
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OF HAWAII AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO OPPOSE "CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY" LEGISLATION.

1 WHEREAS, the concealed carry of a loaded handgun with a
2 permit is legal in the State of Hawaii and in all fifty states,
3 and each state has its own standards for who may carry a firearm
4 in public; and

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6 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has allowed the concealed
7 carry of firearms and has always applied its own standards,
8 including authorizing issuers to deny permits to people who lack
9 good moral character or good moral cause to carry concealed
10 handguns; and

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12 WHEREAS, while the State of Hawaii requires safety training
13 for every concealed carry permit applicant, nineteen states
14 allow concealed carry by people who have never had safety
15 training; and

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17 WHEREAS, unlike the State of Hawaii, twenty-five states do
18 not allow issuers to deny concealed carry by people with
19 dangerous warning signs, such as a history of domestic
20 disturbances or mental health concerns; and

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22 WHEREAS, while the State of Hawaii blocks anyone with a
23 felony stalking conviction from attaining a concealed carry
24 permit, twenty-two states allow concealed carry by some
25 convicted stalkers; and

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27 WHEREAS, while the State of Hawaii blocks concealed carry
28 by abusive domestic partners subject to restraining orders,
29 fifteen states allow concealed carry by some of these abusers or
30 individuals with domestic violence convictions; and

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1 WHEREAS, "concealed carry reciprocity" would force the
2 State to allow any of these individuals - people with no firearm
3 safety training, people with dangerous histories, people with
4 violent misdemeanor records, convicted stalkers, and abusive
5 domestic partners - to carry concealed handguns in public; and
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7 WHEREAS, twelve states do not require any permit, training,
8 or criminal history check to carry a concealed firearm in
9 public, including eight states that have repealed their permit
10 requirement in the past three years; and
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12 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii attracts visitors from the
13 remaining forty-nine states and Washington, D.C., in addition to
14 visitors traveling from around the world; and
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16 WHEREAS, "concealed carry reciprocity" would force the
17 State to accept lesser standards and allow certain people to
18 carry concealed guns throughout the State; and
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20 WHEREAS, public safety decisions are often conducted on the
21 local level, and each state has always retained its own
22 authority to determine which individuals are too dangerous or
23 reckless to carry concealed firearms; and
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25 WHEREAS, concealed carry standards are not similar to
26 driver's licenses because states set largely identical
27 requirements for driving and uniformly require an eyesight test,
28 a road test, and a written test, while concealed carry standards
29 vary drastically by state and several states do not require
30 permits at all; and
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32 WHEREAS, unlike with driver's licenses, there is often no
33 way to confirm that an out-of-state concealed carry permit is
34 valid, and in contrast with "concealed carry reciprocity",
35 states have voluntarily recognized each other's driver's
36 licenses; now, therefore,
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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
39 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
40 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that this body opposes federal
41 "concealed carry reciprocity" legislation, such as S. 446, 115th



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1 Cong. 2017; H.R. 38, 115th Cong. 2017; and other similar
2 legislation that proposes to:

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4 (1) Remove state and local police power to set public
5 safety standards for who may carry a concealed firearm
6 in public; and
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8 (2) Put local law enforcement at risk when encountering an
9 armed out-of-state visitor who may be carrying with no
10 permit whatsoever - often leaving police and sheriffs
11 with no means to verify whether the person is carrying
12 lawfully; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges Hawaii's
15 congressional delegation and the United States Congress to
16 oppose federal "concealed carry reciprocity" legislation; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body reiterates its
19 support for common-sense gun legislation to keep guns out of
20 dangerous hands, including standards that ensure people cannot
21 legally carry guns concealed in Hawaii communities without
22 proper safety training or if they pose a danger to the public;
23 and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of
27 the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of
28 Representatives, and Hawaii's congressional delegation.
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