its owner is vital to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare. Registration is particularly important for nonresident aliens who may bring firearms into the State. The current law lacks sufficient clarity in providing guidance regarding firearms owners' duties to register their firearms even after the deadline to register has



passed. In addition, to further ensure that all firearms are properly registered, it is important to provide ample opportunity for owners to accomplish registration and to also eliminate any sense that owners will be punished for coming forward late to register their firearms.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 S.B. No. 1036, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1036, 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

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
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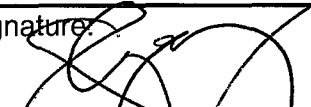
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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